

TRINITY TRUMPET NEWSLETTER

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Christ Alone Is Our Salvation

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Geistreiches Gesangbuch, Halle, 1704
 J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

Author unknown

1. Christ a - lone is our sal - va - tion, Christ the rock on which we stand;
 2. We have all things, Christ pos - sess - ing: Life e - ter - nal, sec - ond birth,
 3. When we per - fect joy shall en - ter, 'Tis in Him our bliss will rise;

Oth - er than this sure foun - da - tion Will be found but sink - ing sand.
 Pres - ent par - don, peace, and bless - ing While we tar - ry here on earth;
 He's the es - sence, soul, and cen - ter Of the glo - ry in the skies.

Christ, His cross and re - sur - rec - tion, Is a - lone the sin - ner's plea;
 And by faith's an - tic - i - pa - tion, Fore - taste of the joy a - bove
 In re - demp - tion's won - drous sto - ry Planned be - fore our par - ents' fall,

At the throne of God's per - fec - tion Noth - ing else can set him free.
 Free - ly giv'n us with sal - va - tion By the Fa - ther in His love.
 From the cross un - to the glo - ry Je - sus Christ is all in all.

Message from Pastor July 2021

The hymn above is our Hymn of the Month for July 2021. This is a great hymn to learn by heart and sing at the dinner table after eating with the family. We live in tumultuous times. Perhaps it's cliché to say so, but it is true. Our faith is under constant attack. And these attacks work! Our attention is drawn away from Christ Jesus into more transient issues that simply aren't as important. We constantly fall into the problems Jesus warns us against in his parables, whether that is refusing the invitation to his banquet (Luke 14:16-24) or the parable of the sower and the seed (Matthew 13), which warns against the devil, persecution, and the deceitfulness of riches, which choke out the word of God from our heart. There are concerted attacks against the Christian faith in every form of entertainment, media, and education. By God's grace, our church has not been shut down by the government, but there are pastors in Canada, who have gone to jail for holding church services against the government's orders. What's worse, most people either don't care or they actually support the actions of the tyrannical government of Canada.

With such things happening, we should recognize how fragile the freedom we enjoy as Americans is. As the American populace moves further and further away from the values of the Christian Church, the prospect of persecution becomes more and more likely. On July 4th, we celebrate our nation's independence from Great Britain. And in the 245 years since that declaration, the Christian Church has enjoyed tremendous freedom in this nation, which we love. Yet, I dare say that we have more to complain about as Christians against our government than those listed in the Declaration of Independence. Our government sanctions the killing of unborn children, a crime that brought God's wrath against the Moloch worshipping nations of Canaan. Our government sanctions so-called "same-sex marriage," which destroys the definition of father, mother, and family. State and local governments have persecuted Christians by forcing them to either close their businesses or act against their faith.

And so, this should motivate us to pray for our nation. Not only thank God for the wonderful blessings we receive as Americans; not only pray that God bless America; but pray that God would have mercy on our nation and turn the hearts of our people to fear his name and to love one another. It is good for Christian Americans to celebrate Independence Day, but as Christians we should always remember that we are only Americans so long as we live on this earth. And America will not last forever. Our eternal hope is not in America, its politics or government. Our hope is in Christ alone. We tarry in this land for a while. We pray that God would bless our pilgrimage in America. But our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:20). And that is an eternal citizenship purchased for us by the blood of Christ Jesus.

God bless you and God bless America. May God keep us all faithful to Christ Jesus, who alone is our Salvation. Amen.

In Christ,

Pastor Preus

Vacation Bible School

On our opening day of Vacation Bible School, we had twenty-three children between the ages of two and twelve-years-old! Our theme this year was *I am Jesus' Little Lamb*. A big thank you to our volunteers: Anna Lundgren (teacher), Jacob Lewis (teacher), Dawn Lewis (teacher), Becky Graeve (crafts), and Theresa Preus (music)! Thank you to our additional volunteers who helped with snacks, games, and with assisting with the little kids. A special thank you to Sylvia Brown for bringing lambs for show-and-tell for the kids on Wednesday!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Communion Elder: Chris Matthiesen				1 Pastor Preus on Vacation	2 Pastor Preus on Vacation	3 6:00 p.m. Divine Service Pastor Preus on Vacation
4 9:00 a.m. Divine Service 10:15 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 1:00 p.m. Pastor Preus' Sermon on KBIZ 1240 AM and 102.7 FM Pastor Preus on Vacation	5 Pastor Preus on Vacation	6 Pastor Preus on Vacation	7 Pastor Preus on Vacation	8 Pastor Preus on Vacation	9 Pastor Preus On Vacation	10 9:00-12:00 p.m. Swaddling Clothes 6:00 p.m. Divine Service Pastor Preus on Vacation
11 9:00 a.m. Divine Service 10:15 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 1:00 p.m. Pastor Preus' Sermon on KBIZ 1240 AM and 102.7 FM Pastor Preus on Vacation	12	13	14	15	16	17 6:00 p.m. Divine Service
18 9:00 a.m. Divine Service 10:15 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Elders' Meeting 1:00 p.m. Pastor Preus' Sermon on KBIZ 1240 AM and 102.7 FM 5:00-7:00 p.m. Youth Fun Night	19	20	21	22	23	24 6:00 p.m. Divine Service
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