

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH.

The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod

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*Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

*September 26, 2021*



## ***Adult Bible Study***

**10:15 A.M. Today**

**“The Augsburg 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

O 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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#### Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

LSB 802



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—  
4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;  
In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;  
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree  
All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.  
Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.  
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

*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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**  
**P** 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.  
**C** **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.**  
**P** 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

LSB 204



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

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



**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 - 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*

### Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

*Mark 9:38–50*

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

**C** 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

**C** 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.

*Sit*



# O Worship the King

LSB 804 sts. 1-5



1 O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.  
2 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
3 This earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,  
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?



O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love;  
Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;  
Al - mighty - y, Thy pow'r hath found - ed of - old,  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,



Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,  
Es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,  
It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,



Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.  
And round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

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

*Stand*

## 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.

**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 saying:

### Sanctus

*LSB 208*



**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

**C** **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  $\text{✠}$  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

LSB 210

**C** 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 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.

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 Verseemann regarding your desire and may you receive the gifts of our Lord Jesus through faith this Divine Service.*

### Distribution

# Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

LSB 700



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of  
 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us  
 4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy  
 ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in  
 all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -  
 spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
 Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.  
 turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.  
 great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -  
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha  
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee  
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in



bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with  
 and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as  
 as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee  
 heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

# What Is the World to Me

LSB 730



1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure  
2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y  
3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of - fers  
4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!  
Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.  
Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.  
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;  
But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,  
I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:  
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!  
My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!  
My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!  
Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

# Jesus, Lead Thou On

LSB 718



1 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won; And al-though the  
2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let not faith-less  
3 When we seek re - lief From a long-felt grief, When temp - ta - tions  
4 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won. Heav'n-ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, We will fol - low calm and fear - less.  
fears o'er - take us; Let not faith and hope for - sake us;  
come al - lur - ing, Make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing.  
still di - rect us, Still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



Guide us by Thy hand To our fa - ther - land.  
For through man - y a woe To our home we go.  
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.  
Till we safe - ly stand In our fa - ther - land.

*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

**C** 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

**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.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

## God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven

LSB 877



1 God, who made the earth and heav - en, Dark - ness and light:  
2 And when morn a - gain shall call us To run life's way,  
3 Guard us wak - ing, guard us sleep - ing, And when we die,  
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, throned in heav - en, All - ho - ly Son,



You the day for work have giv - en, For rest the night. May Your  
May we still, what - e'er be - fall us, Your will o - bey. From the  
May we in Your might - y keep - ing All peace - ful lie. When the  
Ho - ly Spir - it, free - ly giv - en, Blest Three 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 at - tend us All through the night.  
Nev - er be Your smile de - nied us All through the day.  
But to reign in glo - ry take us With You on high.  
And in wor - thier strains a - dore You While a - ges run.

**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

**6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> GRADE** – Linda Staff – Classroom across from the church office

**HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY** – Tracie England and Elizabeth Verseemann – Upstairs

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** – Pastor Verseemann – Downstairs

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** regularly scheduled hours: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Tuesday through Friday. Pastor Verseemann'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 Verseemann
The Organist	Rachel Verseemann
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 Verseemann
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!**



I will be on vacation from Tuesday, October 12 through Friday, 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*



**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.

<u>Order dates</u>	<u>Delivery dates</u>
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.



Please let Pastor Verseemann know if you or a family member are going in the hospital.

## *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 would 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](http://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 pro-life 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.



A special worship service is planned for Sunday, 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:*

<i>Clara Orr</i>	<i>September 30</i>
<i>Bernard Bork</i>	<i>October 2</i>
<i>Edythe Bork</i>	<i>October 4</i>
<i>Anne Casebeer</i>	<i>October 5</i>
<i>Christina Hall</i>	<i>October 5</i>
<i>Lynda Lambert</i>	<i>October 5</i>

*Family prayers for  
Cynthia Pharis and Melissa Pladers and family  
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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