# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH.

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
1960 East Johns Avenue
Decatur, Illinois 62521 - Phone 217-422-3630
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 26, 2021



# Adult Bible Study

10:15 A.M. Today "The Augsberg Confession"

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend our Bible based study.

Our hymns for today: 802, 804 vs. 1-5, (700, 730, 718), 877

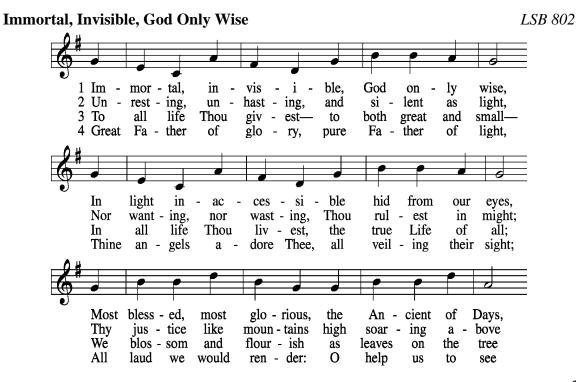
#### AS WE GATHER

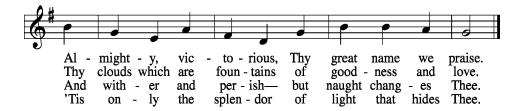
Welcome to all who join us for worship today. We pray that God will bless you with a stronger faith through our worship service. Greet one another before and after the service, especially our visitors. Please fill out an attendance card, available in the pew racks, and introduce yourself at the door. If you would like a visit, prayer, or more information, about Trinity Lutheran Church, please note that on the card.

#### PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

0 God, you give faith to believe in the healing power of your Word: Put away from us, we entreat you, temptations to doubt Your providential care and give us those things that are profitable for our salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace, we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.
- Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. Therefore, in the stead and by the command of my Lord, Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen. Thanks be to God.

#### Introit

Ps. 135:1–3, 13–14; antiphon: Ps. 135:13

Your name, O LORD, endures forever, your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages. Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD, give praise, O servants of the LORD, who stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God! Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

Your name, O LORD, endures forever, your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages. For the LORD will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants.

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.

Your name, O LORD, endures forever, your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.

**Kyrie** 



Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204



- 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-shiped 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.
- **P** Let us pray.

Everlasting Father, source of every blessing, mercifully direct and govern us by Your Holy Spirit that we may complete the works You have prepared for us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

#### **Old Testament Reading**

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

<sup>4</sup>Now the rabble that was among [the children of Israel] had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, "Oh that we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. <sup>6</sup>But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,' to the land that you swore to give their fathers? <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness."

<sup>16</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you...

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. <sup>26</sup>Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." <sup>28</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual** Ps. 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!

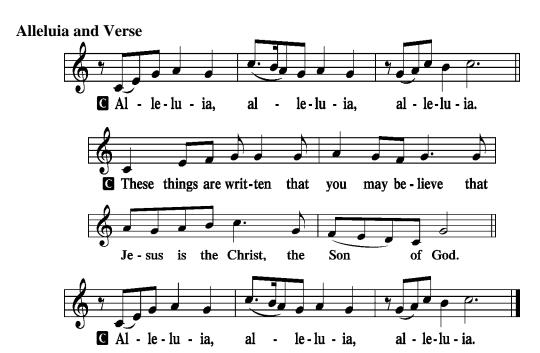
**Epistle** *James 5:13–20* 

<sup>13</sup>Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. <sup>14</sup>Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. <sup>1</sup>

<sup>9</sup>My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, <sup>20</sup>let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand



Holy Gospel Mark 9:38–50

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter, vs. 38-50.

#### Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus], "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>For the one who is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.

<sup>42</sup>"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>"where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' <sup>49</sup>For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

# Apostles' Creed I bel

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 \(\frac{1}{2}\) everlasting. Amen.



5 Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!

Sermon

"Will The Real Demon-Tossers Please Stand Up"

Sermon Text Mark 9:38-50

#### **Prayer of the Church**

Preface LSB 208

- **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.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- 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 saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208



■ 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;



#### **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.

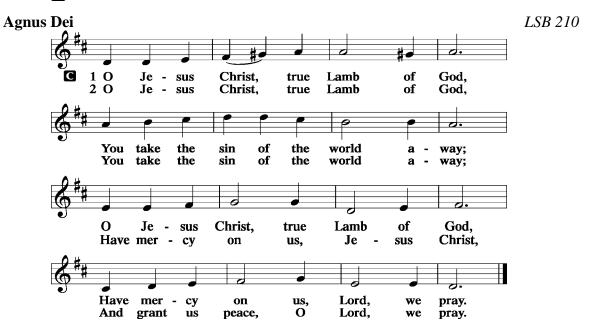
#### The Words of Our Lord

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 ⅓ 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.



Sit

Holy Communion is celebrated today. Mindful of the Scriptural teaching concerning church fellowship, we practice closed communion. Communicant members of this congregation, or another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are encouraged to commune this morning. Visitors who desire to join in the Lord's Supper are encouraged and welcome to join in a class of instruction leading to confirmation. Please speak to Pastor Versemann regarding your desire and may you receive the gifts of our Lord Jesus through faith this Divine Service.

