Holy Trinity United Methodist Church

August 13, 2023 9:30am

Theme: Untangling Faith

If you have a prayer request today, please fill out the card in your pew rack and hand it to an usher prior to the Prayers of the People.

Today's Memory Verse:

And this is the boldness we have in him, that if we ask for anything according to his will, he hears us.---1 John 5:14

Prelude

Welcome

*Songs of Praise "You Are My All in All" W&S 3040

"Breathe" W&S 3112

Leader: Sometimes we're afraid to ask God questions. We don't want to seem ignorant or unfaithful.

People: But God understands. God is filled with goodness and faithfulness.

Leader: Sometimes we struggle with prayer and wonder, "Why should I pray?"

ALL: "AND THIS IS THE BOLDNESS WE HAVE IN HIM, THAT IF WE ASK ANYTHING ACCORDING TO HIS WILL, HE HEARS US."

Opening Prayer (unison)

Come to us, O God, in the midst of our questions. Fill us with your goodness and remind us of your faithfulness. When we struggle with our prayer life – whether it's finding a time to pray, or listening to God, or being unsure of what we hear from God – remind us, "If we ask anything according to his will, he hears us." AMEN.

Mission Moment	Sleep In Heavenly Peace	Susan Ryan
Prayer Song	"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"	TFWS 2193

Prayers of the People/Our Lord's Prayer

Prayer Song "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" TFWS 2193

Scripture Reading Matthew 7:7-11

*Hymn "Seek Ye First" Hymnal 405

Sermon "Why Should I Pray?" Pastor Chad Gilbertson

*Hymn "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" Hymnal 526

Offering/Offertory

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Because you have heard and answered our cries for help we give thanks. Because you have granted us a measure of understanding we want to learn more. Because we have experienced the truth of the scriptures, and believe them to be a guide and correction for all of us, we commit ourselves anew to making them known. Stretch us and our offerings to do more than we would have thought possible. AMEN.

Announcements

*Benediction

Leader: Go now in peace, even though the questions still linger.

People: Go now in hope, for God is good and faithful.

Leader: Go now in faith, and continue praying.

ALL: "AND THIS IS THE BOLDNESS WE HAVE IN HIM, THAT IF WE ASK ANYTHING ACCORDING TO HIS WILL, HE HEARS US."

*Hymn "May You Run and Not Be Weary" TFWS 2281

Postlude

^{*}Greeting

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This Week:		
Monday, Aug. 14	9:30am 5-7:30pm 7:00pm	AA (Parsonage) VBS Al-Anon (Parsonage)
Tuesday, Aug. 15	1-3:15pm 5-7:30pm 7:00pm	Quilters VBS Co-Dependents Anonymous (Parsonage)
Wednesday, Aug. 16	8:30am 5-7:30pm	Moment of Prayer for Holy Trinity VBS
Thursday, Aug. 17	5-7:30pm 6:00pm	VBS Veterans AA (Parsonage)
Sunday, Aug. 20	9:30am	Worship/Live-Stream

Prayer Requests:

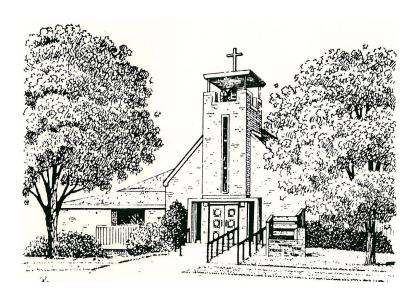
Verna Erickson—suffered a brain hemorrhage and is hospitalized at Abbott Northwestern and is receiving comfort care. Please pray for Verna, Jim and their family.

Jim and Verna Erickson—niece's husband passed away. Prayers for peace and comfort for the family and friends.

Barb Bollinger—friend, Julie, is having surgery on August 23. Please pray for Julie and her doctors for a successful surgery and a full recovery.

Liz Weninger—continued prayers for healing and changes in her living/care situation which are imminent.

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