



May 2023

Lost and Found

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

SPIRITUAL INSPIRATIONS

I want to feel better about myself.

Can God help me build up my self-esteem?

"I'm worthless!"

That's a depressing statement. Yet many people silently admit to themselves that they are worthless. The single mom who doesn't feel loved; the child or adult who can never seem to do anything right for his parents; the employee who messed up on the job again; they and many others feel that they are not worth very much. Maybe you've felt this way. Is there an area of your life in which you want to feel better about yourself?

Many say you can establish a positive self-image by focusing on your skills, accomplishments, status, financial resources, or appearance. There's "help" out there in the form of self-hypnosis, support groups, affirmation and visualization techniques, plastic surgery, self-help books, CDs, DVDs, and other attempts to build self-esteem. All these efforts only provide a temporary, superficial lift. Ultimately, they prove to be feeble efforts to feel worthwhile.

We all want to feel a sense of worth, love, and security in our lives, but we can't provide them for ourselves. But God can. He freely gives them to us through his Son, Jesus. His Word tells us not to focus on ourselves but on him, to look not at what we've done but at what he's done for us through Jesus Christ. Our sense of worth and value—our self-esteem—is found in the Savior who lived and died in our place.

A man named Paul realized this when he said, "Whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord" (Philippians 3:8). In Jesus, we find a status before God that we could never produce, a love from God that is unending, and the security for life in knowing that our Savior who loves us will be with us each and every day.

God's way of helping us build up our self-esteem is showing us, Jesus. Please join us to find out more about your Savior who lived and died for you.

*Inspiration
from the
Psalms:*

Psalm 68:19-20

**Praise be to
the Lord, to
God our
savior, who
daily bears
our burdens.
Our God is a
God who
saves; from
Sovereign
LORD comes
escape from
death.**



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WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

STUDYING YOUR BIBLE ON YOUR OWN? Adult Bible Class is working through Bible Study skills study on Sunday morning. We will look at basic and advanced skills to help you get more out of reading the Bible. We will continue our discussion on Apparent Contradictions in the Bible and how to understand them. Join us between services for Adult Bible Study!

LIMA FOOD BANK: Women's Ministry is volunteering at the West Ohio Food Bank in Lima on **Wednesday, May 24** from 1:00-3:00 PM. Since April is National Volunteer Month, the Food Bank has plenty of help this month, so we will not be going in April as originally planned. On May 24, we will be packing "senior boxes" or "emergency boxes" for the Food Bank to distribute to those in need. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you are able to join us. We will meet in the church parking lot at 12:20 if you want to drive together. The address is 1380 Kibby St. Lima, OH 45802. Questions? Contact Jenny Boehm 262-391-7994.

FLOWERS, BIRDS, AND MOTHER'S DAY: Join us to celebrate springtime and mothers on Monday, May 1 or Tuesday, May 2. Bring your infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and kindergartners to explore educational and fun activities together in the church basement at Mornings with Mommy. Make a bird feeder, water flowers, sort feathers, and build a bouquet. 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, May 8 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.

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL is starting to plan for the 2023-2024 school year. As we continue to grow we are opening up new opportunities for volunteers at school. Some of the ways to volunteer are recess, lunch room, and in the classroom. We will have many new opportunities for volunteers in the classrooms this year so if you enjoy reading, writing, and arithmetic, now is your chance to pass your love of these subjects onto our students! If you are interested and available, please contact the school office.

SAVE THE DATE: For over ten years, the North Atlantic and Michigan districts of the WELS have teamed up to organize regional youth rallies during the summers when the larger International Rally is not taking place. This summer's rally will take place from July 10-13 at Slippery Rock University, which is north of Pittsburgh. You can find out more information in the church newsletter. Registration began March 15.

OUR SCHOOL IS IN NEED of substitute bus drivers at any time. If you are interested in either position, please contact the school office, Principal Falck, or any school board member.

ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS are needed to run the PowerPoint slides on Sundays for both services, create them prior to the services, or record Sunday morning services. If you are interested in helping with this, please call Pastor Nowak at 419.302.5271 or contact the church secretary at 419.326.4685



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SUMMER SERVICES have been evaluated by Pastor Nowak and the Elders. It has been decided, that services on Sundays will REMAIN THE SAME at 8:00 and 10:30 with a Midweek service at 7:00pm on Tuesdays nights beginning June 13th.

