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To the saints at Trinity Lutheran Church in Circleville,

Grace to you, and peace from God the Father, and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As we live together in these days of uncertainty, caution, continuing change and doubt and fear, we can only wonder what is the next problem or challenge that will come into our life. Considering both our personal life and the life we share here at Trinity, every day I feel overwhelmed and numbed by the numbers coming from the media outlets and health officials. We have learned that trying to keep up with the covid requirements and restrictions isn't so much a physical challenge as it is an emotional and spiritual challenge.

I would remind you all, as we move forward together, that one of the major themes in the Bible, from the beginning to the end, is one of movement. Sometimes the movement is a spiritual shift, sometimes the movement is a physical move, often, the movement is both at the same time.

Let us remember, God calls Abraham and Sarah to pack up their belongings, leave family and friends behind, and move to a new land. The invitation to make that physical move also begins a lifelong spiritual relationship between Abraham, Sarah and God.

Let us remember the Good Samaritan; his movement was simply to cross the road and help the stranger. Yet, that journey of a few yards has become an eternal example of the depth of love we can feel and act upon for someone different than us.

Let us remember the call of the disciples; a simple invitation to 'follow me' from Jesus was the physical movement that lead those simple fishermen to an unexpected and unknown spiritual journey that would change the world.

Let us remember the unnamed and unclean woman who stepped out of the crowd to simply touch the hem of Jesus' robe. In taking those few physical steps, she risked ridicule and punishment from her community, but at the same time, her actions were a spiritual leap that led to her healing, but also became a symbol of hope for countless others.

As I listen to Trinity's members, I hear voices and messages of frustration, hope, confusion, and fear. The presence of the Corona Virus in our lives is a real, and sometimes deadly, truth. Everyday is a challenge trying to keep up with the challenges the constant changes brings.

Let us remember that a life of faith is a spiritual journey from where we are, to where God call us to be. Let us remember that sometimes that spiritual journey also requires us to take a physical journey as well.

I hear voices saying they wished life would return to 'normal.' I am neither a great philosopher or great theologian, but my understanding of having a relationship with Jesus has shown me that life is never 'normal' after experiencing his forgiveness, grace, love, and mercy.

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I hear voices saying they are uncomfortable to be out and about without a vaccine. I fully understand and accept this position and **I encourage everyone to continue to practice healthy procedures that protect themselves, but others as well.** It would be foolish for us to adopt an "I don't need to follow covid precautions, God will protect me" attitude.

But the journey of faith is not always easy:

- *Mary had to tell Joseph and her family she was pregnant.*
- *A little boy stepped up and shared his meager lunch helping Jesus to feed thousands.*
- *The women left the safety of the group to go to the tomb Easter morning, to face the Roman guards.*
- *Stephen declared his faith in Jesus, leading to his death by stoning.*

The council will be meeting in these days to decide what should happen in our worship life in the changing covid conditions, but at the same time we will be discussing plans for our autumn ministry, mission and outreach programs.

We are a blessed and called people, and I encourage us all to fight fear and despair in these days, and follow the call of faith as we move forward together.

Because I know God has promised to be me with us always, it is my prayer for you all ---

*May the peace of God,
which surpasses all human understanding
keep your hearts and minds on Christ Jesus.*

Pastor Santiago



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|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 8/1 Annie Brown | 8/17 Carolyn Cline |
| 8/4 Larry Roush | 8/17 Marilyn Fausnaugh |
| 8/4 Mary Easter | 8/17 Erin Reuter |
| 8/4 Sam Weller | 8/18 Jim Meyer |
| 8/5 Jeff Reed | 8/21 Patricia Morris |
| 8/6 Sally Hafey | 8/21 Marty Eitel |
| 8/6 Erin Kirby | 8/22 Emerson Connell |
| 8/6 Marcia Ruff | 8/23 Dusty Seitz |
| 8/6 Nick Riegel | 8/23 Josie Speakman |
| 8/6 Stephanie Connell-Cook | 8/25 Jean Fissell |
| 8/9 Brian Reid | 8/25 Pat Pontius |
| 8/10 Autumn Miller | 8/26 Lou Weigand |
| 8/11 Scott Barthelmas | 8/27 Korie Hart |
| 8/11 Brittany Reid | 8/29 Barbara Rihl |
| 8/12 Jane Stevenson | 8/31 Judy Manes |
| 8/14 Leah Pettit | 8/31 Nedra Betts |
| 8/14 Marisha Eveland | 8/31 Theresa Kerns |
| 8/16 Brad Wippel | |



