

Pastor Albrecht's  
Mid Week Message  
Wednesday October 17, 2018

**READY...SET...GO!**

I have been eagerly awaiting this Sunday's installation for quite some time...believe or not...from even before the call was extended to me to become the pastor here at Trinity Lutheran Church of SW Florida. I'm itching to get back to the business, and busy-ness, of being a full-time pastor. I gave retirement a try, and it just wasn't working for me. With the installation service and subsequent dinner being Sunday afternoon and evening, come Monday it will be high time to get going, and going is what I pray WE'LL do, together. In the Great Commission at the end of Matthew chapter 28 Jesus gives us clear instructions as the Church. We are to GO! and as we go, to carry the message of God's love shown to us in Christ Jesus to everyone we meet along the way. We are commanded to teach and baptize to the ends of the earth, and that starts at the doorsteps of our church and our homes. All of us have a mission field; actually, more than one. We all have members of our family who need to hear the good news of Jesus, again and again. Then there are our neighbors, folks we socialize with, and people we meet as we go about our daily routines. We are called to be "Jesus" to them, to love them unconditionally, and serve them in their needs with the goal of sharing the salvation that God offers to all of us by faith in Jesus. I believe that it was St. Francis of Assisi who said; "Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary, use words."