

Trinity Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

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Divine Service –Setting Two

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Today at Trinity

8:30 am	Adult Bible Class
10:00 am	Divine Worship
11:30 am	SS/Jr. Confirmation & Bible Class
1:00 pm	TLC Youth Family Lunch/Meeting

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran. We are delighted you have chosen to join us this day. Our Lord always blesses those who come to His house to hear His word and receive His sacraments. We pray you will experience God's love and care for you.

For our guests:

- ❖ Quiet bags and Busy Bibles are provided for your children during the service. They are located as you enter the church. The children's bulletin and color booklet is for you to keep. Please return the bags as you exit. **Please return to the rack when exiting.**
- ❖ For your convenience we have a **Nursery** with a monitor streaming the service. This way if you need to use the nursery for your little one you will stay connected to the Divine service in progress. It is located down from Pastor's office.
- ❖ **Here at Trinity we believe, as Scripture teaches, that in the Lord's Supper, we receive not only bread and wine, but also the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins, and the strengthening of our faith and our fellowship with one another. If you would like to participate in this Sacrament, but have further questions, we encourage you to speak with the pastor or elders. We also invite and encourage you to fill out the white card indicating your desire and intention to commune.**
- ❖ ***If you are not receiving Holy Communion but would like to receive a blessing from the pastor, please cross your arms over your chest at the communion rail.***

Pastor Smith is available for visiting and consultations. Please contact the church office or Pastor's cell phone 760 485-5171 for an appointment.

Opening Hymn

"Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good"

#819



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, The au - thor of cre -
 2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, In mer - cy He is
 3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy
 4 He nev - er shall for - sake His flock, His cho - sen gen - er -
 5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, Give God the praise and



a - tion, The God of love who un - der - stood
 keep - ing. By morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness
 a - tion; He is their ref - uge and their rock,
 glo - ry. Let all who know His pow'r pro - claim



Our need for His sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our
 His eye is nev - er sleep - ing. With - in the king - dom
 And came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and
 Their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's
 A - loud the won - drous sto - ry. Cast ev - 'ry i - dol



souls He fills And ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills:
 of His might All things are just and good and right:
 praise the Lord, Who is by one and all a - dored:
 ten - der hand, He leads His own, His cho - sen band:
 from its throne, For God is God, and He a - lone:



To God all praise and glo - ry!
 To God all praise and glo - ry!
 To God all praise and glo - ry!
 To God all praise and glo - ry!
 To God all praise and glo - ry!

Confession and Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 121:1–4, 7–8; antiphon: v. 5

The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
 I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
 My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
 He will not let your foot be moved;
He who keeps you will not slumber.
 Behold, He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD will keep you from all evil;
He will keep your life.
 The LORD will keep your going out and
 your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
 The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** Amen.

Hymn of Praise

“Indescribable”

Troubadours/Congregation

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
 Creation's revealing Your majesty
 From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring
 Every creature unique in the song that it sings
 All exclaiming!

Refrain: Indescribable, uncontainable,
 You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name.
 You are amazing God
 All powerful, untamable,
 Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim
 You are amazing God

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go
 Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow
 Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
 Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night
 None can fathom

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 You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name.
 You are amazing God
 All powerful, untamable,
 Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim
 You are amazing God!

Indescribable, uncontainable,
 You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name.
 You are amazing God
 Incomparable, unchangeable
 You see the depths of my heart and You love me the same
 You are amazing God - You are amazing God!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

C O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 45:1–7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to
Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped,
to subdue nations before him
and to loose the belts of kings,
to open doors before him
that gates may not be closed:
²“I will go before you
and level the exalted places,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and the hoards in secret places,
that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your
name.
⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,

and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I name you, though you do not know
me.
⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know
me,
⁶that people may know, from the rising of
the sun
and from the west, that there is none
besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make well-being and create calamity,
I am the LORD, who does all these
things.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 91:11; 103:1

He will command His angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in
God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.
²We give thanks to God always for all
of you, constantly mentioning you in our
prayers, ³remembering before our God and
Father your work of faith and labor of love

and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus
Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by
God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our
gospel came to you not only in word, but
also in power and in the Holy Spirit and
with full conviction. You know what kind
of men we proved to be among you for
your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us

and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say

anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15–22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you

hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.