#### **Distribution**









Stand

#### Personal Prayer Of Thanksgiving After Receiving The Lord's Supper)

Merciful Lord, I thank You for the forgiving body and blood of Your Son, which are Your pledge and promise of my salvation, and Your promise of eternal life. May the gifts of Your heavenly banquet fortify me against the Evil One, strengthen me for life in this sinful world, and equip me to put to death my sinful flesh. Help me to live as one who continually hungers for Your grace, and thirsts for Your righteousness, who longs to taste anew of Your goodness, that I may sit at Your table at the marriage feast of Your Son, when Jesus, my heavenly Bridegroom comes to take His holy bride home to heaven. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

Nunc Dimittis LSB 211



#### **Post-Communion Collect**

**A** Let us pray.

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 LSB 212

- **A** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

#### **Benediction**

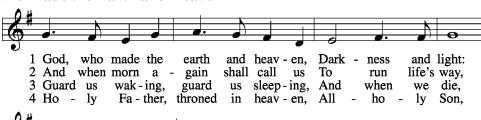
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

C Amen.

#### God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven

LSB 877





the day for work have giv-en, For the night. May Your You rest o - bey. we still, what - e'er be - fall us, Your will May From the May we in Your might - y keep-ing All peace - ful lie. When the Three Ho - ly Spir - it, free - ly giv - en, Blest in One: Grant us



an - gel guards de - fend us, Slum-ber sweet Your mer - cy send us, pow'r of e - vil hide us, In the nar - row path - way guide us, last dread call shall wake us, Then, O Lord, do not for - sake us, grace, we now im - plore You, Till we lay our crowns be - fore You



Ho - ly dreams and hopes All at - tend us through the night. All Nev - er be Your smile de - nied us through the day. But to reign in glo ry take us With You on high. And in wor - thier strains a - dore You While ges run. a -

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS may be found on the stand just outside the center sanctuary doors.P.A. DEVICE AVAILABLE - Please see an usher if you have difficulty hearing. PEW CUSHIONS are available from a box near the Usher's Stand. Help yourself and please feel free to leave them in your seat after services.

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TODAY AT 10:15 A.M.

**PRE-K** – Blain Powell and Denise Roberts – Downstairs

**KINDERGARTEN – 5th GRADE – Cathy Kurecki – Downstairs** 

6th-8th GRADE - Linda Staff - Classroom across from the church office

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY - Tracie England and Elizabeth Versemann - Upstairs

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY – Pastor Versemann – Downstairs** 

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** regularly scheduled hours: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Tuesday through Friday. Pastor Versemann's hours are 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (tentative), Tuesday through Friday. If you need to speak with him, please call the church office at 422-3630 to make an appointment.

Weekly Average Offering for 2021	\$3,019.71
Weekly Offerings Needed for 2021 Budget	\$4,107.92
Weekly Average Attendance for 2021	64
Attendance for September 19, 2021_	60

Sunday, September 26, 2021

9:00 AM – Worship Service

10:15 AM - Sunday School, High School Bible Study, Adult Bible Study

11:30 AM – Ladies Bible Study

Monday, September 27, 2021

No office hours, Pastor's Day Off

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

10:00 AM – Pastor's Meeting at the LSA

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

6:30 PM - Revelation Class at the LSA

Thursday, September 30, 2021

8:30 AM – Quilters

10:00 AM – Thursday Morning Bible Class

Saturday, September October 2, 2021

10:30 AM – Junior Confirmation Class

Sunday, October 3, 2021

9:00 AM – Worship Service

10:15 AM – Nifty Fifty Reception

11:30 AM – Ladies Bible Study

#### **Leading us in worship today:**

The Officiant Rev. Matthew Versemann

The Organist Rachel Versemann

The Elders Jeremy Zientara-Kelly, John Casbeer

The Ushers Mike Kurecki, Allen Bork

The Greeters Cathy Kurecki, Lynette Dukeman

The Acolyte Jaret Allen

The Altar Guild Kristy Pranschke

The Offering Counters Kent Birmingham, Susan Birmingham

#### Our Volunteers for Sunday, October 3, 2021

The Officiant Rev. Matthew Versemann

The Organist Kaye Beals

The Elders Bill Reiter, Dave Morris
The Ushers Rick Buckley, Mike Kleiss

The Greeters Sarah Casebeer, Tracie England

The Acolyte Elena Rivera
The Altar Guild Becky Alexander

The Offering Counters Dave Morris, Bonnie Morris

# Volunteers to serve snacks and coffee and clean up afterwards for Sunday Adult Bible class:

September 26 Laura Cogan and Sharon Koontz October 3 Bill and Diana Buechsenschuetz

Trinity will recognize our members who are celebrating 50 or more years of marriage with a *Nifty Fifty Anniversary Event* here at Trinity on Sunday, October 3, during the Bible class hour. We will have a reception of cake, punch, refreshments, and fun activities in the fellowship hall downstairs. Please plan to join this celebration!