CALL NEWS: Mr. Guy Gast returned his Call to teach at Trinity beginning next year. We pray God continues to bless him and his wife as they serve the people in Manitowoc, WI. The voters of Trinity have approved requesting a graduate from our worker training school, Martin Luther College, to serve as our 7-8 grade teacher beginning next year. Although there is not a guarantee that we would receive a graduate assignment (the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few; pray the Lord sends more workers into his harvest field!) we are confident the Lord will meet the needs of our school and his Church in just the right way at the exact right time.

SAVE THE DATE: Trinity's summer VBS is schedule for Sunday, July 23 - Thursday 27 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Registration will begin May 7th.

TRACK MEET Because of cooler and rainier weather, we have decided to POSTPONE The Jenera Field Day event until THURSDAY, MAY 11th from 1-3 PM. We realize this is a school day and may keep some of our families from fully participating, but this will hopefully let the spring weather settle in and give the students a great experience. Parents are still welcome to attend. Helpers are also still needed. Contact the school office if you could help shepherd student groups or assist with events.

PASTOR NOWAK announced in church that he is returning the call to Hope Lutheran Church in Chino Valley and Prescott, AZ.

Dear Family of Trinity Lutheran,

We want to thank you for all the thoughts, prayers, and gifts you have shared with our family following my father's sudden passing. The floral arrangement that you sent helped beautify the service and was a significant reminder that even though distance separates us, we are all one in Christ's death and resurrection. Knowing that we are all going to be gathered together in our Father's arms on our final day gives a comfort that goes beyond our human reasoning. Christ is risen, he is risen indeed, Alleluja!

The Kretz's

Any memorials were gifted to Trinity Lutheran School

The eighth grade class, Maddisun Wiles and Ella Kretz, would like to invite all to their examination and confirmation next week. Examination will take place @ 9:00 in the church. This is an excellent time to examine your faith and remember the lessons taught in Catechism. Confirmation takes place directly after the examination at the 10:30 service. Following the service, people are welcome to come to school to look at pictures and the accomplishments of our confirmands. There is also a meal being served to which everyone is invited.

The Confirmands.



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DAILY LECTIONARY

Easter 4

Sun: Lev: 8:1-13,30-36, Lu 9:1-17; **Mon:** Lev 9:1-24, Lu 9:18-36;

Tue: Lev: 10:1-20, *Lev 11;1-15:33*, Lu 9:37-62; **Wed:** Lev 16:1-24, Lu 10:1-22;

Thu: Lev:17:1-16, Lu 10:23-42; **Fri:** Lev: 18:1-7,20-19:8, Lu 11:1-13;

Sat: Lev: 19:9-18, 26-37, Lu 11:14-36

Easter 5

Sun: Lev 20: 1-16,22-27, Lu 11:37-54; **Mon:** Lev 21:1-12, Lu 12:1-24;

Tue: Lev 23:1-22, Lu 12:13-34; **Wed:** Lev 23:23-44, Lu 35-53;

Thu: Lev 24:1-23, *Lev 25:1-55*, Lu 12:54-13:17 **Fri:** Lev 26:1-20, Lu 13:18-35;

Sat: Lev 26:21-33, 39-44, *Num 1:1-2:34*, Lu 14:1-24

Easter 6

Sun: Num 3:1-16,39-48, *Num 4:1-8:4*, Lu 14:25-15:10; **Mon:** Num 8:5-26, Lu 15:11-32;

Tue: Num 9:1-23, Lu 16:1-18; **Wed:** Num 10:11-36, Lu 16:19-31;

Thu: Num 11:1-23,31-35, Lu 17:1-19; **Fri:** Num 11:24-29; 12:1-16, Lu 17:20-37;

Sat: Num 13:1-3,17-33, Lu 18:1-17

Easter 7

Sun: Num: 14:1-25, Lu 18:18-34; **Mon:** Num: 14:26-45, *Num 15:1-41*, Lu 18:35-19:10;

Tue: Num: 16:1-22, Lu 19:11-28; **Wed:** Num: 16:23-40, Lu 19:29-48;

Thu: Num: 16:41-17:13, *Num 18:1-19:22*; Lu 20:1-18; **Fri:** Num: 20:1-20, Lu 20:19-44;

