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Living in the Word...that the
Word may live in others.

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9:00 am Adult study
10:00 am Worship

IN TOUCH

with the ministry and people of Living Word

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"What Is Trinity Sunday?"

Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost to honor the Holy Trinity—the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Although the word "trinity" does not appear in Scripture, it is taught in Matthew 28:18-20 and 2 Corinthians 13:14 (and many other biblical passages). The concept of the trinity can never be completely understood or rationalized, but it is clearly taught in Scripture. Understanding of all scriptural doctrine is by faith which comes through the work of the Holy Spirit; therefore, it is appropriate that this mystery is celebrated the first Sunday after Pentecost, when the outpouring of the Holy Spirit first occurred.

On Trinity Sunday, the Christian Church ponders with joy and thanksgiving what the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have done to accomplish the salvation of sinful humanity. It is brought to remembrance how Christians should respond to the love God has shown us, praising Him and giving Him glory. We remember the Father as our Creator, the Son as our Savior and the Holy Spirit as our Comforter. Scriptural readings for the Trinity Sunday ceremony may include Psalms 8, beginning and ending with, "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth." Second Corinthians 13:11-13 appeals to believers to aim for perfection and live in peace, ending with the prayer that the grace of Christ Jesus, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all, including again the commission Jesus left for believers in Matthew 28:16-20.

Today, Trinity Sunday is to explain, to the best of man's ability, the clues written in Scripture to guide us to a fuller understanding of our triune God. The Father is God from the beginning (John 1:1); Jesus revealed Himself as equal to the Father in John 10:30, "I and the Father are one." Together, they sent the Holy Spirit (John 14:26). "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19).

Every time we bless ourselves, we proclaim the mystery of the Trinity. Only the Christian religion teaches that there are three Persons in one God. It is a mystery we will never be able to fully comprehend. Yet it is the heart and soul of our Christian life.

St. Ignatius of Loyola once had a revelation of the Trinity as a harmonic chord, with three notes being played at the same time but forming one sound. This revelation was so overwhelming that after receiving it, he wept tears of joy all day. God is not an isolated, contained being. His nature is to be communal. The one being of God is really the interrelationship between the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

As Christians, we share in this Trinitarian love and life. God is not some impersonal force living far away from us in some other universe. He sent his Son to become one of us so that we could share in his eternal and all-consuming personal life. As disciples of Jesus, we are invited to live within the love of the Holy Trinity. At baptism, we received the intimate, divine life of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, we become sons and daughters of the Father. By the power of the Holy Spirit, he is our Father, just as Jesus is our brother.

We should never view the Trinity as only an intellectual concept that has no practical bearing on our lives. The Trinity is our life. Every day we can affirm this truth. We live within the love offered to us each moment by a merciful God who wants us within the very center of his being. To gain us this privilege, the Father sacrificed his Son on the cross. The Holy Spirit has been given to us as a foretaste of the heavenly joys that await us. On this feast day of the Trinity, let us rejoice at the gift of life and love that has been so freely offered.

This Week at Living Word

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
12 9:00 am Adult Study 10:00 am Worship	13 6:00 pm Softball Game vs. T.I.S.P. at Centennial Park -Field #5	14 10:00 am PUSH	15	16 1:00pm Transition Team Meeting 7:30 pm Softball Game vs. Good Shepherd at Centennial Park -Field #8	17 No Bible Study Classes till August 12th	18

June Celebrations

 June 12 George Hostert June 12 Faith Michael June 18 Eileen Rhoads	 June 15 Bob Grossart June 17 Karen Grossart June 17 Larry Andorf	 June 17 Nicki & Bob Gabrysiak
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Stewardship Snapshot

June 5th

21 Worshipped

2 DVD

21 Watched Online

44 Total

Financial Support

1,380.00 General Fund Offering

20.00 In-Kind Cash Donation For Open House

Living Word's budget calls for weekly offerings averaging \$3654 to fund our ministry. Regular, intentional and meaningful contributions from what the Lord provides you helps carry this out.

