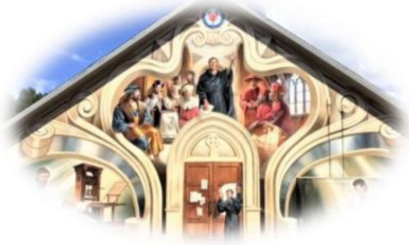


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- Sunday Worship Services 10AM
- Holy Communion
- 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month

AUGUST 2026 TIDINGS



*Our Mission and
Ministry Statement is:
“To Know Christ and
Make Him known”*

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From the Pastor August 2026

August greetings are extended to all of you. I truly pray that everyone has had some time to relax and reflect on God's Grace and Blessings in your lives.

Have you ever wondered, as I have wondered why we call some people "saints"? How do you become a "canonized saint"? Scripture refers regularly to all believers as saints, especially those who have preceded us into the heavenly splendor. But we single out and venerate certain individuals. How does this distinction get affixed to the life and ministry of an individual? Let's take a closer look at how one qualifies to be considered a saint.

When discussing this subject one needs to keep in mind that we in the Lutheran church or the Protestant churches do not have a process to elevate one to "Canonized Sainthood." Such elevation is limited to the Roman orthodox or Eastern orthodox church bodies.

In the first five centuries of the Church, the process for recognizing a saint was based on public acclaim or the vox populi, vox Dei (voice of the people, voice of God). There was no formal canonical process understood by today's standards. This is how Paul became St. Paul, or Joseph, St. Joseph, or Mary, St. Mary and so on.

Beginning in the sixth century and continuing into the twelfth century, the intervention of the local bishop was required before someone could be canonized. The intervention of the local bishop usually began with a request from the local community for the bishop to recognize someone a saint. Upon studying the request and a written biography, if he found it favorable, the bishop would typically issue a decree and thereby canonize the person.

Starting in the tenth century, a cause proceeded with the usual steps, such as the person's reputation would spread, a request to the local bishop from the people to declare the person a saint occurred, and a biography would be written for the bishop's review. Now however, the bishop would collect eyewitness testimony of those who knew the person and who had witnessed miracles, and he would provide a summary of the case to the Pope for his approval. The Pope then reviewed the cause, and if he approved it, he issued a decree declaring the person a canonized saint. The first documented case of papal invention is by Pope John XV on January 31, declaring St. Ulric a saint. If an individual has lived a sanctified life and one is recognized for their faithfulness and servant lifestyle then one can be considered for sainthood five years following one's death. Now this waiting period can be shortened by the Pope as was done for Mother Theresa.

The process begins when a petitioner asks the diocesan bishop to begin the investigation into the life of the person, which could ultimately lead to their canonization. The bishop may also start their own cause. Once a cause opens, the individual is called a Servant of God. A proper examination is followed at a diocesan or eparchial level. The Church then forms a tribunal, calls on witnesses, and looks at documents written by the candidate. The documentation is then sent to the department of the Roman Curia responsible for making recommendations to the pope on beatifications and canonizations.

At this point, nine theologians vote on the candidate's cause. A favorable judgment passes the cause onto the Pope, who gives the final approval for the individual to be declared Venerable or, if martyred, Blessed.

Once the Pope recognizes the candidate's heroic virtue, the person is named "Venerable." This means the Pope recognized the deceased person as having lived a virtuous life or offered their life for their faith.

"Beatification – the second stage in the process of proclaiming a person a saint; occurs after a diocese or eparchy and the Congregation for the Causes of Saints has conducted a rigorous investigation into the person's life and writings to determine whether he or she demonstrates a heroic level of virtue, offered their life, or suffered martyrdom."

To be recognized as "Blessed," one miracle through the intercession of the candidate is required. However, a miracle is not required for a martyr's beatification, just their canonization. A miracle is considered something that occurs by God's grace through the candidate's intercession, which is inexplicable by science. The required miracle must be proven through canonical and scientific investigation. "The alleged miracle is studied by scientific and theological commissions in the diocese in which it is alleged to have occurred." The person is declared "Blessed" once the Holy Father approves the Decree of a Miracle. This approval affirms the power of the candidate's intercession and their union with God after death!