### Ladies Bible Study is TODAY at 11:30AM in the basement!

October 15. If you are able to come in to answer the phone at any time during my absence, please sign up on the sheet that is on the round table. Thanks, Judy



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#### SCRIPS HELP THE KFF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM!

Scrip Orders are back. We will be taking orders once a month. You order one Sunday- pick up your gift cards two Sundays later. If you have questions, see

Ilene McQuality.	Order dates	<b>Delivery dates</b>
	10/10	10/24
	11/07	11/21
	12/05	12/19

A volunteer groundskeeper is needed at Trinity! If you are interested, please contact Dave Morris.

HOSPITAL going in the hospital.

Please let Pastor Versemann know if you or a family member are

#### LIFE THOUGHTS in the CHURCH YEAR

Decisions about manner and timing of death —either our own or anyone else's—are difficult and dangerous. We cannot anticipate all its effects and consequences. Our Lord relieves us from playing God by reserving for Himself the right to determine how human beings live and when we die (Psalm 104:29-30). And He assures us that we may flee the likes of abortion and assisted suicide by taking refuge in His kingdom of forgiveness and faith (Mark 9:43-47).

#### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 21B) (26 Sept. 2021)

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29, James 5:1-12, 13-20, Mark 9:38-50

Christ Jesus, the Son of God, Cares for Us and Serves Us with the Forgiveness of Sins

When the people of Israel wept, complaining that they had no meat to eat (Num. 11:4), Moses cried out to the Lord that "the burden of all this people" was too heavy for him and that he was "not able to carry all this people alone' (Num. 11:11-14). So the Lord had Moses gather "seventy men of the elders of Israel" (Num. 11:16), and the Lord "took some of the Spirit that was on him and pit it on the seventy elders" (Num. 11:25, so that Moses wpuld not carry the burden alone. All who thus labor are honored, and all the people are cared for, in the name of the Lord (Mark 9:39-41). Everything is done with reference to Christ Jesus. So we cling to Him, and we flee from all sins that would separate us from Him (Mark 9:42-48). The life of the Church is one of repentant faith in Christ. Christians confess their sins to one another, and they "pray for one another," that each would be raised up and healed by the Lord Jesus, who covers "a multitude of sins" and saves our souls from death (James 5:15-20).

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Study Ezekiel 10-14 on Sharper Iron's "The Faithful Watchman" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study Leviticus 11-16 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and worship with us in Daily Chapel services at 10:00 a.m. CT. Find your favorite programs, plus our LCMS partner podcasts, at kfuo.org or on the KFUO Radio app!



On Sunday, October 3, 2021, a Life Chain will be held in Decatur from 2:30 to 3:30PM. All pro-life people are invited to participate in this local event that will be part of a nationwide event being held that day. Signs will be dispensed beginning at 2:15PM from the basement of St. Patrick Church prior to the event. All prolife people are being asked to take a place along Franklin Street or Eldorado Street, to stand for one hour with signs that show your position against abortion and supporting women and children. Last year several hundred people stood together in the Life Chain in Decatur while others stood in Life Chains in over a thousand other cities involving all fifty states and Canada. Please consider giving one hour to help make this highly visible testimony to life a success. Please wear a mask and social distancing.



October 10, to celebrate all that God has done through the LWML. The power of God is evident in the dimes and quarters you put in your Mite Box, and we celebrate this fact each fall on LWML Sunday. Thank you! Our new LWML Mission Statement reads: "As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others." The Holy Spirit has been doing this for 79 years through the LWML!

This year's LWML Sunday theme is "Our Hearts in HIS Hand," based on I Peter 4:8: Above all, keep loving one another earnestly. Verse 11b goes on to say: that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. We glorify God by sharing His love with others. Because of your generous donations to mites, we can share the Gospel throughout the world. Join us on LWML Sunday to give thanks and praise to God. Thank you for supporting the LWML!

## A Very Happy Birthday to:

Clara Orr September 30

Bernard Bork October 2

Edythe Bork October 4

Anne Casebeer October 5

Christina Hall October 5

Lynda Lambert October 5

Famíly prayers for Cynthía Pharís and Melissa Pladers and famíly

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Terry and Sharon Koontz in celebration of our daughter, Dylann Koontz, for her birthday on September 24

The worship folders are given to the glory of God by Mike and Cathy Kurecki for blessings received



#### WE NEED TWO VOLUNTEERS EACH WEEK!!!

There is a sign-up sheet on the round table for volunteers to make/serve coffee and to bring/serve snacks, (ex: fruit, cheese/sausage and crackers, homemade goodies) for the Adult Bible Study Class Sunday mornings for October-December 2021. (You will be signing up for the same week each month).

LSA NEWS: Please take a look at the posting on the bulletin board of what's going on at the LSA!

If anyone has interest in being Trinity's LSA Foundation Rep then talk to me or a Council person. Thank You,

Joe Patterson



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