

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 24, 2023



Knowing Christ's Love ... Seeking His Will ... Spreading His Word

Warm greetings to you, dear worshipper, in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May the blessings of His presence and His peace be with you throughout this week.

Guests: If you are a guest worshiping with us today, we are honored to have you join us in receiving the rich blessings that our Lord supplies to us through the gift of His holy Word. We invite you to return and worship with us again as the opportunity arises.



Children: Parents and their children are welcome to sit in the front of the church so that the children can see and hear the service clearly. The Family Room in the Narthex may be used by anyone who prefers or needs a more private setting.

Prayer Requests: If you have an intercession to add to our weekly prayers at church or to our daily Prayer Chain, please contact the Church Office or fill out one of the prayer request cards located in your pew and place it in the offering collection box.



Publications: We invite you to read our Trinity Weekly News and visit our bulletin boards for info about church activities. Publications including our monthly newsletter are available from the information stand in the Narthex and at various locations in the hallway.

Accessibility: A lift (slow-moving elevator) is located just outside the sanctuary overflow area for those who prefer not to take the stairs to the lower level. Ushers and many church members can assist with the operation of the lift.



Audio Assistance: We provide hearing-assist and closed captioning devices for the hearing impaired. If you would like to try these devices to see if they will enhance your worship experience, they are located in the Narthex. