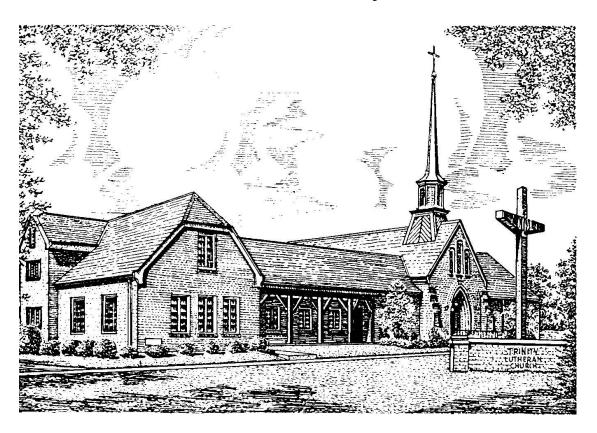
# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

"A family where Christ is Head and the entire congregation are ministers."

# Chaplain Matthew Prince ~ Vacancy Pastor Carroll Smith ~ Director of Music



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# Good Morning! We welcome you today as a part of God's family here at Trinity! We hope that your experience here is meaningful and will be lasting.

Trinity is a liturgical Lutheran church using the Divine Service as written in the Lutheran Service Book. Today's Divine Service is printed for you in this bulletin. Today's service is being live streamed to YouTube and will be available later in the day on Trinity's Facebook page and Website. The receiving of communion will not be recorded to preserve the sanctity of the sacrament. During this time, the recording will be directed to the stained-glass window above the altar so communion hymns can still be shared. By entering the service, you consent to the video recording to be used for live streaming, inclusion on our web site and Facebook, and/or any other purpose by Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

**Visitors** – We are so happy you are joining us for Worship today. If this is your first visit at Trinity, please take a moment to complete the Visitor Card found in front of you in the pew. Then place the card in the Offering Plate as it is passed during the service.

**PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED FOR** — Flo and Richard Ball, Suri Capehart, Janet Eddy, Chuck Edsall, Pastor Charles Froehlich, Pat Gregory, Terry Ingmire, Jan Knickelbein, Paul Lass, Julie and Sam Locklear, Mary Ann Medlin, Brenda Pendry, Bob and Carol Petrie, Sherrie Schirmer, Boyd Sylvester, Pastor Timothy Utton, Linda Vernick, Marc Vernick and Sarah Von Moll.

# The flowers gracing our altar today are given to the glory of God by Anne Starke in loving memory of her mother, Thelma Scroxton.

**HOLY COMMUNION** — In the Sacrament of Holy Communion our Lord Jesus comes to us with **His very body and blood** to eat and to drink **for the forgiveness of sins** and **to strengthen our union with Him and with one another**. He invites to His table those who trust His words, **repent of all their sin** and forgive and love one another as He forgives and loves us.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because **Holy Communion is a confession of the faith** which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the LCMS, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to **speak with the Pastor before communing**.

For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff, 10:32ff, 18:15-35, 26:26-29; Acts 2:38, 42; 1 Cor. 10:16, 11:17-34

Other Christians and children who have not completed instruction may come forward, cross their arms over their chest and receive a blessing. **During distribution, the Common Cup will be offered first followed by the Individual Cup.** For those who prefer it for any reason, the cups in **the center of the tray contain a grape juice option**. Please let the pastor know if you need a **Gluten Free wafer**.

(Before communing, we ask that first time guests and visitors please speak with the Pastor.)

#### **Today's Worship Participants**

Greeter
Ushers
Lector
Communion Assistant
Host/Hostess

Orry Watts Doug Sulak and Scott Thieman Sharyn Leiding Bill Sontag xxxxx

#### **Participants for Next Sunday**

Greeter Ushers Lector Communion Assistant Host/Hostess John Malone Anne Starke and Candy Sontag Anna Carter Dave Petri LWML

## Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

## September 24, 2023

## Divine Service Setting Four

The congregation sits quietly. Please be aware that some people use the time prior to the service for reflection and meditation in the sanctuary. You are encouraged to talk to God before the Service, let God talk to you in the Service, then talk to one another after the Service.

