

February Newsletter

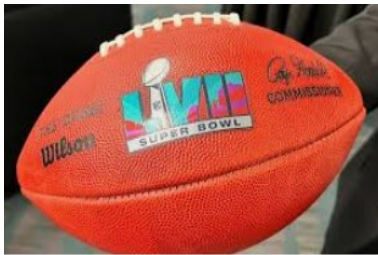


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Welcome to The Trinity Church newsletter. This publication will be sent out at the beginning of each month. If you would like to be put on the mailing list, please send your email address to: trinityugoffice@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS



February 3rd-5th Camp Phillip Winter Retreat

All members are also welcome to attend a fun weekend of smores, camp-fire songs and a little relaxation in creation and renewal in Christ.

SUPERBOWL PARTY February 12th, Sunday at 5pm – downstairs in Fellowship Hall – bring a dish to pass, BYOB, “camping” chair for best comfort. There will be an auction – proceeds will be directed to cover costs of future church family events.

Parents' Night Out

Friday, February 10th 5pm-8pm

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UPCOMING EVENTS

WOW

Women of Wels meets the 2nd Monday of every month. Come join us on February 13th for a relaxing evening of Women's fellowship.

Adult Choir

The Choir practices every Saturday from 5-5:45. (Before Saturday evening worship) Please feel free to join us as often as you are able.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, and it keeps no record of wrongs.



February 22 Ash Wednesday

If you would like to partner up or host a Lenten dinner, there is a sign up sheet in the Narthex.

Which Bible character was super-fit?

Absalom

Have you ever wondered the meaning of the different colors of cloth on the pulpit?

Liturgical means pertaining to worship. The colored pieces of cloth (paraments) are used at specific times during the church year and/or for a specific celebration/occasion. These colors adorn the chancel (the front of the church).

Black is the color of death, the result of sin

White is the color of holiness, the righteousness of God given to us through faith in Jesus (saint)

Red is the color for the blood of Jesus, which cleanses us for all sin, and for the Holy Spirit's fire (martyr)

Purple is the color of the robe Jesus wore when he suffered

Green is the color for a faith that is growing in the pure Word of God

Blue is the color of hopeful anticipation we feel as we look to the sky for Jesus to come again

- Advent is blue/purple
- Christmas - the Nativity of our Lord is white
- Epiphany of Our Lord is white
- Baptism of Our Lord is white
- Sundays after the Epiphany is green
- Transfiguration of Our Lord is white
- Ash Wednesday is black/purple
- Lent is purple
- Palm Sunday or Sunday of the Passion is purple
- Maundy Thursday or Holy Thursday is purple/white
- Good Friday is black
- Easter – the Resurrection of Our Lord is white/gold
- Ascension of Our Lord is white
- Pentecost – the Coming of the Holy Spirit is red
- Holy Trinity is white
- Sundays after Pentecost is green
- Reformation Day or Reformation Sunday is red
- *All Saints' Day is white
- *(Last Judgment is red)
- *(Saints Triumphant is white)

Last Sunday of the Church Year – Christ the King is white

*All Saints Day is now included in the Church year with the new CW. Last Judgment, Saints Triumphant and End Season is not utilized as such in the new CW. In CW, All Saints' Day is a minor festival.

For some occasions, like marriage or funerals, our Nation, the color of the season is utilized. For Confirmation, Dedications, Installation/Ordination *red* is used. Thanksgiving is *white*.

Council News

- ◇ The Mission Offering goal has been reached
- ◇ Stained glass a) The repair project has been completed and panels have been reinstalled b) New windows have been ordered to replace non-functioning windows in the sacristy and basement
- ◇ A check was received from Bear Development for \$3,900 for their portion of the driveway construction and paving
- ◇ The new concrete is going to be removed. No plan was submitted to the village and no permit was drawn. We will not be paying Pro-2-Pave for the concrete portion of the project. New bids are being sought and permit applications will be drafted

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Pastor's Corner

Council Meeting Devotion - January

⁴Remain in me, and I am going to remain in you. A branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Likewise, you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵"I am the Vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him is the one who bears much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. (John 15:4-5 EHV)

Wintertime in Wisconsin may not seem like an ideal time to talk about a bountiful harvest. Especially not after a weekend of cold winds and several inches of snow. It just doesn't seem right to talk about a vine, branches, and bunches of grapes. While these words may seem out of place given our current weather conditions, I wonder if they also seemed out of place when Jesus spoke them to his disciples. Why did he urge them to remain in him? They had already left behind families, homes, and businesses to follow him. They had been with Jesus virtually every step of his three-year ministry. Surely, they had already proven their intent to remain with him.

