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“THE CLOTHING OF THE KING”

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Greetings and blessings to all of you Trinity Lutheran Church children of God! This Advent I would like to take you through – **The Clothing of the King** – an Advent Series written by Pastor Matt Popovits. Here is his description of the series:

Every morning, the sun rises, alarm clocks sound, foggy eyes open, and then, at some point, we get dressed. Socks, underwear, pants, shirts, and shoes: we don clothing that rightly corresponds to our vocations, our culture, and even the weather outside. Our clothing serves as the marker that sets us apart as a species and as an indicator of societal and individual values and traits. As Mark Twain once said, “Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence on society.”

Twain may have been right on that first part, but his statement excludes the first naked people in history, Adam and Eve. And we would argue these two have had quite the influence on who we are and where we are going due to both their lack of clothes as well as their eventual attire.

And so it follows that clothing in the Bible is more than a tangential detail. In fact, clothing often has significant implications for revealing God’s plan of redemption, for our Creator is also the first tailor, seamstress, and cobbler. Despite their rebellion, He covered Adam and Eve’s shame and nakedness. Later, He designed and instructed the Israelites on the priestly garments of the Tabernacle, which all have an intricately thought-out purpose and intent for the people to fellowship with their God. The biblical authors use both metaphorical and actual descriptions of priestly and royal garments to point us to the one true Priest and King, Jesus. And it’s this King, first wrapped in the rags of a swaddle, who then hangs naked on the cross in order to clothe us in the riches of his righteousness.

This midweek Advent Sermon Series tells the stories of the clothing of the King. Stories that describe a wardrobe at once splendid and sin-stained, with fabrics that reveal who we are and cover us all the same. The clothing of the King is tattered and worn and glorious in its incorruptibility. It isn’t ours, yet He gives it to us freely.

For this series, Pastor Matt Popovits has taken some of the best-known mentions of clothing in Scripture to proclaim Christ. Interweaving Old Testament stories like that of Adam and Eve’s clothing in exile and Joseph’s coat of many colors with Christ’s redemption on the cross, five of these sermons give texture and shape to the threads of Scripture. We believe they will provide you with a detailed view of Christ’s robe of righteousness constructed for everyone on that workbench of Calvary.

We hope . . . you find the words a warm comfort during this time of year as we reflect on the good news of Christ’s incarnation and our longings for Christ to return once again.

Our schedule for the services of Advent is as follows:

Date	Service	Theme
12/06/2023	Advent Midweek I	The Foretaste of Fashion
12/13/2023	Advent Midweek II	An Envidable Style
12/20/2023	Advent Midweek III	Clothed in Conviction
12/24/2023	Christmas Eve	Robed in Righteousness
12/25/2023	Christmas Day	Wrapped Up with Love

Blessings to all of you as we prepare for our celebration of our Lord’s first coming and as we look forward to His second coming.

In Christ,
Pastor Robert “Bob” Hauter

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Wednesday, November 22nd ~ 7:00pm

Please join us for this time of worship with Holy Communion, as we thank God for His many wonderful blessings to each of us!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Faith,

How do you start your day? What is the first thing you do? So I don't forget, the first thing I do in the morning is take my vitamins. The next thing I do is read my Portals of Prayer.

Just this past week, I believe it was on Wednesday, I sent an email to some people saying some things about someone that were not very nice. In my email, well let's just say I vented my feelings.

On Friday just two days later as I was reading my Portals of Prayer I was taken to my knees. The message for that day was titled; "Rudder" Destruction, and it referenced James 3 verse 10. "From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so."

The author, stated that according to James, our words function like a rudder that steers a sailboat. When used properly it steers the boat safely in the right direction, when used improperly the boat runs the risk of capsizing.

Likewise, words can either uplift or tear down. They can encourage or deflate, show love or disdain. So what did I do to correct what had been said in that email? Unfortunately once words come out of the mouth you can't take them back, but you can ask for forgiveness, and that's exactly what I did. I sent another email to those same people asking for forgiveness, and in turn receiving that forgiveness.

So what lesson did I learn? I learned that not only does our gracious God forgive us, so too does our fellowman.

When you make a mistake, which I did, don't be afraid to confront that mistake and act on it to possibly rectify that mistake.

So if in some way I have offended you, I ask for your forgiveness! In Jesus' Name Amen.

Lucky Schneberger Elder

NAVIGATOR'S BIBLE STUDY meets each Sunday, following worship at 10:15am. Currently we are studying the Book of James. All are invited to join us. For more information please see Janelle Sheppard.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY meets each Tuesday evening at 6:30pm. Our topic is "The Baptismal River: Studying the Sacrament throughout Scripture. This is an 8 week study and all are invited to join us. For more info, contact Jon Bush ophiclides.tuba@gmail.com

SCHOOL/EARLY LEARNING ACADEMY NEWS

"God is Greater than the Highs and Lows"

A special thanks to all who helped with donations for Operation Christmas Child. Your support is greatly appreciated, and your gifts are sure to be enjoyed by children throughout the world! Trinity students will help to pack the shoeboxes during the week of November 6th.

Our annual craft fair, **Treasures at Trinity**, will take place on Saturday, November 11th. Please stop by, and find some treasures to keep and gifts to share.