Organ Prelude Melody Brenda Portman

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship** *Stand and face the Processional Cross* (rear of the Church)



(additional verses next page)

- 5 Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes! Sing to the Lord a new song! Athlete and band! Loud cheering people! Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain
- Knowledge and truth! 6 Loud sounding wisdom! Sing to the Lord a new song! Daughter and son! Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

7 Children of God.

> Dying and rising, Sing to the Lord a new song! Heaven and earth, Hosts everlasting,

Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

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Tune: David N. Johnson, 1922–87

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# Confession and Absolution

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

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- Our help is in the name of the Lord, P
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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.

## Service of the Word

#### Introit

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,

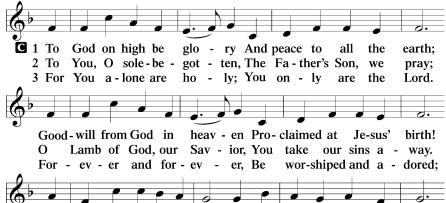
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## **Kyrie**



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

#### Gloria in Excelsis



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.
- 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.

Sit

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

6"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup>let 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.

<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

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

#### Gradual

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

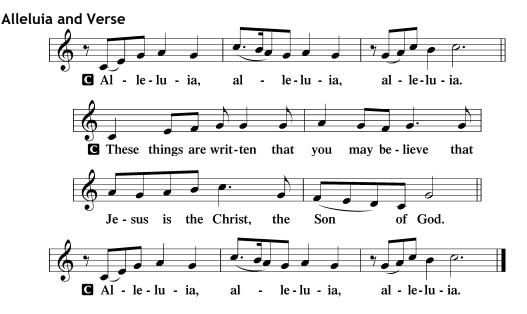
<sup>12</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. <sup>14</sup>And most of the brothers, having become confident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

<sup>19</sup>for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup>as 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. <sup>21</sup>For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup>But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. <sup>25</sup>Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup>so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only 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, <sup>28</sup>and 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. <sup>29</sup>For 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, <sup>30</sup>engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

Stand



Holy Gospel Matthew 20:1–16

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

**G** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[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. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>and 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. <sup>6</sup>And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' <sup>7</sup>They 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.' And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup>saving, '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.' <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. 15 Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first last"

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

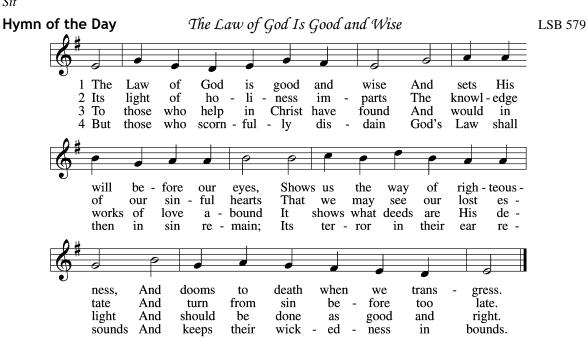
## Apostles' Creed

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.



- 5 The Law is good; but since the fall Its holiness condemns us all; It dooms us for our sin to die And has no pow'r to justify.
- To Jesus we for refuge flee, 6 Who from the curse has set us free. And humbly worship at His throne, Saved by His grace through faith alone. Text: Matthias Loy, 1828-1915, alt.

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#### Sermon

**Offering** Loose coins directly support LCMS families studying for the ministry through Coins for Christ.

### Members, Returning Visitors and Active Guests -

Please take this time to sign-in the Welcome Book found at the end of your pew.

**Anthem** 

I Am Not Skilled To Understand

**Bob Burroughs** 



## Prayer of the Church

- P Lord, in your mercy...
- C ....hear our prayer.

