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***God Relations***

**May 31st, 2015**

**Holy Trinity Sunday/Senior Recognition Sunday**

**Service of the Word and Prayer**

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship, ELW p. 211**

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*Congregation reads* ***bold print*** *\*Please stand*

**PRELUDE**

**GATHERING REFLECTION**

**Commandments 1, 2 & 3 –** *Do you remember your confirmation classes? Memorizing the Commandments, the Apostles’ Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion, the Office of the Keys, Confession & Forgiveness? Does any of this ring a bell? Do you remember the “What does this mean?” Over the next 13 weeks we will review those parts of our faith formation. I invite you to dust off your catechisms and review as we revisit the Small Catechism. These are our Articles of Confession. These are, like the Augsburg Confession, expositions of the teachings of the Bible. Join us as we embark on our journey of faith.***God of the church, guide me to always seek to make the good confession in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**BELL**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS ELW p. 211**

**\*GATHERING HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy* ELW # 413**

**\*KYRIE ELW p. 213**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY** L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray. *Silence* God of heaven and earth,

**C: Before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the Triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen**.

**WORD**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8 (NRSV)**

**A Vision of God in the Temple**

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. 2Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. 3And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.” 4The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. 5And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” 6Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. 7The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” 8Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSIVE PSALM** *The psalms begin on page 338 in the front part of the hymnal* **PSALM 29 (*Assembly reads the indented lines)***



**SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-17 (NRSV)**

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— 13for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil* **ELW # 512**

\***GOSPEL: John 3:1-17 C: Glory to you O Lord.**

**Nicodemus Visits Jesus**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 2He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” 3Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” 4Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” 5Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ 8The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” 9Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” 10Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 11“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. 12If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.14And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 17“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.



Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

\* **HYMN OF THE DAY**  *Hera Am I, Lord*  **ELW # 574**

**\*APOSTLES’ CREED** *(salmon sheet on the back cover of the hymnal)*

**OFFERING**

**\*OFFERING HYMN** *Create in Me a Clean Heart***ELW# 188**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & Quilt Blessing**

Response: L: God, with fear, love and trust in you. **C: We raise our prayer to you.**

**\*THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD ELW p. 220,** *gray shaded*

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** *Sung (as found in the back cover of the hymnal, SALMON sheet)*

**SHARING OF THE PEACE** L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**SENDING**

**SENIOR RECOGNITION, GIFTS & BLESSING & SENDING**  *(pages 6-7)*

**\*CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING**

L: Now may all go in the blessing of the Triune God, Father, + Son and Holy Spirit.

**C: *Three-Fold Amen.***

**\*CONGREGATION’S SENDING HYMN** *Go My Children with My Blessing* **ELW # 543**

**CHOIR’S SENDING HYMN**

**BELL SENDING** L: Go forward to serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE +++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++**Reprinted from Evangelical Lutheran Worship, copyright © 2006 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Used by permission of Augsburg Fortress license #SB107041

*Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.*

**~Deut. 6:4-9 (*The Great Shema*)**

**Readings for next Sunday: Genesis 3:8-15; Ps 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1; Mark 3:20-35**

Commandments 4-6 - *Family Relations*

Prayer requests

*We remember in our prayers…all who face catastrophic illness, surgery, and bindings of all kinds as well as the homebound:* ***Bea Behrens, Vi Benoy, Agnes Carlson, Lisa******Carlson & family, Donna Fisk, Danny Lang, and Delores (Didi) Strehlo. .*** *Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES RECOGNITION AND RECEPTION.**

Join us to congratulate the 2015 graduates, Ciera Drevlow and MiKayla Carlson. We will be serving punch and cake afterwards in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome to attend and meet our seniors!

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**MONDAY JUNE 1**-Martha Circle meets to dine out at 1:30 pm.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 2**-Mending at Truman Senior Living

**THURSDAY, JUNE 4-**Open Bible Study/Lois Circle meets at the Truman Café at 9 am.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 7-***Family Relations ,* Commandments 4-6

**9 AM Communion Worship**

*Reader: Barb Shoen, Comm. Server: Jerry Teig*

*Ushers: \*Dean Gulbranson, Doug Mammenga, Tanner Mammenga and Jerome Wille*

 **UPCOMING EVENTS**

An Open House Reception for Ciera Drevlow will be immediately following Commencement on June 5th at her home: 406 E 1st St. N. Truman,

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 Graduation Open House in honor of MiKayla Carlson will be held on June 6th from 11-2 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Truman.