- 8/3 James & Christina Chapman—24 years
- 8/4 Pr. David & Marilyn Hammel-57 years
- 8/7 Roger & Jane Schneider—60 years
- 8/9 David & Nedra Betts- 46 years
- 8/14 Sam & Nancy Weller—55 years
- 8/16 Kevin & Amy Mears- 34 years
- 8/17 Ed & Debby Boyer—46 years
- 8/18 J. R. & Elizabeth Snyder- 13 years
- 8/22 Sam & Raylene Shapiro—56 years
- 8/22 Brian & Melinda Thatcher—22 years
- 8/23 Steve & Sharon Neff- 50 years
- 8/23 Joseph & Diana Valone—34 years
- 8/23 Jared & Brook Clark—12 years
- 8/30 Dennis & Tina Holtz—40 years
- 8/31 Tim & Linda Stevenson—30 years



I call on you, my God for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer Psalm 17:6

- Mary Easter
- Lou Ann Smith
- Phyllis
- Jim Brock
- Larry Roush
- Marilyn Jeffers
- Braelynn Lee
- Mark & Tracey Sandy

Please remember our Featured shut-ins with a 'thinking of you' card:

Mary Easter
439 E. Franklin St.
Circleville OH 43113-1834

Mary Penn
503 Springhollow Rd
Circleville, Oh 43113

PRAYER REQUESTS please call 474-3151. You may also submit prayer requests through the website at www.trinitylutherancville.org. Please be sure to let us know if we have permission to share the prayer request, we value your privacy.

PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED OF THE HOSPITALIZED. Call the church office to report a hospitalization so that our pastor has the opportunity to minister to the sick of our parish. Please don't assume that we already know because we may not! Thank you for your assistance.

SERVING IN AUGUST

SERVING: Traditional Service 8:30AM

| DATE | GREETERS | USHERS serve all month | LECTOR | ASSISTING MINISTER | CRUCIFER/ ACOLYTE | COMMUNION ASSISTANT |
|------|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 8/2 | Bob & Linda Cochrun | Doris Young Becky Roush | Linda Stevenson | Annie Williams | Josh Trapp | Patty Truex ????????? |
| 8/9 | Dan & Judy Manes | Dick Fisher | Sam Shapiro | ??????????? | Josh Trapp | |
| 8/16 | Madeline Sanders | | Annie Williams | Pat Meyer | Lawson Eveland | |
| 8/23 | Gary & Sandy Montgomery | | Scott Barthelmas | Becky Roush | Lawson Eveland | |
| 8/30 | Laura Bethel & Theresa Kerns | | Pat Beathard | Scott Barthelmas | Jaylyn Wippel | |

SERVING: Contemporary Service 10:30AM

| DATE | GREETERS | USHERS | LECTOR | ASSISTING MINISTER | EASY WORSHIP | COMMUNION ASSISTANT |
|------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| 8/2 | Sharon Justice | David Hammel & Doris Young | Josie Speakman | Kim Manson | Marci Wippel | Lisa Sharp ??????? |
| 8/9 | ???????????????? | Brad & Donna Thompson | Shelli Speakman | Mark Ruff | Tammy Hughes | Lisa Sharp Linda Stevenson |
| 8/16 | Brad & Donna Thompson | Speakman Family | Diana Smith | Carolyn Seitz | Evan Debo | Linda Stevenson ??????????? |
| 8/23 | Roger & Pam Wolfe | Diana Valone & Tina Holtz | Liz Young | ????????????? | Marci Wippel | Linda Stevenson ????????????? |
| 8/30 | Deidree & Doris Young | Dresbach Family | Tom Brown | Linda Stevenson | Marci Wippel | ????????????? ????????????? |

ALSO SERVING:

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| COMMUNION PREPARERS | ALTAR GUILD |
| Kim Manson | Patty Dresbach |

If you are scheduled to serve and do not feel comfortable returning

The Monday morning Bible Study and Martha Circle will not be meeting until September



WITH OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS:

The staff and congregation of Trinity Lutheran wishes to express our heartfelt sympathy to the families and friends of Brent Bell and Bruce Bell. We are praying that the Lord will comfort you with His peace, surround you with His love and encourage you with His presence.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.” *Matthew 5:4*

The 5 Finger Prayer

Thumb: Those closest to you, your family.