## Service of the Sacrament

#### **Preface**

- **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



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

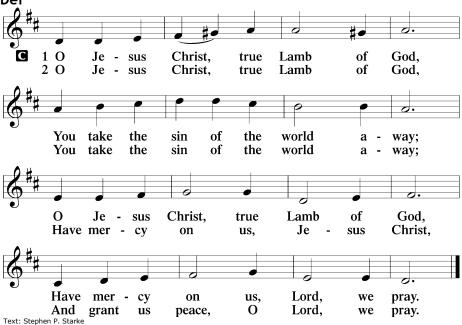
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

Please respect the time of silence at the beginning of the Eucharist before the Distribution Hymns are begun. While this is time for some to commune it is also a time for introspection and helps quiet our imagination, our worries and our toils so as to join our hearts to the prayers and be fully attentive to whatever the Holy Spirit should inspire in us. This silence is an active, not a passive disposition. This form of interior silence does not impede, and indeed favors, full and active participation in those parts of the celebration where the community is united in acclamation and song, for each person is more fully aware of what he or she is doing.

#### Distribution

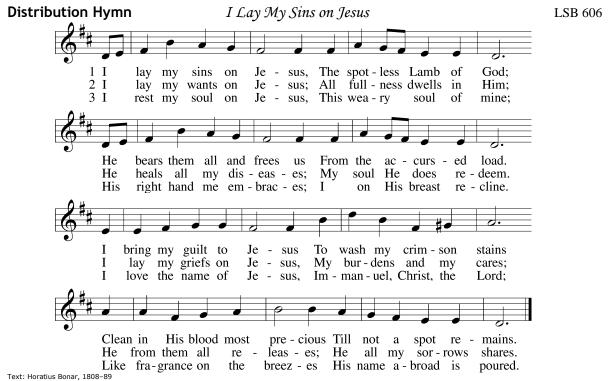
The body and blood of Christ are distributed to those who come to receive.

#### The Common Cup will be offered first followed by the Individual Cup.

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:* 

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart → in peace.
- C Amen.





Tune: Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch, 1693, 3rd ed., Meiningen



Lord, may Thy bod-y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high-est good!

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#### **Nunc Dimittis**



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

- **P** 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. Amen.

#### **Benedicamus**

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

#### **Benediction**

- The Lord bless you and keep you.

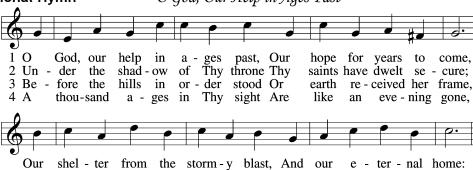
  The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

  The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C Amen.

Recessional Hymn

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

LSB 733



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home: Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure. From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same. Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
   Soon bears us all away;
   We fly forgotten as a dream
   Dies at the op'ning day.
- O God, our help in ages past,
   Our hope for years to come,
   Be Thou our guard while troubles last
   And our eternal home!

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## Sharing the Peace of Christ

- **P** Go in peace and serve the LORD.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Following the service, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

## Organ Postlude

Fanfare

Francis Jackson

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# LWML Sunday will be celebrated next Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. In preparation, we would like your help in supporting our MITES.

#### All About LWML Mites

- Mite Boxes are used to collect money for missions.
- Twenty-five percent of the mite offering is sent to LWML for mission grants and the remaining seventy-five percent is used for your district's mission grants.
- Mite money is used to further God's kingdom through the mission grants selected by delegates at district and national conventions.



 Place your Mite Box where you can feed it: dressing table, office desk, laundry room, car, kitchen counter, etc. You mite want to give a Mite Box to family members and friends.

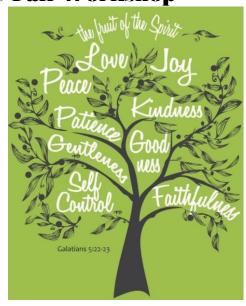
If you would like to contribute, please pick up a MITE Box and/or place your donations in the large Mite Box in the Welcome Center.

