



Lost and Found

December
2022

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

Ever Wonder? Answers to Important Questions

Am I good enough to go to heaven?

Mom went over to the slow cooker where the Thanksgiving turkey had been all day. As the lid was taken off, a shriek filled the air. The slow cooker had been unplugged hours before to make room for Uncle Bob's famous sweet potato soufflé.

Tears filled Mom's eyes. "My dinner is ruined!" she cried. Dad chimed in, "Oh, honey. I am sure that it is good enough." However, the half-baked turkey was not good enough, nor was it safe to eat.

In our lives, we probably hear or say those words often. "Oh, the lawn looks good enough. I can wait another couple of days to mow." "Oh, the house isn't *that* dirty. It is good enough for now." "My job was done well enough for today. I am going home!"

What about when it is quitting time here in this life? Are we sure that we are going home to heaven? Are we good enough?

We may be individuals who settle for good enough more than we like to admit. However, we have a God who doesn't settle for anything but perfection. Jesus says, "Be perfect . . . as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48).

So are we good enough to go to heaven?

God takes the "lid" off of our hearts and tells us what he sees. "Every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood" (Genesis 8:21). Even if we try hard and work at being kind, good, and perfect, we still fail. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

So, now what will happen to us? Is our hope to live forever in heaven with God ruined?

Thanks to Jesus Christ, our Savior, the answer is, "No." We do have hope because Jesus has forgiven our sins by dying on the cross, and he has declared us to be innocent by rising from the dead. Because of what Jesus has done, every time that God looks at us, he sees us "holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation" (Colossians 1:22).

Are you good enough to go to heaven? Jesus did not just make you good enough, but he made you perfect! Through faith, you receive "the gift of God [which] is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

*Inspiration
from the
Psalms:*

Psalm 127:3

*Children
are a
heritage
from the
LORD,
offspring a
reward
from him.*



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WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

Call Response:

November 27, 2022

Trinity Lutheran Church and School

Dear Members of Trinity Lutheran Church and School,

I first want to say thank you to all the members who have reached out and prayed for me and my family the past few weeks as I have deliberated the call to serve as your 7-8 grade teacher. After much prayer and consideration, the Holy Spirit has led me to return the call to you and continue my ministry in West Bend.

I will keep your congregation in my prayers. May Trinity continue to be a blessing and flourish as the Word of God is proclaimed to the people of your community.

In Christ,

Marlee Hill



There's a lot going on around here!

Midweek Advent Services are continuing on Wednesday evenings, December 7th and December 14th at 7:00 p.m. Join us as we continue to learn what it was like to be a believer before Jesus came to earth as a child in Bethlehem. We will hear God's promise given to his Old Testament people and study the history behind the promises that God gave to his people. Join us as we answer the question: "Where was the Prophecy Foretold?" Join us in the church basement at 5:30 before the service for fellowship and a meal. The December 7th meal is being hosted by the Women's Ministry. They will be serving soup and homemade bread.

The December 14th Advent service will be very special. Under God's blessing, our ministry to our preschool-aged children has grown over the past couple of years. This year our preschool children will tell us about the promises that God has made to you. Join us for our Preschool Christmas Service on December 14 at 7 pm and stay for fellowship afterwards.

The meal on the 14th will be served by the 7th and 8th grade classes. They will be offering up sliders. Donations will be accepted to help offset the cost of their class trip in the spring.

Choir practice will be after midweek Advent services.

Ladies, you are welcome to attend! Women's Ministry is hosting an Advent by Candlelight entitled "Songs of the Season" on Sunday, December 4 at 6:30 PM. This is an opportunity to focus your heart and mind on the birth of our Savior during the Advent season. Join us for Christmas cookies and fellowship in the church basement afterwards. Sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you are able to bring Christmas cookies or treats to share. We will also be putting together plates of cookies for shut-ins and residents of the Hope House in Findlay.



