

# *AUGUST NEWSLETTER for LOC and Trinity*

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## *BOTH CHURCHES*

### SCRIPTURE READINGS:

| DATE                 | 1 <sup>ST</sup> LESSON | PSALM               | 2 <sup>ND</sup> LESSON   | GOSPEL        |
|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| Aug 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Isa 55:1-5             | Psa 136:1-9 (23-26) | Rom 9:1-5 (6-13)         | Matt 14:13-21 |
| Aug 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Job 38:4-18            | Psa 18:1-6 (7-16)   | Rom 10:5-17              | Matt 14:22-33 |
| Aug 16 <sup>th</sup> | Isa 56:1, 6-8          | Psa 67              | Rom 11:1-2a,13-15, 28-32 | Matt 15:21-28 |
| Aug 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Isa 51:1-6             | Psa 138             | Rom 11:33—12:8           | Matt 16:13-20 |
| Aug 30 <sup>th</sup> | Jer 15:15-21           | Psa 26              | Rom 12:9-21              | Matt 16:21-28 |

**IT IS IMPORTANT** that the church has your correct contact information, cell phone numbers, home phone, email addresses, birthdays, and anniversary, etc.

**MEMBERSHIP** – Talk to Pastor Kevin if you are interested in becoming a member of our church. Remember to invite your friends and neighbors to “come and see”.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Prayers for this country, our leaders, law enforcement, military, fire departments, and EMT's around the country. Prayers for our family, friends, and community.

Pray for persecuted Christians in all places.

Prayers for nursing home and assisted living residents as well as shut-ins.



### **PASTOR SCOTT YOUNT** (July 28<sup>th</sup>)

Happy to be back in Bila Tserkva and back at ШАHC Today we visited the “Chance Center”. As always, the guests had a great time listening to the Word of God and camp songs.

If you would like to support Pastor Scott and Lena and their ministry to the handicapped in Ukraine, you can give online by going to the following link.

**<https://SONetwork.org/give/>**

# BOTH CHURCHES

## OUR LUTHERAN LITURGY

[www.lcms.org/worship/liturgy-parts](http://www.lcms.org/worship/liturgy-parts)

### The Creeds

In the course of his earthly ministry, Jesus put this hard question to his disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” He wasn’t asking for the opinions of the crowds. He wanted a confession of faith.

In reality, this confession is no different than the confession of sins. In both, we acknowledge that what God has said is true. When we confess our sins, we acknowledge the truth that God speaks about us — that we are sinners. When we confess the faith of the church in the creed, our confession speaks about God — who he is and what he has done.

In every age, the same question is put to the church: who do you say that I am? As we open our mouths and begin, “I believe in God, the Father Almighty ...,” we confess a profound truth that has passed over the lips of Christians in every generation.

This confession of the Triune God is the property of no single individual, but of the whole church, including the whole company of heaven. There are more than a few saints and martyrs who put their lives on the line as they defended the truths that we confess in the creeds.

Think of Athanasius, that faithful fourth-century pastor and confessor, who was exiled numerous times for his defense of the truth against the false teachers of his day. Or Luther, who stood firm against the combined might of the Roman Church and the Holy Roman Empire.

In our own day, there are faithful Christians who risk their lives — and sometimes die — to confess these truths.

In the Revelation to St. John, we find confession going on in heaven. Just listen to the snippets of the grand confession that swirls around God’s throne:

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come! (4:8b)

Worthy are you, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honor and power,  
for you created all things,  
and by your will they existed and were created (4:11).

In the same way, as we stand on holy ground where Jesus comes in his Word and Sacraments, we join that noble company of saints and martyrs, confessing these holy truths concerning the Triune God.