## **LWML Tidewater Zone Fall Workshop**

Saturday, October 14, 2023
9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church
A lite breakfast and lunch are provided.
If you are planning on attending,
please sign-up on the board
in the Welcome Center.
\$5.00 Registration Fee

## "Love, Joy, Peace" Galatians 5:22

The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy (Psalm 126:3 NIV)



#### Special Call Service - Monday, September 25th at 6:30 pm

The Call Committee invites you to join us at a special service with a vote to extend a call to Rev. Jonathan Crawford to be the next undershepherd of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. The service will be led by Rev. Larry McReynolds, our Circuit Visitor for the Southeastern District, and will take place in the sanctuary. All Communicant members are invited to vote on this important decision. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Elizabeth Baroody at elizabethcv11@gmail.com. Pastor Crawford's Pastoral Information Form (PIF) and Self-Evaluation Tool (SET) will be in the church office for your review. (Please do not copy or take this information from the office).

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!** Our worship service is live-streamed every Sunday. We would like to set up a team to share the responsibility of managing the computer that controls the camera and sound for the service. If you have some computer skills and would like to be part of this rotating team, please speak with Bud Hubert.

TLC is looking for a volunteer to assume the role of Bookkeeper for 2024. You do not need to have an understanding of accounting or finance, but do need to have some computer skills and willingness to learn. This requires working directly with the Treasurer and Church Secretary (both pretty good people!!) and a time commitment of about 2 hours per week. Please let David Petri or Lynn Hubert know if you are interested.

Operation Barnabas will be holding a Clergy Appreciation Day on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> following the worship service. Please join us in the Welcome Center to let our clergy know how grateful we are they are here at Trinity.

**CANDY DONATIONS** - Christian Growth will be collecting candy donations in support of a Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot at the end of October. A box will be placed in the Welcome Center throughout October for the candy to be collected. Keep an eye out for announcements for the Trunk or Treat and Fall Festival in the coming weeks!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AID** - In a new effort we are looking for an additional aide each Sunday in the children's class. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Welcome Center. There will be no need to make or review the lesson before the Sunday you volunteer, just that you arrive by 9 am. Contact Lisa Otero with any questions.

**SPECIAL MINISTRIES NEWS** – **SHOEBOXES** for *Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child* are available in the Welcome Center this morning. This year we will have **30 boxes** that will need to be filled. As you take a box, please fill out your name, phone number and how many boxes you take on the sheet provided so that we can keep track. A special thank you to Cathy George for getting the shoeboxes and applying for Thrivent "seed money" to pay for the mailing of the boxes. *We do ask if you take a box to please fill it and return it since the postage has been pre-paid.* If you take a box and find yourself unable to fill it, please return the box to Patty Malone or Cathy George. **PLEASE RETURN YOUR BOX WHETHER YOU FILL IT OR NOT.** You will have the entire month of October to fill your box and return to church. The final day for returning the boxes will be Reformation Sunday – October 29<sup>th</sup>.

**LUTHERAN WITNESS RENEWAL** – It is time once again to renew your subscription to *The Lutheran Witness*. The cost is \$20.50 per subscription, with checks payable to Trinity, memo notation *Lutheran Witness*. This is a publication well worth your reading time, please consider ordering through the Church Office at this group rate. Order deadline is October 15<sup>th</sup>!

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, September 24 <sup>th</sup>	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	
	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:00 am
	Communion Worship Service	10:00 am
Monday, September 25 <sup>th</sup>	Call Service	6:30 pm
	Bowling League	6:30 pm
Thursday, September 28 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Bible Study	11:30 am
	Choir Rehearsal	4:30 pm
Sunday, October 1 <sup>st</sup>	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost/LWML Sunday	
	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:00 am
	Communion Worship Service	10:00 am

## Scriptures for October 1st

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 ~ Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18 ~ Matthew 21:23-32

Sunday, September 17, 2023 Worship Attendance - 80 General Offerings - \$1,187.24

We will be celebrating the Reformation on Sunday, October 29th at 10:00 am with special music and both Pastor Utton and Chaplain Prince leading our service. Following the service, we will once again gather for our Oktoberfest Luncheon in Belvedere Hall. Along with some traditional German food, we always enjoy the many dishes brought in to share by each of our Trinity family. A sign-up sheet can be found in the Welcome Center to let us know who will be attending and what dish you will be bringing!