

Trinity Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

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Divine Service –Setting Four

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Today at Trinity

8:30 am

Adult Bible Class

10:00 am

Divine Worship

11:30 am

Sunday School/Jr. Confirmation & Adult Bible Class

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.



1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, My heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my song of songs:
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon In all high heav'n is known
 4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, In this your con - cord find:
 5 Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face,



“May Je - sus Christ be praised!” When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
 “May Je - sus Christ be praised!” God’s ho - ly house of prayer
 Than “Je - sus Christ be praised!” There to the e - ter - nal Word
 “May Je - sus Christ be praised!” Let all the earth a - round
 Sing, “Je - sus Christ be praised!” God’s whole cre - a - tion o’er,



This rings my cur - few call: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”
 Hath none that can com - pare With “Je - sus Christ be praised!”
 The e - ter - nal psalm is heard: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”
 Ring joy - ous with the sound: “May Je - sus Christ be praised!”
 Both now and ev - er - more Shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Confession and Absolution

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

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

- C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 116:12–13, 15–16; antiphon: v. 17

I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.
 What shall I render to the LORD
for all His benefits to me?
 I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.
 Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of His saints.

O LORD, I am Your servant;
**I am Your servant, the son of Your
 maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.**
 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.
 I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- C** Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

"Mighty to Save"

TLC Troubadours/Congregation

Everyone needs compassion, a love that's never failing. Let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, the hope of nations.

*Savior, He can move the mountains.
My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save.
Forever, Author of salvation.
He rose and conquered the grave.
Jesus conquered the grave.*

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures. And fill my life again.
I give my life to follow everything I believe in. Now I surrender.

*Savior, He can move the mountains.
My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save.
Forever, Author of salvation.
He rose and conquered the grave.
Jesus conquered the grave.*

Shine Your light and let the whole world see
—we're singing—
for the glory of the Risen King!
Jesus! (2x)

*Savior, He can move the mountains.
My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save.
Forever, Author of salvation.
He rose and conquered the grave.
Jesus conquered the grave. (2x)*

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:6–9

⁶“Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
⁷let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have
compassion on him,

and to our God, for he will abundantly
pardon.
⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares
the LORD.
⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the LORD, you His saints,
for those who fear Him lack nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Epistle

Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that
what has happened to me has really served
to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has
become known throughout the whole
imperial guard and to all the rest that my
imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of
the brothers, having become confident in the
Lord by my imprisonment, are much more
bold to speak the word without fear. . . .

¹⁹for I know that through your prayers
and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this
will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my
eager expectation and hope that I will not be
at all ashamed, but that with full courage
now as always Christ will be honored in my
body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to
me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I
am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful

labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I
cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the
two. My desire is to depart and be with
Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain
in the flesh is more necessary on your
account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I
will remain and continue with you all, for
your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that
in me you may have ample cause to glory in
Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you
again.

²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy
of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I
come and see you or am absent, I may hear
of you that you are standing firm in one
spirit, with one mind striving side by side
for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not
frightened in anything by your opponents.

This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not

only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no

one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of

them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not

allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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.

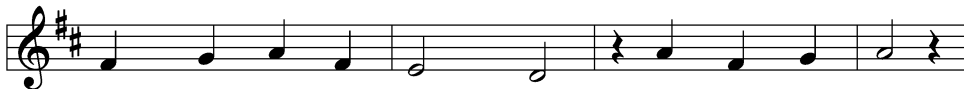
Sermon Hymn

“Seek Where You May to Find a Way”

#557



1 Seek where you may	To find a way	That
2 Seek whom you may	To be your stay,	None
3 Seek Him a - lone	Who did a - tone,	Who
4 My heart's de - light,	My crown most bright,	O



leads to your sal - va - tion.	My heart is stilled,
can re - deem his broth - er.	All help - ers failed;
did your souls de - liv - er.	O seek Him first,
Christ, my joy for - ev - er.	Not wealth nor pride



On Christ I build,	He is the one foun - da - tion.
This man pre - vailed,	The God - man and none oth - er,
All you who thirst	For grace that fails you nev - er.
Nor for - tune's tide	Our bonds of love shall sev - er.



His Word is sure, His works en - dure; He o - ver - throws
Our Ser - vant - King Of whom we sing. We're jus - ti - fied
In ev - 'ry need Seek Him in - deed; To ev - 'ry heart
You are my Lord; Your pre - cious Word Shall guide my way



All e - vil foes; Through Him I more than con - quer.
Be - cause He died, The guilt - y be - ing guilt - less.
He will im - part His bless - ings with - out mea - sure.
And help me stay For - ev - er in Your pres - ence.