Sat: Num: 20:22-21:19, Lu 20:45-21:19

Day of Pentecost

Sun: Num 21:10-35, Lu 21:20-38; **Mon:** Num 22:1-20, Lu 22:1-23;

Tue: Num 22:21-23:3, Lu 22:24-46; **Wed:** Num 23:4-28, Lu 22:47-71;

Thu: Num 24:1-25, Lu 23:1-25; **Fri:** Num 27:12-23, Lu 23:26-56;

Sat: Num 32:1-6,16-27, Lu 24:1-27

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	7th and 8th Grade Class trip to St. Louis						
	1 Mornings with Mommy 9:30	2 Mornings with Mommy 9:30	3 School Chapel 8:20 Mud Hens 3rd-6th grades	4	5	6	
7 Communion Confirmation	8 Preschool Playtime 10:00 school gym Faculty Mtg 3:30 School Board 5:30	9 Worship Committee 1:00 Good Samaritan Bible Study 11:00 Church Council 7:00	10 School Chapel 8:20 Elders 7:00	11 Local Field Day 1:00 at the school	12	13	
14 Mother's Day Children's Lesson	15 Mornings with Mommy 9:30	16 Mornings with Mommy 9:30 1st & 2nd Grade Field Trip	17 School Chapel 8:20	18	19 HVL Track Meet No School	20	
21 Communion	22 Newsletter articles Pre-K & K Field Trip to Maza Museum Faculty Bible Study 3:30 Women's Ministry 6:30 Jenera Park	23 Pre-K, 1st & 2nd Field Trip to Maza Museum Pre-K & Kdghtn Grad Ceremony 6:30 Good Sam 11:00	24 School Chapel 8:20	25	26 Last Day of School Early Dismissal	27	
28 TLS Graduation K-8 Sing at Church	29	30 Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. Sunday School & Bible Class 9:20 A.M.	31 Faculty Meeting 9:00am				
			Money Counters Richard Johnson 04.32-05.06 James Heldman 05.07-05.20 Steve Bormuth 05.21-06.03		Monthly Flower Chairperson Linda Webb	Lutheran Chapel On the Air Sundays 11:00 A.M. 1230 on the AM Dial (WCWA)	

GREETERS FOR MAY

	EARLY SERVICE	LATE SERVICE
7	Ruth Marquart	Richard & Ruth Johnson
14	Joe & Jean Spaeth	Richard & Cheryl Kretz
21	Dwight & Norma Rader	Warren & Marilyn Pratt
28	Tom & Becky Smith	Mike & Jill Woodward

NEXT MONTH

5, 6, 7	Michigan District Study Conference	
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BIRTHDAYS

5	Heather Smith
9	Veronica Sherman
9	Debra Reichley
11	Joyce Rossman
13	Trent Hummer
15	Judy Sands
19	Gary Beach
22	Logan Below
28	Dawn Curth

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SPOTLIGHT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL



Cody Sherman
Grade: 3 year old Sunday school class
Parents: Todd and Veronica Sherman
Sibling of Kinslee & Karlie Sherman
Favorite animal: Dog
Favorite color: blue & orange
Favorite toy: Monster trucks
Favorite food: chicken



Zach Achey
Grade: 6th
Parents: Donald & Shannon Achey
Sibling of Owen, Kylie & Sabrina Achey
Favorite animal: Penguin
Favorite holiday: My birthday
If you could be anyone in the Bible who would you be and why?: Peter, he followed Jesus.
What is your favorite thing about your mom & dad: They provide for me and teach me about God.



Olivia Siefker
Grade: 6th
Parents: Curt & Lauren Siefker
Sibling of Melanie, Collin, Logan, & Trent Siefker.
Favorite food: Sweet n' sour chicken
Favorite thing to do with your family: visit family.
If you could be anyone in the Bible who would you be and why? Mary because she got to see Jesus grow up.
Favorite place to travel: Minnesota



Logan Siefker
Grade: 7th
Parents: Lauren & Curt Siefker
Sibling of Melanie, Collin, Olivia, & Trent Siefker.
Favorite food: Spaghetti
Favorite Bible verse: John 3:16
If you could be anyone in the Bible who would you be and why? One of Jesus brothers.
Favorite place to travel: Antique malls



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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 this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will
search for my sheep and look after them.

Ezekiel 43:11