



THE TRUMPETER

Trinity Lutheran Church, LCMS

JUNE 2024

Even if you've never had to testify in court, a thousand TV shows have made you familiar with the question, "Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?" Why not just make people swear to tell the truth? Or make them promise not to lie?

Any parent who has ever had to interrogate a child about a broken cookie jar or a scuffle over a toy knows the answer. There are plenty of ways to try to get out of trouble without *technically* lying. You tell *just enough* of the truth to skate on by.

We often play the game of seeing *how close* we can get to sinning without *technically* going over the line.

But in our heart of hearts we know that this is not what God intended when He gave us the commandments. He's not giving us a merely negative rule and challenging us to just barely stay away from this or that. There is much more to each commandment than a prohibition. We shouldn't just avoid murdering people — we should be of service to our neighbor.

For each negative prohibition in the commandments there is a positive good that we are to cherish and protect. In the Eighth Commandment, that gift is the reputation of our neighbor and our relationship with him:

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Your relationship with your family members (who are your nearest neighbors), your coworkers, and your friends, is one of the most precious gifts you have been given.. This is an especially fragile gift because it's easy to ruin a relationship with slander and talking behind someone's back.

But speaking well of your neighbor in Christian love is absolutely free; it costs you nothing, yet it pays you great dividends. If you find this challenging at times, if you are tempted to speak ill of others, just remember that this other person is also a beloved child of God for whom your Lord Jesus suffered and died. Your Lord Jesus loves you both.

In Christ,
Pastor

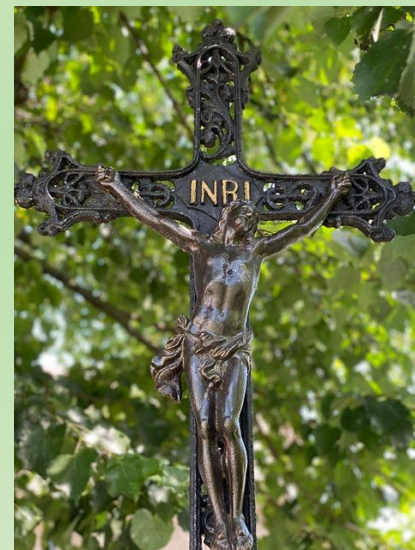
Sunday Schedule

9:00 am Worship Service
with
Holy Communion

10:15 am Adult Bible Study

On KLMJ, 104.9...

7:30 am The Lutheran Hour
10:15 am Radio Broadcast



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Birthdays

- 2 – Ron Hankom
Katy Flint
- 4 – Casey Fink
- 6 – Nancy Freie
Rev. Nathan Shieber
- 7 – Cinda Barz
- 8 – Tori Kroonblawd
- 9 – Lucy Behn
- 10 – Mike Spetman
- 12 – Randy Grefe
- 14 – Rev. Cory Kroonblawd
- 15 – Debra Hansen
- 18 – Patty Rodemeyer
Sharon Miller
Mike Pigman
- 20 – Kay Sheppard
Carson Treanor
Rev. Jesse Burns
- 24 – Madison Heilskov
- 28 – Philip Harvey
- 29 – Sarah Heilskov



June 2024

Ushers

- Lynn Arends, Chair
- Drew Abbas
- Arlynn Ahrens
- Gary Brinkley
- Gerry Heilskov
- Scott Heilskov

Greeters

- Lynn & JoEllen Arends
- Ron & Judy Hankom
- Laverne Rodemeyer
- Gary & Kay Sheppard

Anniversaries

- 1 – Bill & Sheree Holmstrom
- 2 – Adam & Megan Baumann
- 4 – Marv & Jan Rodemeyer
- 7 – Rev. Zach & Kendra Voss
- 10 – Rev. Rob & Jenna Ricard
- 11 – Jamie & Jackie Fink
- 14 – Jim & Jean Showalter
- 16 – Keith & Nancy Freie
- 18 – Jim & Elaine Moats
- 19 – Doug & Jolene McWilliams
- 20 – Rev. Michael & Erica Kearney
- 27 – Lester & Eva Schnabel
- 28 – Jason & Becky Fink
- 29 – Matt & Jori Showalter
Rev. Joseph & Carrie Bangert
- 30 – Carl & Jessica Kurth

Anniversary Blessings!



Acolytes

- 2 – Vivian Hansen
- 9 – Evan Waechter
- 16 – Lane Haller
- 23 – Noah Behn
- 30 – Colin Harr

Special Needs

Communion



Small group and individual communion services are being offered in place of the monthly Special Needs



service. Please call the church office if you are interested in setting up a time.