Sermon

Matthew 20:1-16

Offering/Offertory

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

#784 vs. 1-4



1 Take my life and let it be Con - se - crat - ed,
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would



Lord, to Thee; Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them
of Thy love; Take my feet and let them be Swift and
for my King; Take my lips and let them be Filled with
I with - hold; Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry



flow in cease - less praise, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
beau - ti - ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
mes - sag - es from Thee, Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
pow'r as Thou shalt choose, Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

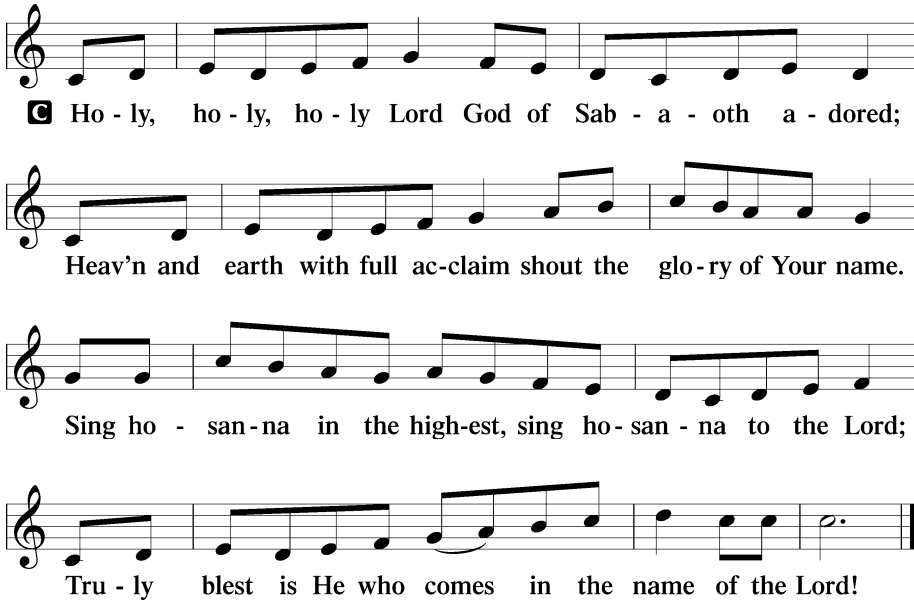
Preface

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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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 God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;

Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.

Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;

Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

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."

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true us, Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution/Distribution Hymns

#537, #550, #641

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

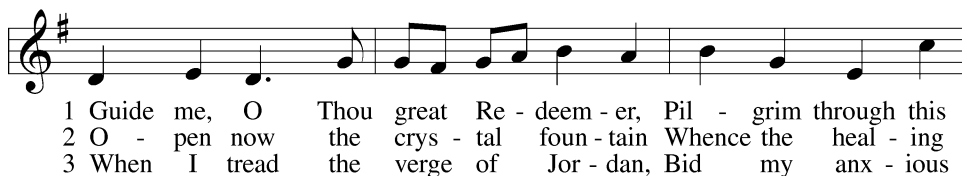
P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

#918



1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,
Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,
Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,
Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,
bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no
strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and
songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to
more; shield; Feed me till I want no more.
Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.



THE ALTAR FLOWERS are placed by Heidi Griffin in loving memory of her son's birthday as he celebrates with his heavenly Father in heaven and to the glory of God.



THIS WEEK AT TRINITY LUTHERAN

September 20, 2026

Wednesday	10:00 am	Grief Share (FC)
	6:00 pm	Choir Practice (FC)
Thursday	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
		Young Adult/Adult Bible Class

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

GREETERS

Ramona Haugen, Wanda Lahn & Donna Ellerbusch

USHERS

Russ Campbell & Jerry Ellerbusch

ACOLYTES

Rebecca Bishop

DUTY ELDER

Bill Marsaglia

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), Dan Schmelzer, *healing*
Michele Ungaro(sister of Renee Young), Andy(friend of Rocky and Renee Young), Frank(Debra Johnson's son),*cancer*

"Look to the LORD and His strength; seek His face always." 1 Chronicles 16:11

LADIES' EVENING BIBLE STUDY meets in the Fellowship Center on Thursday evenings @ 6pm. The ladies finished the Living a Chocolate Life study and will begin a new study. Please come and join us this Thursday.

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!

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!