

Pastor Brian's
Mid Week Message
November 20, 2019

LET'S EAT!

This evening we are going to be engaging in the activity that we Lutherans do best... feasting. This is the day of our monthly Fellowship Buffet here at Trinity Lutheran Church of SW Florida, and as is our custom in November that means a "Thanksgiving Dinner". Turkey, dressing and mashed potatoes are being provided and a myriad of sides, salads and desserts will come in the door potluck style. It's going to be amazing! I believe that we Lutherans are so good at this because we're getting ourselves ready for the "Feast to Come"...the Marriage Feast off the Lamb in His Kingdom which will never end. Not only will we have a seat at the heavenly table, but we will be the guests of honor as the Lamb's bride. I have to wonder if that means that ours will be the first table called to partake of that incredible buffet that the Bible speaks of; "*On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine-- the best of meats and the finest of wines.*" (Isaiah 25:6) I certainly want to be part of that. Our invitation to this party has come to us in the person of Jesus Christ our Savior. By His incarnation and life, His death and resurrection for our forgiveness and justification, we are reconciled to God our Father and once again made His children. The invitation is there for all people, but entry into the eternal banquet is only by faith in Christ, His completed work and the promises that He has given us. There is no other way in. The invitation to tonight's banquet is for all too, anyone who wants to join in and eat with us. All anyone needs to do is show up trusting that you'll be granted entry and receive the gifts that are promised. So come, come one and all and join in this fellowship of God's children being continually fed; tonight, in a delicious turkey dinner and every Sunday in Word and Sacrament.