Pointer: Those that point you in the right direction (teachers, doctors, priests) ask for wisdom & support.

Index: (tallest) Those that lead us, (Government) ask for guidance & wisdom.

Ring: (weakest) Those that are weak, in trouble, or in pain. We cannot pray too much for them.

Pinkie: (smallest) Our prayers for ourselves & our own needs.



Covid Poem

When this is over, may we never again
take for granted
A handshake with a stranger
Full shelves at the store
Conversations with neighbors
A crowded theatre
Friday night out
The taste of communion
A routine checkup
The school rush each morning
Coffee with a friend
The stadium roaring
Each deep breath
A boring Tuesday
Life itself.

When this ends,
may we find
that we have become
more like the people
we wanted to be
we were called to be
we hoped to be
and may we stay
that way--better
for each other
because of the worst.

- Laura Kelley Fanucci

We will continue to Live Stream our services after we return to church with the Traditional service beginning at 8:30am and the Contemporary service at 10:30a.m. on Facebook Live.

To access the Facebook stream, please go to our website on TrinityLutheranCville.org, clicking the white letter F in the top right of the website banner and following through to the link to find our virtual service.

You can also access the services directly by going to [Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com) and searching Trinity Lutheran Church, Circleville.



In the June newsletter we omitted the
50th anniversary of
George & Lyn List on July 25th.

Trinity Lutheran Church
135 E. Mound St.
Circleville OH 43113

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:
Traditional Worship: 8:15am
Education Hour: 9:25-10:15am
Contemporary Worship: 10:30am



Interim Pastor, Gil Santiago
Preschool Director: Val Trapp
Youth & Family Ministries Director: Tim Stevenson
Children & Family Ministries Director: Marisha Eveland
Contemporary Worship Director: Liz Young
Organ/Keyboard: Diane Smith and Liz Young
Choir Accompanist: Melissa Matz
Choir and Handbells Director: Larry Jeffers, Jr.
Administrative Associate: Billie Norris
E-mail: roundtownlutheran@yahoo.com
Church Phone: 740-474-3151 Fax: 740-474-4268
Preschool Phone: 740-474-9870
Web Site: www.trinitylutherancville.org


Pastor Santiago's email
gmsantiagosfca@gmail.com

Happy Birthday Mary Easter!
Mary's family is celebrating Mary's birthday and Retirement from the Food Pantry with a drive by party on August 2 from 2:00pm—4:00pm.
Drive by through the alley or stop in and have a piece of cake in the garage. Let's show Mary our gratefulness and admiration; if you are unable to make the celebration please send Mary a card.

Mary Easter
439 East Franklin Street
Circleville, Ohio 43113



We need volunteers for Ushering, Greeting, Communion assistants, Communion Preparers. Please call the Church

 August 5th & 19th
10:00am—4:00PM
Noecker Hall

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

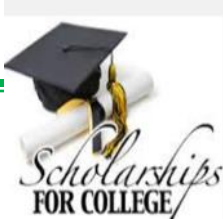
SUNDAY, JUNE 21ST
8:30AM (41) 10:30AM (47) **TOTAL: 88**

SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH
8:30AM (47) 10:30AM (48) **TOTAL 95**

SUNDAY JULY 5TH
8:30AM (46) 10:30AM (36) **TOTAL: 82**

SUNDAY, JULY 12TH
8:30AM (42) 10:30AM (30) **TOTAL: 72**

SUNDAY, JULY 19TH
8:30AM (47) 10:30AM (39) **TOTAL: 86**



SCHARENBERG TRUST DISBURSEMENT COMMITTEE
has allocated scholarship funds to be used by Trinity's young people who pursue post-high school education as full time students. Ask a Usher for Scholarship forms or you can pick one up in the office during the week. Applications must be completed and returned by August 2nd. If you should have any questions, please contact Todd Ruff.