

# THE CLARION

Christ Lutheran Church Newsletter

## Mission Statement

*Christ Lutheran Church exists to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with members, community and the world."*



## Pastor's Corner

By Rev. Daniel A. Hinton

The Church Militant: Confessing the Faith

Holy Trinity Sunday starts us into the long season of the Sundays after Trinity Sunday, or, ordinary time. While it may be the non-festival half of the church year, it certainly is important. It is a time to learn and grow in the faith and Christian life.

Holy Trinity Sunday, which this year was June 4, kicks off the season reminding us that we confess and believe in the one, true, and only God. The history of the church since the coming of Christ has been confessing that "Jesus is Lord." That was the first and briefest confession of faith for the church. Just those three little words set us apart from the Jews who denied that Jesus was the Messiah and the fulfillment of the Old Testament. It also separates us from the pagan world, which confuses Creator and Creation by turning nature or man into a god.

It is useful to see how the saints of God throughout all times have struggled to remain faithful, and how God preserved His Holy Word and Church. Many times, we are tempted to think that there was a "Golden Age" of the church where peace and tranquility reigned. We wonder, "When will all the arguing and fighting stop?" But the war between false teaching and pure doctrine will not cease until Jesus returns. In fact, this is precisely the mindset we ought to have here on earth, poised for battle with the whole armor of God. Every generation has the duty and joy to confess the faith. Here on earth, we are the Church Militant. Total peace, the Church Triumphant at rest, lies in the future.

Just think of even the church in the age of the apostles. It had plenty of struggles of its own, the battle between Paul and the Judaizers for example.

The church that has ceased to care about the fight for

pure doctrine is a church that is headed for trouble. None of us should become self-satisfied or complacent. Who in the apostolic church could have imagined that by the beginning of the 4th Century powerful forces within the church were claiming that the Son of God was merely a creature, made by God? Who would have conceived that the bishop of Rome would transform into the papacy and hold captive Western Christendom? Who would have thought 50 years ago that liberal Lutherans would one day support homosexual behavior and abortion? We should never underestimate the depth of sin and human depravity. But the beautiful story of the church is that the Lord of the church, Jesus Christ, rescues His bride. He continues to pour out forgiveness through the church, even though she is battered and torn by strife. Against heresy His Word constantly strives. By it, He raises up champions who point not to their own ideas or fanciful thoughts, but to the saving truth of the Gospel.

Paul, Polycarp, Athanasius, and Augustine -- these are just a few redeemed sinners that defended the faith and from whose stories we can gain much inspiration.

In Christ,  
Pastor Hinton



The Braille Teams meet on the following dates this month:

### Team #2

Wednesday, July 12 - 4:00 pm

Wednesday, July 26 - 4:00 pm



Christina and family will be on vacation the first two weeks in July (3-14).

If you need anything, please call or email John Keinath or Pastor Hinton.

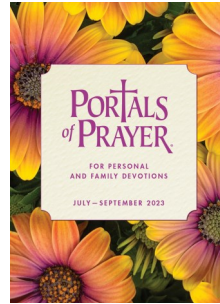
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Lubbock Concert Band -  
Patriotic Concert

You are invited to come and listen to the Lubbock Concert Band perform along with the combined choirs of the First United Methodist Church in their annual Patriotic Festival on July 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:30 p.m. This is the first time the Lubbock Concert Band has been invited to perform for this annual concert. The performance is free for all patrons and will have hot dogs and ice cream following the concert.



Portals of Prayer for July through September are now available in the Fellowship Hall. Please take as many as you need for your use and to share with friends who might wish to use them for daily devotions.. We are now receiving more of the medium-print booklets for easier reading.



In Person Office Hours

Starting Tuesday, August 1st

8am - 2pm

Tuesday - Friday

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Please note the church office hours will change beginning August 1st.

Lord willing, I will be taking a vacation with my family from Sunday, July 9 to Saturday, July 15, and be here for church both on July 9 and July 16. - Pastor Hinton



# MEMBER CORNER

## New Members

We've been very pleased to receive two new members recently: Max Fischer by transfer, and John Harkins by Baptism.



Max grew up in Spring TX and attended Trinity Lutheran Church in Klein, the congregation from which he transferred. He is attending Texas Tech, majoring in political science and history. In his free time, he enjoys reading and craftsmanship.

John Wayne-Hartman Harkins, son of Kristi "Kriquet" Harkins and Stephen James, became a child of God and member of Christ Lutheran Church through the rite of Holy Baptism on June 18, 2023. Kriquet was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in her childhood and youth, having moved away with her family in 1993. She had lived in Austin TX for about 15 years before she, Stephen, and John moved to Lubbock in 2018.



We welcome all of them to the Christ Lutheran Church family and pray for God's blessings on them and that their spiritual life will be strengthened while in our midst.

We now have ten copies of *Lutheran Service Book: Large Print Edition* available for use during the divine service. This edition uses the same layout and pages as *Lutheran Service Book* with the difference that it has, well, larger print. The large-print bulletin will fit inside the back cover and leave a portion sticking out the side to point you to the correct page number.

Donated in honor of Peggy Lorenz by the Lorenz Family.





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