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A Joyful Ordination Anniversary Celebration!

Greetings and God's blessings to all of you from your brothers and sisters at Trinity Lutheran Church in Frankfurt, Germany!

By God's grace, I was honored to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of my ordination in July! The celebration began with some members of Trinity Lutheran taking me to an outdoor restaurant on July 9 to mark the actual day of my ordination. We were able to enjoy a nice evening together. They were even kind enough to listen to few of my stories from twenty years of serving God's people as a pastor.

We then celebrated this milestone during both our Sunday worship service and also on our worship recording for YouTube (see below). Choirs are still not able to sing for worship in Germany. But this did not stop our members from preparing a virtual choral piece and a wonderful solo to enrich our service and make the day even more special. We were also honored to have Seminarian Werner Straeuli and his family back with us on this joyful Sunday.



Other blessings to mark the day included an outdoor reception featuring key lime cupcakes (a favorite from my years in Florida) and a wonderful gift from members of our congregation. In the photo to the right you can see the gas grill that I received. I have been wanting one since I arrived here. I have put it to good use many times already! I am so thankful for all of you who are helping to make it possible for me to serve the people here in Germany!

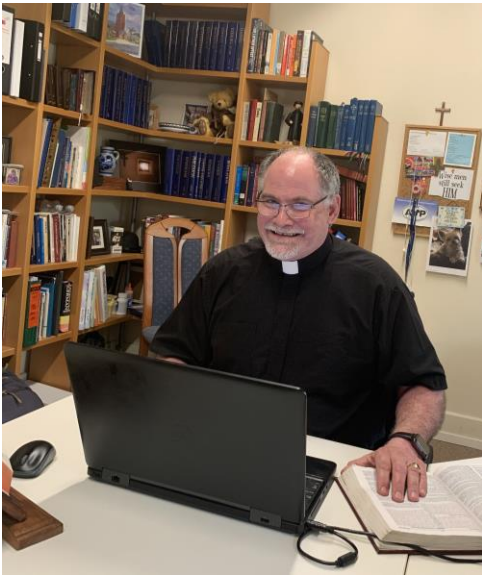


On-Line Worship Continues!

We have been blessed to be able to gather together again for worship services since late May. Happily, a few more people have been joining us each week. Many of our members are still remaining home at this point, so we are also continuing to offer our services on our YouTube channel: *Trinity Lutheran Frankfurt*.

Our YouTube channel has turned out to be one the blessings that we have all been looking for during this time of pandemic. People have been joining us, on YouTube, from literally all

around the world. Recently, I have had several people take the time to send me notes or emails letting us know how our on-line services have been a blessing to them. What a true blessing it is for us here at Trinity Lutheran to be able to reach out to our world in this way! Our channel recently reached 100 subscribers! God is good!



Bible Class at a Distance

Since March, we have offered our Sunday morning, adult Bible study on Zoom. From the outset, we have started this Zoom session fifteen minutes early. This has allowed our members some time to catch up with and to care for one another before the study time begins. Our conversations have covered everything from COVID updates to weather reports. We have even swapped the occasional recipe. We found this to be very good way to stay connected with each other.

This study format has been very well received. We are able to study the Word and to have good discussion as well. This has been a good way to build each other up throughout this pandemic time.

Since many of our members are remaining cautiously at home, we are continuing to offer this virtual class each Sunday. We have now moved the class time earlier. This allows some of our participants to attend the Bible class and still be able to get to church in time for worship.

Praying for Each Other

Your brothers and sisters in Christ are praying for you! We know that you are praying for us, too. In your prayers please remember:

- All those whose lives have been impacted by COVID-19. Please join us in praying for those who have lost loved ones, for God's healing grace on those who are sick and all those who are vulnerable in any way. We also ask you to pray for all those in government, health care and all areas of public service.
- Our efforts to continue to reach our congregation and community by means of the Internet. We are praying that God would use these efforts to reach those who might not yet have faith in Jesus Christ.
- For us and all congregations as we are gathering again for worship. Keep us safe and bless our time together.
- For all families, especially all those who are working and studying at home at the moment. Please pray that God would bless them with peace and extra patience.
- For all those involved in education as the new school year starts. Please pray that all would be kept safe and healthy.
- All of the missionaries in the Eurasia Region and their families. Please pray that God would continue to work through each of us so that many more people might come to the knowledge of the truth.
- For my family in the US as both of my parents continue to have health concerns. Please also continue to pray for us as we are grieving the loss of my stepmother, Carol.
- Please join me in thanking God for allowing me to serve as a pastor for these past twenty years. Please pray also for His guidance and grace in all the days ahead.

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