To become a canonized saint, a second miracle is required. This process is the same as it was for the miracle leading to their beatification. Once a second miracle is approved, the Rite of Canonization by the Pope can occur. Through this, the person is elevated to universal veneration in the Church. "By canonization, the Pope does not make the person a saint. Rather, he declares that the person is with God and is an example of following Christ worthy of imitation by the faithful."

I am sure that my research is not exhaustive, but I believe I have given you enough to understand the process of becoming a saint in the modern day. I endeavored upon this subject because there are just some things we do not understand the details or the process of some things in life and sainthood is one of them.

Respectfully In Christ,
Pastor Norris

Food Pantry Opportunities To serve are back!

The Dragon's Den & Manna Ministry
(Both will be collecting
the same type of items for children)

Children items are:

- *Individual food cups &**
- *Individual Microwavable cups**



(All items may be placed in the Narthex at any time.)



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Are you a Thrivent member? Do you know a Thrivent member? Would you like more information about Thrivent life insurance and investment products? Our Thrivent representative is Mr. Brian Heipp and he will come here to the church to meet with you.

Have you checked your Thrivent Choice Dollar balance lately? Thrivent has changed its Choice Dollar policy and now anyone with any Thrivent product receives Choice Dollars to give away. You don't have to wait until the end of the year. They are now available at the start of the year.

Trinity Tots could really use some of those free Choice Dollars this year. We have 8 empty 3-yr. old spots due to a low birth year across the country and that adds up to a minimum loss of **\$32,000**.

The church also has some opportunities to help others in our community such as Manna Ministries and LP Middle School Food Pantry. Your Choice Dollars will also go to those needs.

So check your Choice Dollar balance and if you feel so moved, direct those dollars to either Trinity Tots Preschool or Trinity Lutheran Church. Thanks for your willingness to help.

Have questions? Susan Norris can try to answer them for you or get you to the person who can.

Upcoming Events

FELLOWSHIP HOUR



NEXT

August 09, 2026 - Hosted by the Ladies Club

August 23, 2026 - Hostess needed

August 30, 2026 - Hostess needed

WISH TO HOST ANY EVENT?

*Please see the Sign-Up Sheet for upcoming dates
in the Narthex to pick a day.*

All events will follow the services.

Next Trínity Ladies Meetings

Is on September 8, 2026 - 12PM

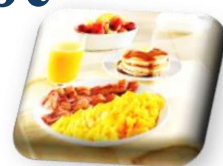
*More Activities & Information
To be announce*



*Next Adult Bible Class will be
On Sunday, September 6 - 8:30AM*

Next Men's Breakfast

*Saturday, August 29, 2026 &
Every LAST Saturday of the month at 8AM
At Oscar's Kitchen, 1979 Placid Lake Blvd.
Lake Placid, FL*



Special Days to Celebrate!!!

August 2026



Happy Anniversary!

- 1 Raymond & Becky Ware '87*
- 6 Bruce & Jackie Lessig '98*
- 9 Pastor and Susan Norris '80*
- 25 Steve & Kayla Blake '24*
- 28 Fred & Julie Foland '66*
- 31 Mark & Debra Goodrich '54*

- 5 Kylie Pepper*
- 5 Joseph Shatraw*
- 8 Kay Ann McGuire*
- 17 Kate Pepper*
- 21 John Mihok*
- 22 Bonnie Lindsey*
- 27 Becky Ware*
- 28 Ali Pepper*
- 31 Phyllis Owens*
- 30 Rick Gregory*
- 31 Pastor James Olckers*

Happy Birthday





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 10:00am Worship Service followed by Fellowship Hour	27	28	29	30	31	1
2 10:00am Worship Service with Communion	3 8:30am Trinity Tots Staff Meeting	4	5	6	7	8
9 10:00am Worship Service followed by Fellowship Hour	10	11 7:00am Trinity Tots 1st Day of School	12	13	14	15
16 10:00am Worship Service with Communion	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 10:00am Worship Service followed by Fellowship Hour	24	25	26	27	28	29 8:00am Men's Breakfast at Oscar's Kitchen
30 10:00am Worship Service followed by Fellowship Hour	31	1	2	3	4	5