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"Sunday Zoom Bible Study Classes"

SUNDAY MORNING Bible Study will be on Zoom. We will have a dedicated link every Sunday for the Zoom portion of the class. I will email this link to everyone on Fridays, so it would be very easy for you to find the email with the link. Please see me or call the office if you would like to join, we can give you the information that you will need for Zoom. Not only will you gain some insight with these bible study classes, but you will have fun doing so at the same time. **Please see below for the Zoom info for the Bible study on June 12th.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87814703544?pwd=ak9yTnRkNTVFV292SEdtZDZEckp6QT09>

Meeting ID: 878 1470 3544 Passcode: 788323

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A NEED FOR OUR PRESCHOOL AGAIN Please pass the word about our preschool throughout our community. Now that we are heading into summer, we need to fill our church with the little ones and teach them the love and knowledge of Jesus and prepare them for kindergarten. Our Open House is on June 25th, the kids can see the classrooms and meet Mrs. Diana. We already have a few more interested and saying that they want to come back. Diana has created a new flyer and registration form on our website. We are offering 2 or 3 day program for preschool. Most of us don't have any little ones at home, but if you happen to know of anyone who does, please let them know about our website and that they can come and visit the church and classrooms.

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

Registration is open!

Offering a 3 or 2-day option.

Click on our preschool tab to register or for more information

Call us with any questions or to schedule a tour at 708-403-9673

Living Word Early Childhood Education Program

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, June 25th

From 10 am to Noon

Come stop by and see our amazing early childhood education classroom.

Children can come see the classroom and play while Mrs. Diana answers any questions you may have. Registration forms will be available.

OPEN HOUSE for the preschool program is scheduled for Saturday, June 25th from 10 to Noon. Come see how much work Mrs. Diana has done over the past couple of weeks in the classrooms. The students are going to have a great year. Please help us pass the information along to anyone you know that have little ones at home. We really need to help her grow the Living Word Early Childhood Education Program. We will be working with local churches that don't have preschools to pass our information to their families. I will also be emailing the churches that do have a preschool that might have a waiting list for their program. If you are able to drop off any goodies for Diana, please let us know, I am always here from 9 to 2 every week day.

Living Word News

TRANSITION TEAM met with Pastor Croon here at church a couple of weeks ago, and then met with Pastor Penikis last Monday. There is another Transition team meeting this coming Thursday, the 16th. They will still continue to work on a few other different ideas and proposals and will have more information for us in the weeks to come at a voting congregational meeting.

SOFTBALL TEAM has started this past week. Their first game was supposed to be on Monday, but it was rained out. A make-up game will be scheduled for later in the season. They played on Thursday evening against Christ and won. Good job guys! All of the games are being played at Centennial Park in Orland.

Sharing Information

DEVOTIONAL OF THE WEEK *But [Jesus] called out to them, "Don't be afraid. I am here!" Then they were eager to let him in the boat, and immediately they arrived at their destination! - John 6:20-21 (NLT)*

The disciples waited for Jesus for a while, but then they got impatient and left without him. That's when they got into trouble. And when we get ahead of God, that's when we get in trouble too. Notice God's timing—when Jesus got into the boat, they were immediately at their destination; the disciples saved no time by starting early. So where are you today? Are you rarin' to go, even if you haven't been sent yet? Are you dragging your feet like Jonah, after you have been sent? Or are you expectantly waiting for God's direction, so you can set out in God's time, which will guarantee success?

SHARE OUR POSTS!! Please share our posts with all of your Facebook groups, it's a very small and easy thing to do and the results are so great. Diana has created an ad on Facebook for our preschool, if at all possible, please start sharing the updated information for the three different week day options for preschool and for the two different weeks that she is offering for the preschool summer primer. The same day she had created the ad on Facebook, she had already received comments and questions about the preschool, this should be a great way to reach more people.

VBS 2022

VBS 2022—CELEBRATING GOD'S GREATNESS Diana has theme for VBS picked out and has already ordered the basic supplies, which have already been delivered. She will have her list of items that she will need for snacks and craft time within the next week or two in order to give us plenty of time to get them. Everyone had so much fun here last year. Thank you Diana for all of the hard work you put into this program for us and the children of our community every year. If you can help out a day or two during that week, please see Diana for more information. Now that its just over a month away, we already have over 30 kids signed up for it already, and we have 8 student volunteers. The VBS flyers will be handed out at our Open House for pre-school and Christ Lutheran said they would be willing to pas out our flyers to the families that attend their VBS in a few weeks.