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Christmas Eve Worship: Trinity Lutheran Church will host two Christmas Eve Children's Services, December 23rd at 1:00pm and December 24th at 7:00pm. Please join us for this very special worship service. Our school children have been working very hard! The worship focus will be "*Illustrations of Immanuel*".

Christmas Day Worship will take place on Sunday, December 25th at 9:30am. Our worship focus for this Christmas day will be "*A Savior is Born to Dwell Among Us.*"

New Year's Eve Service at 7:00pm Saturday, December 31st.

New Year's Day Service at 9:30am, Sunday, January 1st.

Christmas Caroling: We know There are some great singing voices out there! Tune them up and join the Outreach Committee as the carol through Jenera on Tuesday, December 6th. Meet in the church parking lot at 6:30pm.

Women's Ministry is hosting the Advent supper on Wednesday, December 7 starting at 5:30. We will be serving soup and homemade bread. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you are able to bring food or help serve the meal. Bring food to the church basement by 5:00 PM and hot food no later than 5:30 PM.

Christmas For Kids is happening on December 17th from 12:30-3:00. . This one-day Christmas VBS will give children an opportunity to celebrate and learn about the true meaning of Christmas. The program features activity stations where kids learn about the Savior's birth, praise him in song, make crafts, play games, and enjoy snacks together. The program is for children ages 3 through 5th grade. Please register at tlcjenera.org. Click on "Upcoming Events." You can also pick up registration forms and flyers in the back of church. Please register by December 7. Questions--contact Jenny Boehm (262) 391-7994.

Volunteers are still needed to help with the Christmas For Kids event. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church.

Free Lunch: Trinity children are invited to stay at church after their Christmas service practice on Saturday, December 17. A free lunch will be served in the church basement. After lunch, children (age 3 - 5th grade) are invited to participate in Christmas for Kids from 12:30-3:00 PM at school. Questions--contact Jenny Boehm (262) 391-7994.

Family Game Night January 15th in the school gym from 3-7pm. Supper will be served at 5:00.

Euchre Tournament is happening again this year at Trinity on January 21st, 6:30pm. We'll have the home court advantage as we win the championship . All card players are encouraged to sign up!

More Fun and Games! A cornhole tournament is scheduled for Sunday, March 19th at 2:30. Watch for details!

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THE TLS COOKBOOK committee is beginning to collect recipes, historical facts & stories, photos, and memories from anyone who has them to share. Were you or are you a student at Trinity? Maybe you taught, subbed, volunteered at events, swept the floors, drove the bus, etc.?? We want to hear from you! In addition to being a cookbook, this will also be a 75th anniversary "history book" that honors the rich tradition of our wonderful school and the many people who have contributed to its continued success. You can submit recipes and other items to the box in the narthex, or email them to Megan Nowak at mrsnowak1@gmail.com. If you have multiple items to submit, please collect them in an envelope with your name on it before submitting. Thank you!

OPEN GYM: Looking for a volunteer or volunteers to supervise open gym at the school on Sunday afternoons. Hours would be according to the Volunteer's availability. Please contact the school office at tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org if you are interested in helping out.

PLANNING ON A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION? Think you'll want to get some exercise? Everyone is invited to walk in the school's gym on weeknights beginning Monday, January 16. The doors will be unlocked from 7:00-8:00 PM. but you may walk longer if you wish. Please use the doors by the office and bring non-marking shoes to wear on the gym floor.

TRINITY'S MORNINGS WITH MOMMY program continues to be very popular. Sessions meet the first and third Mondays and Tuesdays of each month at 9:30, during the school year. They fill up fast, so register early! The cost of the program is \$5.00 per family. Register online at tlcjenera.org or call 262.391.7994.

BUGS, WORMS, AND LITTLE THINGS: Join us for Mornings with Mommy on Monday, December 5 or Tuesday, December 6 at 9:30. Bring your little ones to play with all sorts of little critters—butterflies, caterpillars, worms, spiders, ladybugs, and flies. Make a rainbow butterfly, go on a "sticky walk", swat flies, and sort bugs. Register online at tlcjenera.org or call 262-391-7994.