That night, Jesus cautioned his disciples, saying, "Dear children, I am going to be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come." (John 13:33) At that moment, Peter declared his intent to remain in Jesus. Peter was ready to follow him anywhere. He was even prepared to lay down his own life for Jesus. The disciples were unphased when Jesus warned evil men would soon strike the shepherd, scattering his sheep. Jesus informed the disciples he could not speak much longer because the ruler of this world was coming, (John 14:30) and they proceeded to get up and walk with Jesus as if that night was like any other night they had walked to the mount of olives; to the garden of Gethsemane.

Of course, every believer intends to remain in Jesus. But, just as those disciples could never have imagined the horrifying events which would soon take place, what is our response when life completely blindsides us? Does our trust in God remain strong when the blessings from his hand become sparse? Does a pandemic or some other health concern shake our confidence in the great physician; the healer of both body and soul? Does a day of rest or recreation take precedence over a day of Sabbath rest in God's Word? Satan works overtime during times of distress and the world does its best to scramble our priorities. Despite our best intentions to remain in Jesus, those little baby-steps away from God too quickly become a giant leap into separation from him.

What happens to a branch that is no longer connected to the vine? What happens when all ties to the source of nutrients are severed? Never mind the lack of fruit, the branch itself will quickly wither and die. In a similar way, Jesus says your faith will wither and die if you remove yourself from him. It does not matter how strong the root system is or how grown and mature a branch is on the vine. Once that branch is separated from Jesus, separated from the body of Christ, the process of ruin has begun.

Liturgy Works Cited "The ABC's of Worship: Lutheran Customs and Practices" by Pastor Paul T. Prange, 2002, Northwestern Publishing House

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FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
9am- WORSHIP w/ Holy Communion 10:15am SS and Bible Study			7pm Catechism	6:30pm Elder's Meeting	Teen's Retreat Camp Phillip Feb. 3rd-5th	6pm- WORSHIP w/ Holy Communion
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9am- WORSHIP w/ Holy Communion 10:15am SS and Bible Study			7pm Catechism	6:30pm Council Meeting	5-8pm Babysitting Night	6pm- WORSHIP
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9am- WORSHIP 10:15am SS Teen's Meeting	7pm WOW Meeting		7pm Catechism			6pm- WORSHIP w/ Holy Communion
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9am- WORSHIP w/ Holy Communion 10:15am SS and Bible Study	7pm Catechism		Ash Wednesday 5:45pm dinner 7pm service			6pm- WORSHIP
26	27	28	1	2	3	4
9am- WORSHIP 10:15am SS and Bible Study	7pm Catechism		5:45pm dinner 7pm Lent service			6pm- WORSHIP w/ Holy Communion

February Usher Schedule

2/4 Saturday	6:00 PM	Eric Gonsky	Ron Frohmader
2/5 Sunday	9:00 AM	Craig Croninger	Todd Bilski & Tyler Bilski
2/11 Saturday	6:00 PM		Eric Gonsky
2/12 Sunday	9:00 AM		Craig Croninger & John Osenga
2/18 Saturday	6:00 PM	Dwaine Zamecnik	Ron Frohmader
2/19 Sunday	9:00 AM	Eric Gonsky	Dave Gorsuch & Brandon Gorsuch
2/22 Wednesday		Tom Kalbas	Lee Woelbing & Gary Wennerstrand
2/25 Saturday	6:00 PM		Eric Gonsky
2/26 Sunday	9:00 AM		Joe Young & Wyatt Young