## OUR LUTHERAN LITURGY

### GATHERING:

Prelude Music  
Greeting  
Announcements  
Invocation  
Confession and Absolution  
Introit  
Opening Hymn  
Greeting  
Kyrie Eleison  
Gloria In Excelsis  
Salutation  
Prayer of the Day

### GOD’S WORD:

First Reading  
Psalm  
Second Reading  
Hallelujah  
The Creed  
Sermon

### RESPONSE:

Hymn of the Day:  
Prayers of the Church  
Offering and Prayer

### COMMUNION:

Preface to Communion  
Propers  
Sanctus  
Lord’s Prayer  
Words of Institution  
Agnus Dei  
Distribution  
Nunc Dimittis  
Thanksgiving

### SENDING:

Benediction  
Sending Hymn

## BIBLE STUDY

### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES

**TLC** – Aug 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm

**LOC** – Aug 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

**LUTHERANISM 101 at LOC** – Mon, Aug 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>  
from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. See the schedule on bulletin board.

## COMMUNION SERVICES

**BOTH CHURCHES** – Sun, Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>

**ASSISTED LIVING** – Mon, Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>

Arbor House at 1 pm; Briarwood at 2 pm

## BOTH CHURCHES

**SEMINARY SUPPORT** - American Lutheran Theological Seminary (ALTS) is the seminary for the AALC. **SOLA 500** is a fundraising campaign to support their work of training up future pastors. You can support them at [www.alts.edu/sola\\_500](http://www.alts.edu/sola_500)



### REV. DR. DUANE R. LINDBERG Professor of Biblical Studies Fund

Include in your giving, estate, or final will. This will fund a Professor of Biblical Studies or any other Professorship. Additional uses are funding for the AALC Seminary as deemed necessary. [www.lutheranlegacyfoundation.org/fund/rev-dr-duane-r-lindberg-professor-of-biblical-studies-fund/](http://www.lutheranlegacyfoundation.org/fund/rev-dr-duane-r-lindberg-professor-of-biblical-studies-fund/)



## TRINITY LUTHERAN

**Worship Services, Bible Studies, and Newsletters are online!**

**TRINITY's Facebook Page:** [www.facebook.com/trinitylcalex](http://www.facebook.com/trinitylcalex)

### BIRTHDAYS

Erica Turnquist..... 8/11  
Julienne Aamodt..... 8/12  
George Pederson..... 8/21  
Kari Grieger..... 8/22

Dylan Stromme..... 8/23  
Jacob Grieger..... 8/31  
Elijah Pederson..... 8/31

### TLC ANNIVERSARIES

None that we're aware of...

If we don't have your birthday or anniversary,  
let the pastor know.



## LIGHT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN

**Worship Services, Bible Studies, and Newsletters are online!**

Light Of Christ Website: [locw.org](http://locw.org)

Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/lightofchristwilliston](http://www.facebook.com/lightofchristwilliston)

**PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS** – Mon, Wed, Fri from 10 am to noon. (Schedule permitting)  
Come and go as you wish. Come for coffee, bring your joys, your troubles, or just to visit.  
Individual Confession and Forgiveness should be scheduled with the pastor.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Nyle Olson..... 8/01  
Rick Tofte ..... 8/08  
Darrin Baker ..... 8/09  
Scott Heller..... 8/10

Cara Lake..... 8/18  
Kevin Sederquest..... 8/18  
Jace Peterson..... 8/19  
Aidan McCartney..... 8/30

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Aaron & Thea Holter ..... 8/12

Dwight & Luane Ebel ..... 8/23

**WOMEN OF L.I.F.E.** Special Meeting after church on **Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

**WOMEN OF LIFE RETREAT** – Thu, **Aug 6<sup>th</sup>**, 5:30 pm at LOC. Women are invited for a light supper, fellowship, and a presentation on the Jamaica Mission Trip.

**SPRINGBROOK BIBLE CAMP** - Sweetcorn and Quilt Festival – Sun, **Aug 9<sup>th</sup>** from 10:30 am to 4 pm. Lunch and Silent Auction from noon to 2 pm. Quilt auction starts at 1:30 pm.

**1<sup>st</sup> COMMUNION CLASSES: Aug 13<sup>th</sup>** at 10 am. Children in 5th grade and above are invited to participate in First Communion classes. Please talk to Pastor Kevin if you would like your child to attend.