**TRUMAN BLOOD DRIVE** at the Truman Community Center on Monday, June 8th from 1-7 pm. To schedule your appt. call Yvonne at 776-8555 or online @ [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), enter code: **TRUMANMN.** **We NEED donations of cookies for the blood drive! (*About 11 doz.)***

**SENIOR RECOGNITION**

Graduation marks a remarkable day in the chapter of a young person’s life. It is not only the culmination of many years of study, but is a coming-of-age, a moment when the young person is no longer a child but is now seen as a fully-fledged adult. In some cases, you will have already shown your adulthood by the responsibilities you have taken on, by the actions you have shown.

For the parents, there are probably mixed emotions. Your little girl has grown into a young woman. You harbor enormous feelings of great pride, joy and [thankfulness](http://www.lords-prayer-words.com/prayers_before/thanksgiving_prayer_to_god.html) for your child and in their achievements. Now thoughts turn toward the future as the precious ones spread their wings, leave the nest and finding a life of independence. If that's you, and it's something you fear, you might want to take a moment to [seek God's peace](http://www.lords-prayer-words.com/prayers_before/prayer_for_peace_of_mind.html)first.

L: IN YOUR BAPTISM, you were brought to faith. Adopted by God your Father.

IN YOUR CONFIRMATION & RECEIVING OF COMMUNION,

you confirmed your faith. You partook in the Body & Blood of Christ

UPON YOUR GRADUATION & AFFIRMATION, you have been

prepared & are preparing to be sent out into the world as you are guided

by the Holy Spirit

**GRADUATION LITANY**

L: We are gathered together to celebrate the accomplishments of members of our community.

**C: We give blessings to you for all that you have achieved and many more achievements yet to come.**

L: One part of your life’s journey is complete. You will prepare to begin another phase that will take you to unimaginable places. As you prepare for your next journey, we hope that you remember the ones you leave behind, who have loved and supported you throughout the years.

**C: We give you blessings of good will and love as you journey forth into the world. We thank you for the laughter and fellowship that you have shared with us and pray that as you begin your next journey, remember the times that we all have shared with you.**

L: Use those memories as a beacon to guide you on your path. Don’t look back; continue only forward, while using those memories to create a new path.

**C: We pray that God will give you strength and determination to develop new relationships that will help to strengthen and sustain your faith.**

L: Because we are made in the image of God we have been blessed with free will to make choices and decisions.

**C: We pray that you make wise and rational decisions, always turning to God for help. God hears, God listens, God is always with you. Do not forget that. Always keep in mind that God is around and if you turn to him, he will guide you.**

L: Now, on behalf of Trinity Lutheran Church, I extend to you the love, the hope and the prayers of your church family. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION PRAYER**

**Ciera:** Father, we thank you so much for our time here together

For all the friends we have made, for all the days of laughter and fun

And for all the times of great discovery and learning.

We thank You for all who have given of their energy and skill

So that we can graduate today. Our teachers and mentors

Our family and loved ones, we thank You for them and give them all to You in prayer.

**MiKayla:** As this chapter on our lives closes, so a new one begins.

We present ourselves like an open book before You.

Come and inscribe Your words of life into our lives -

Fill our minds with Your thoughts, Fill our bodies with Your strength

Fill our hearts with Your dreams that we might eternally love and serve You, this day and every day.

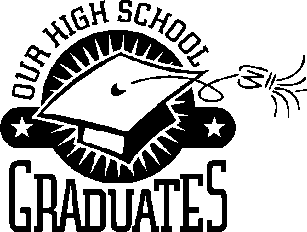
L: We ask all this in the glorious name of Jesus who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end.

**C: Amen.**

**Quilt Presentation from WELCA**

L: Ciera and Kia, Go in peace. Continue to serve the Lord.

**C: Amen**

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**CIERA BAILEY DREVLOW**

Ciera is the daughter of Darrel & Carolyn Drevlow. Her favorite activities in school are softball and participating in the Spring Plays. While going to high school, Ciera also achieved 1/2 of an Associate’s Degree in Marketing at South Central College in Mankato. She was also crowned Homecoming Queen last fall. Fashion is her favorite hobby. Outside of school, Ciera works at Maurice's in Fairmont. Her future plans are to attend The Aveda Institute of Minneapolis to study Cosmetology.

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**MIKAYLA MARGARET CARLSON**

MiKayla (Kia) is the daughter of Roger & Lisa Carlson. Her and her family moved to Truman from Redwood Falls in 2007. MiKayla’s favorite activity was Girl’s State and she has enjoyed photography as an activity in school. Her favorite hobbies include reading books and photography. Outside of school, Kia works as a dietary aide at Truman Senior Living Center. Her future plans are to take a year off to spend time with her family, keep working, and hopefully save money to travel.

*Our graduates have selected a quilt made by the women of the church which they will receive this morning.*

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***“Where they go may their quilt be a reminder of the love and best wishes of their Trinity church family. May the warmth of their quilt be like the comforting embrace of God”.***

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