Trinity Lutheran School is also looking forward to our annual **Thanksgiving Feast** on November 17th before leaving for Thanksgiving Break. It is always such a blessing to enjoy delicious food and delightful conversation with our Trinity school families. School will resume November 27th.

As we enter into this year's holiday season, we want to wish you all a very blessed and
Happy Thanksgiving!

~Lisa Vannoy, Trinity 1st Grade Teacher

THANK YOU! The Best of Pueblo awards have been given. Trinity Early Learning Academy was given the title of "Finalist" in the child care category. Trinity Lutheran School was awarded "Winner" in the private school category. Thank you so much to all for voting!

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church & School,

Thank you so much for your support for the many families who have lost their homes, jobs and belongings due to the fires in Lahaina and Upcounty Maui. Your wonderful 1st quarter chapel offering donations of \$743.50 and \$1,585 check have been received. We will be using the funds to support those in need. We are also working with Lutheran Church Charities and LCMS World Relief to help provide ongoing aid for families as they seek to rebuild and access disaster relief funds. This will undoubtedly take many months and even years. Your ongoing prayers and support is so greatly needed and appreciated! Our church has been collecting items from the community and buying supplies to give with monies donated. Connections have been made with a trusted local group that has been making daily trips to Lahaina/West Side to deliver these provisions. GOD IS GOOD!

Blessings in Christ,

Joshua Rempfer, Principal
Emmanuel Lutheran Church & School, Kahului, Hawaii

NEWS ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

Our prayers have been with the following members and friends who have been ill and/or hospitalized: David Boden (father of Mia Harberts), Stephanie Lowell (grandniece of Lorna Romero), Roxann, Betty Dodson (mother of Shelley Aggson), John Coffee, Tom Rummel, Betty Graham, Rachel Salazar, Helen Koncilia, Becky Solheim, Amy Coulson, Cathy, Shirley Ranus, Rich Graves, Jacob Freeman, Cindy Schmidt, Pat Sanley, Rick Arguto, David Walmer, Rose Sears, Dutch, Rick Lawrenz, Marcie (Brul) Wright, Victor Voss, Connie Elson, Ty Butcher, Melanie Trujillo, Wilbert Lutz, Joyce Michelli, Larry Graham, Lucille Cochran, Adella Schmidt, Sophia DeSalvo, and Jeanive Solheim. May God continue to strengthen and heal them.

Our prayers continue for the family of Earl Schwalm who was called to his heavenly home. May God comfort them at this difficult time.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Aaron Bolt
Norma Larson
- 2 – Connor Huth
- 3 – Sarah Bolt
- 4 – Connie Elson
- 6 – Randy Daberkow
- 10 – Adriana Walmer-Miller
- 11 – Earl Graves
- 13 – Terry Daberkow
Shiloh McKissick
Tedra Pavelski
- 16 – Samuel LaDuke
- 21 – Alan Moskoe
- 24 – Steven Lancaster
- 28 - Corrie Wiggins
- 29 – Donna Weiser

THANK YOU to my Trinity family for all of the cards, calls and well wishes during my recent illness. I am so blessed to have such wonderful people in my life. God bless you all ~Betty Graham

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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP
Saturday Evening 5:30pm
Sunday Morning 9:00am

SUNDAY SCHOOL continues each Sunday! We meet at the steps in the fellowship hall about 10:15am and return the kids for pickup at 11:00am. Parents are welcome to join the Bible study or fellowship during this time. Questions... please see Mia Harberts

HEY YOUTH!

November 12th ~ Bible Study/Discussion
Our Savior's 3:30pm-5:30pm
Be sure to bring your Bible, a friend and a snack to share!

TREASURES AT TRINITY Saturday, Nov. 11th
Mark your calendars now and plan to attend this great, annual event here at Trinity. This is a perfect opportunity for you to get a start on your holiday shopping and decorating! Crafters throughout Pueblo come and have their specialties for you to choose from. Also, **TABLES STILL AVAILABLE!** if you are a crafter or know of someone who is and would like to rent a table, please call the school office so that information may be sent to you. Hope to see you all there!

PLEASE NOTE! Pastor Hauter has moved into his Pueblo home. He is very grateful to all of you who have provided him with some of his much needed furniture, etc. He still needs a table with 2 chairs, nightstand, end tables AND lamps for his living room and bedroom. If you can help him out with any of this, please call the church office.

CHURCH CLEANUP DAY! Tuesday, **November 7th** at 10:00am. If you can help for an hour or so, you would be most appreciated! Please come help get our Sanctuary clean and shiny for our upcoming Holiday Season. For more info, please see Debbie Gaide.

ALL INVITED

Saturday, November 18th 10:00am-1:00pm
Come and learn how to make one of those beautiful lacy wreaths that you have seen. A sign-up sheet is at the fellowship table and a list of supplies that you will need, is coming soon. Come enjoy a time of fun, fellowship and take home a beautiful wreath to enjoy!

TRINITY PRAYER CHAIN! Please call the church office @ 719-544-3016 if you would like to be added to our Prayer Chain. This group of volunteers are always ready to say a prayer for someone in need. We would love to have some additional members! This is a service you can provide from the comfort of your home. Chain members have a list of everyone on the chain with their phone numbers. Periodically you will receive a call with a prayer request, which you would then pass on to the next person on the chain. Please consider serving on Trinity's Prayer Chain. Thank you!