**LOC CHURCH BREAKFAST** – Sat, **Aug 15<sup>th</sup>**! Please come and invite a friend or two!

**STEPHEN MINISTRY CLASSES** – Thur, **Aug 20<sup>th</sup>** and **27<sup>th</sup>** from 6 to 8:30 pm.

**PILL BOTTLE DONATION UPDATE** - The empty plastic pill bottles we collect are used in shipments of medical supplies to disaster and less developed parts of the world. Thank you all who have made this LOC church ministry possible!

### **YELLOW SERVICE GROUP (Feb, May, Aug, Nov)**

Darrin Baker & Jolyssa Marquart  
Ted Bearce  
Kelsey Ginther & Family  
Steve and Renee Ginther  
Scott and Melissa Heller  
Gary and Bev Quale  
Nick and Jessica Quale

Kelly Klem and Janice Deesten  
Gary & Bonnie Wendel  
Kevin & Melissa Sederquest  
Aidan McCartney  
Amber Park  
Seth and Kayla



### **New Church Directory!**

It's hard to believe but it's time to start thinking about a new Church Directory for LOC (and possibly TLC?). Photo's will begin in September so the new book can be out in time for Christmas. As always, it is important that we have all of your correct information at the church.  
Talk to Pr. Kevin if you're not sure.



## LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES DEVOTION from LHM.ORG



*"My Lord, You here have led  
me To this most holy place And with Yourself have fed me  
The treasures of Your grace; For You have freely given  
What earth could never buy, The bread of life from heaven,  
That now I shall not die."*

How would you prepare your home for a visit from the Lord? The preparations might involve some serious housecleaning, new clothing, special meal preparations, and the personal cleansing of repentance. When God came down from heaven to meet with the people of Israel, He did not leave the preparations to human imagination and choice. He established the standards for the meeting. When God called to Moses from a burning bush, He told the prophet to remove his sandals because that meeting place was holy ground. When God came down to Mount Sinai to speak to His people, the Israelites were to cleanse themselves before gathering at the mountain, but they were not to go up the mountain or touch it. Those who transgressed would be put to death. According to God's direction, the tabernacle, or tent of meeting, was established. The ark of the covenant rested in the most holy place, or Holy of Holies, separated from the rest of the tabernacle by a heavy woven curtain. Above the mercy seat, the ark's cover, God would meet with His people.

As God established His covenant with His people, Moses and the priests and elders of Israel were invited into the Lord's presence. "They beheld God, and ate and drank" (Exodus 24:11b). During worship, we too are invited to enter God's presence to eat and drink and celebrate His new covenant of grace and forgiveness as we partake of Jesus' body and blood. How do we prepare to receive such a sacred gift? We come to the table of the Lord as we are, repentant sinners in need of forgiveness. We come in faith, trusting in the words of our Lord: "This is My body ... This is My blood" (see Matthew 26:26-28). In the Lord's Supper we receive Jesus' true body and blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins.

The temple veil, separating the presence of God from the people, was torn in two when Jesus died on the cross. By His death, Jesus opened a "new and living way" into the presence of God "through His flesh" (Hebrews 10:20). During the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we come into God's presence to receive Jesus' body and blood. We come with faith in Jesus' promise and at His invitation: "Take, eat; this is My body ... Drink of it, all of you, for this is My blood of the covenant." In this most holy place, we eat and drink in God's presence and proclaim our Savior's death until He comes again.

**WE PRAY:** Jesus, living Bread from heaven, I praise You for the gift of Your body and blood, given and shed for me. Amen.

This Daily Devotion was written by Dr. Carol Geisler. It is based on the hymn, "O Living Bread from Heaven" which is number 642 in the Lutheran Service Book.