Mission of the Month

LUTHERAN CHURCH CHARITIES will be our mission of the month for June. They provide several different ministries all around the country, below are the many amazing features of this wonderful organization. Their mission is to share the mercy, compassion presence and proclamation of Jesus Christ to those who are suffering and in need. They were headquartered in Addison, IL and now currently in Northbrook. LCC was founded in 1947 as a nonprofit ministry to help support Christian human care ministries of the Church. They work throughout the United States and internationally. Every dollar given for a cause goes directly to that cause or need. Their ministries are listed below and on our website:

LCC K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry was launched in August of 2008, and it is a national human-care ministry embracing the unique, calming nature and skills of purebred Golden Retrievers. The LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs are a bridge for compassionate ministry, opening doors for conversation about faith and creating opportunities to share the mercy, compassion, presence and proclamation of Jesus Christ. They serve everyday in the community in which they are placed in times of disaster and crisis to bring comfort to all those affected, including first responders and the volunteers who serve them.



LCC Kare 9 Military Ministry is a ministry by veterans for veterans. They strive to serve our military veterans and their families. The Kare-9 Military Ministry dogs and their trained veteran handlers visit many places including VFWs, VA hospitals, Traumatic Brain Injury Care Centers, homes of veterans that are home bound, Expos, Vet Clinics and various other activities to help spread the mercy and compassion.

LCC K-9 Police Ministry handlers are law enforcement officers (current and former) who understand the unique challenges facing the law enforcement community. They bring the mercy, compassion, presence and proclamation of Jesus Christ to those who protect and serve, as well as their families. Crisis Response serves the law enforcement and family members in their time of need, by providing comfort following injuries, deaths or major incidents. Ongoing Support is the K-9 visits (headquarters, substations and dispatch centers), provides assistance with department missions such as Christmas shopping with children, summer camps and public events, comforting crime victims prior to interviews, counseling or courtroom testimonies, and general support for department members and their families.



LCC Disaster Response Ministries coordinates deployment of trained volunteers for Disaster Response. When disasters strike; lives, homes, businesses, churches and more are affected. LCC L.E.R.T. volunteers respond quickly to serve people affected by a disaster. LCC teams are trained to work through local churches to serve their communities. LCC Disaster Response provides on-site and online Lutheran Early Response Team (L.E.R.T.) basic training. Additional training includes expertise in the area of chainsaw, heavy equipment, debris removal, flood recovery, and emotional and spiritual care.

LCC Human Care Ministries work with pastors and congregations to pass through donor financial assistance, in-kind donations, volunteer people resources, emotional or or spiritual support.

Hearts of Mercy and Compassion (HMC), Crosses for Losses provides a physical and spiritual symbol through the giving of hearts and crosses to families and friends who have suffered a loss or are experiencing the illness of a loved one. An HMC can also be given to celebrate a victory, honor service, as an expression of love, or to be an encouragement in the face of adversity. Given as a gift, each HMC provides the love and hope of Jesus through presence and prayer. Upon request, LCC, working through churches, can provide an HMC at no charge.



Other LCC ministries include international and domestic ministries, church worker support, WORD Bible Studies, Congregational Preparedness, and support for passion though needs and causes.

Your support in these very worthy causes is much appreciated, as we always say here, we might be small, but we sure are mighty. We are definitely "The Little Church that Cares"



LIVING WORD EARLY EDUCATION SUMMER PROGRAM

Is your child registered for preschool yet?

We still have some spots available for our early education program this coming school year. If you are still looking for a program for your child come check out Living Word's Early Childhood Education Program. Children will see just how much fun they will have in preschool this fall. Space is limited so register at <https://livingwordorland.org/preschool/>. For questions email us at lwlcmedia@yahoo.com or call 708-403-9673

**When - Tuesday, August 2nd -Thursday, August 4th.
From 9:00am-Noon**

**Where- Living Word Lutheran Church
16301 Wolf Road Orland Park
Cost- \$40 a day**