PRESCHOOL PLAYTIME: Do your kids need a place to get some energy out? Join us for a FREE open gym for all preschool aged children (infants, toddlers, and preschoolers) in the school gym on Monday, December 12 from 10:00-11:00 AM. We will have balls to play with, ride-on toys, mats to crawl/roll around on, a mini-trampoline, infant toys, and lots of space to run around and play. Grab a snack for your ride home!

MORE MORNINGS WITH MOMMY EVENTS:

~Discovery Story—Getting Ready for Winter

Wednesday, December 7 at 10:00 AM in church basement

~Happy Birthday Jesus Party!~

Monday, December 19 and Tuesday, December 20

THE JENERA REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE has invited everyone to a free movie night at the Jenera Community Building at 6:00pm on December 10th. They will be showing "Polar Express". There will be snacks! Wear your Christmas jammies and bring your comfy blanket!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Communion Women's Ministry Advent by Candlelight	5 Mornings with Mommy 9:30 Board of Ed 6:30 Elders 7:00	6 Mornings with Mommy 9:30 Worship com 1:00 Christmas Caroling 6:30	7 School Chapel 8:20 Midweek Advent Service 7:00 Choir Following the service	8	9	10 Christmas Eve Service Practice 10:00am
11 Children's Lesson Call Meeting after 2nd Service	12 Faculty Mtg 3:30	13 Good Samaritan Bible Study 11:00	14 Chapel 8:20 Preschool Christmas Eve Service 7:00 Choir Following the service	15	16	17 Christmas Eve Service Practice 10:00 Lunch for 3rd-5th grades 11:00 Christmas for Kids 12:30 PM
18 Communion	19 Mornings with Mommy 9:30 Newsletter Articles Due Church Council 7:00	20 Mornings with Mommy 9:30	21 School Chapel 8:20 Choir 7:00	22	23 Christmas Eve Children's Service 1:00 TLS Early dismissal	24 Christmas Eve Children's Service 7:00
25 Christmas Day Communion Service 9:30 a.m. WELS Connection	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL NO Choir	29 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL	31 New Year's Eve Communion Worship Service 7:00
		Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. Sunday School & Bible Class 9:20 A.M.	Money Counters Mark Boehm 11.20-12.03 James Miles 12.04-12.17 Warren Pratt 12.18-12.31		Monthly Flower Chairperson Mark Burkholder	Lutheran Chapel On the Air Sundays 11:00 A.M. 1230 on the AM Dial (WCWA)

GREETERS FOR NOVEMBER

	EARLY SERVICE	LATE SERVICE
6	Ruth Marquart	Richard & Ruth Johnson
13	Joe & Jean Spaeth	Richard & Cheryl Kretz
20	Dwight & Norma Rader	Warren & Marilyn Pratt
24	Tom & Becky Smith	Thanksgiving Day
27	John & Esther Spaeth	Jerry Beagle

NEXT MONTH

7	Midweek Advent Service 7:00
14	Midweek Advent Service-Pre-K Christmas Service 7:00
23	Christmas Eve Children's Service 1:00
24	Christmas Eve Children's Service 7:00
26-30	Christmas Break-NO SCHOOL

BIRTHDAYS

2	James Reichley
6	Inara von Stein
8	Daniel Curth
11	Rebecca Mitchell
12	Jane Boehm
12	Jane Smith
18	Adria Below
27	Kathy Miles

ANNIVERSARIES

8	James & Kathy Miles
28	Steve & Missy Ritter

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Join us for Worship Sundays at 8 & 10:30am

Sunday School & Bible Class at 9:20am

Mornings with Mommy-1st & 3rd Monday &

Tuesday of the month. Register on line at

tlcjenera.org

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Memory Gem from God's Treasure

(for parents, children—everyone young and old!)

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness.

(Colossians 2:9-10a)

MISSION STATEMENT: *Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to glorify our Triune God as we train, strengthen and nurture ourselves and others through His Word and Sacraments, so that we are enabled by His love to live lives of faith and to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.*