1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -
 3 Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred
 4 Thou art King of Glo - ry, Christ; Son of God, yet
 Δ 5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,

bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,
 bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 born of Mar - y. For us sin - ners sac - ri - ficed,
 three we name Thee; Though in es - sence on - ly one,

All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy
 In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with
 And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to
 As to death a Trib - u - tar - y, First to break the
 Un - di - vid - ed God we claim Thee And, a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.
 sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
 set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.
 bars of death, Thou hast o - pened heav'n to faith.
 bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

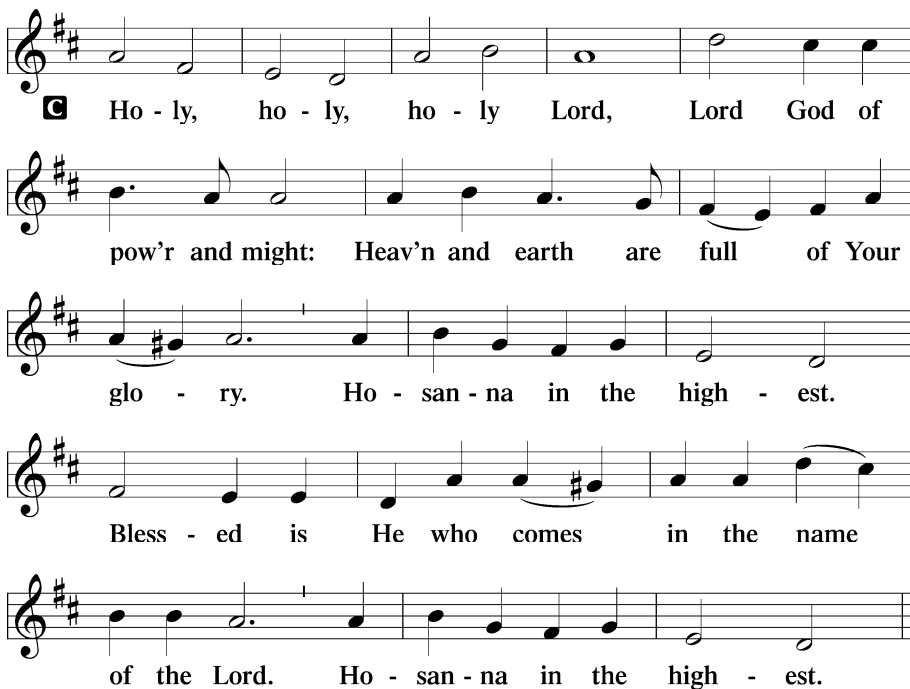
Service of the Sacrament

Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]***P** The Lord be with you.**C** And also with you.**P** Lift up your hearts.**C** We lift them to the Lord.**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9


C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
 pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** **Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
God, You take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

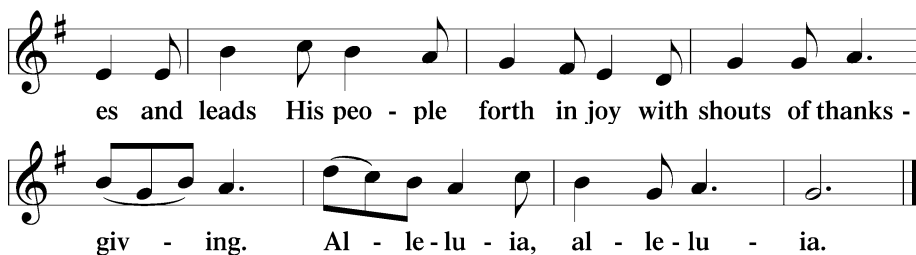
Distribution/Distribution Hymns

#623, #628, #642

Thank the Lord

[Psalm 105:1–3, 42–43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8–10]

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
He has done. Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-



Post-Communion Collect

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

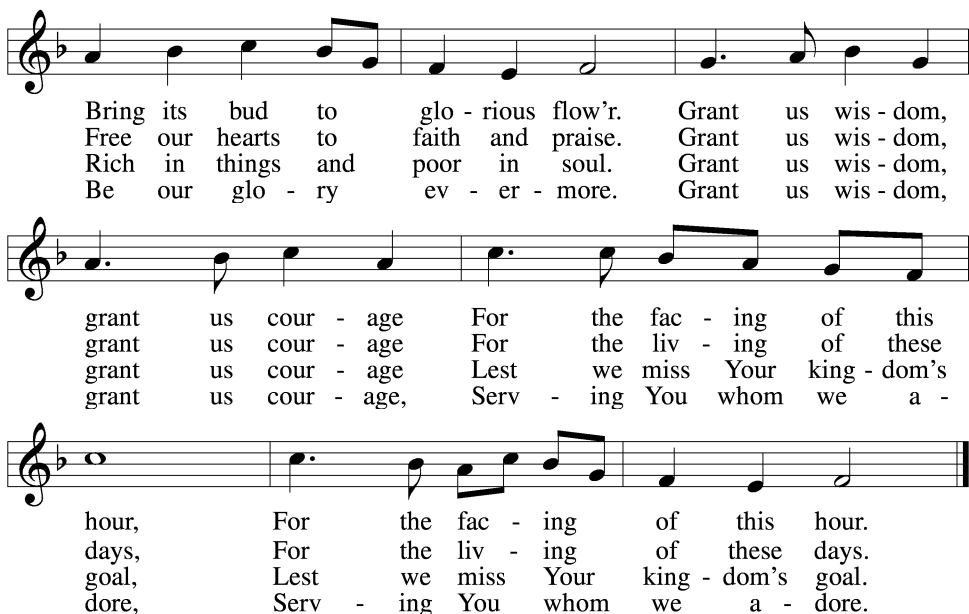
C Amen.