### **Reflection Questions:**

*If God were visiting your home today, what would you do to welcome Him?*

*What does God offer us when we come into His presence in Holy Communion?*



## Five Loaves and Two Fish

Find the 38 **bold** words from Matthew 14:14-21 (ESV)

N O I S S A P M O C C I A S D  
E A T H B G S E D H Q L M E E  
V N D E Q R V E I O L S L D I  
I U W A I I O L L E O A F I F  
G E O V F P D K T P E F U S S  
D E R E D R O A E H I C L E I  
V S C N E Y L D N E S C L B T  
F S T N S O B T L S T N S X A  
R I M E S E W L I O H F E I S  
E T S E K E C C E Y O S E M D  
V E D H L S K E U S U K Q L W  
O U E V E T A B I S S T E H O  
Y N E K O R B B E P A I W D M  
L O A V E S D J I I N P N O E  
Y V I L L A G E S X D V L G N

When he went ashore he saw a great **crowd**, and he had **compassion** on them and **healed** their **sick**. Now when it was evening, the **disciples** came to him and said, "This is a **desolate** place, and the day is now over; **send** the crowds away to go into the **villages** and **buy food** for themselves." But **Jesus** said, "They need not go away; you **give** them something to **eat**." They said to him, "We have only **five loaves** here and **two fish**." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he **ordered** the crowds to **sit** down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he **looked up to heaven** and said a **blessing**. Then he **broke** the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they **all ate** and were **satisfied**. And they took up **twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over**. And those who ate were about five **thousand men, besides women and children**.

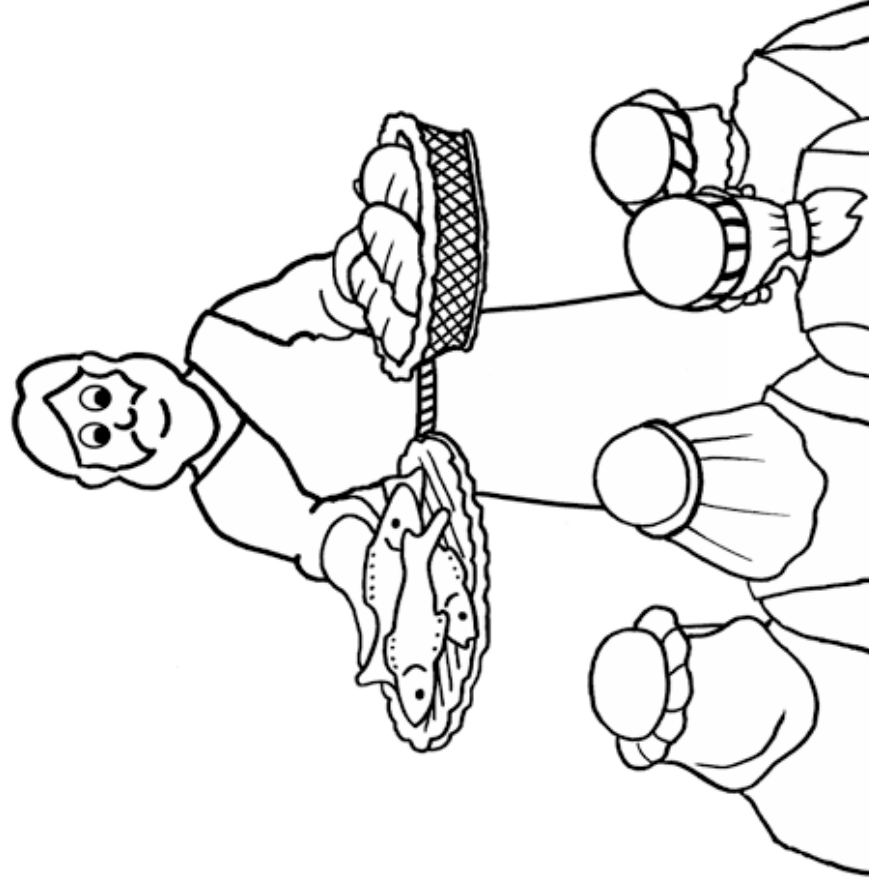
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## Today's Gospel Lesson

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2026



With just 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish, Jesus fed more than 5,000 people. It was a miracle!