Closing Hymn

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

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Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,
 Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
 Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
 Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,

grant us cour - age For the fac - ing of this
 grant us cour - age For the liv - ing of these
 grant us cour - age Lest we miss Your king - dom's
 grant us cour - age, Serv - ing You whom we a -

hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, For the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, Lest we miss Your king - dom's goal.
 dore, Serv - ing You whom we a - dore.



THE FLOWERS this morning are placed on the altar by Kevin and Donna Anderson in celebration of their granddaughter, Serena's 5th birthday and to the glory of God.



THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

GREETERS

Donna Ellerbusch & Ramona Haugen

USHERS

Russ Campbell & Jerry Ellerbusch

ACOLYTES

Nathan Johnson

DUTY ELDER

Robert Bishop

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY LUTHERAN

October 18, 2026

Wednesday	10:00 am	Grief Share (FC)
	6:00 pm	Choir Practice (FC)
Thursday	6:00 pm	Ladies' Evening Bible Study (FC)
	7:00 pm	Genesis Zoom Bible Study
Friday	10:00 am	Ladies' Bible Study (FC)
	5:30 pm	Ladies' Night Out (FC)
Next Sunday	8:30 am	Adult Bible Class (FC)
	10:00 am	Divine Worship Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Sunday School/ Jr. Confirmation

THOSE WE KEEP IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Andy & Shirley Schlange, Terri Cuesta, Wanda Lahn, Larry and Gaylene Burkett, Frank(Sharlene Kay's husband), Melissa Parsons(mother of Phyllis Hafliger's great grandson), Elvia Ocampo, Loretta Eide, Kate Memmen(hospice), Francisco Ruiz, Russ Lambeth, health Diane(Ramona Haugen's daughter), healing Michele Ungaro(sister of Renee Young), Andy(friend of Rocky and Renee Young), Frank(Debra Johnson's son),cancer Frank(Debra Johnson's son),thanksgiving for successful operation
"Look to the LORD and His strength; seek His face always." 1 Chronicles 16:11

SOCKTOBER It's fall and that time of year when we swop sandals for warmer footwear. Socks are essential for good foot health and warmth. You probably have a favorite pair of socks and dozens of socks in a sock drawer. But there are people just a few miles from TLC who have hit a bump in the road of life and are homeless or in need of community resources. One thing we can do as compassionate neighbors is to help those in need at the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission. The final Sunday to bring socks is November 1.

GRIEF SHARE this Wednesday @ 10am in the Fellowship Center. At a Griefshare group you will find understanding, guidance, relief, and a safe place to navigate the challenges of grief. Come and join us!

CHOIR is a place to have fun and gain friends as you praise the Lord in song! We begin practices this Wednesday in the Fellowship Center @ 6pm. No previous experience required!

TLC FAMILY LUNCH/MEETING today @ 1pm. Planning meeting for 2028 LCMS National Youth Gathering, San Antonio, TX. Each youth will be participating in various fundraising opportunities to help facilitate all the youth attending the national gathering. The cost per youth is approximately \$2000 which will cover travel, lodging and gathering registration. Thank you to everyone who participated in the 1st fundraiser, "Butter Braids" - Hand braided pastries

LADIE'S NIGHT OUT this Friday @ 5:30pm in the Fellowship Center. Food, Fun and Fellowship! Sign up today!

LADIES' EVENING BIBLE STUDY meets in the Fellowship Center on Thursday evenings @ 6pm. Please come and join us for "The Heart of Jesus... Women in the Gospel of Luke.

THE BOOK OF GENESIS study led by Pastor Smith, is offered **Thursdays @ 7pm** on Zoom. We are seeing God's abundant faithfulness in bringing about His promise of salvation throughout the generations culminating with the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. You can join any day. If you would like to join the study we can send you the link to your email. Send your email to Pastor and we'll see you Thursday! (Revs455@verizon.net)

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY All ladies are invited to join in the Fellowship Center, **Friday mornings @ 10am** for a weekly Bible study led by our beloved member, Phyllis Hafliger. Each study is a new topic so you can jump in anytime!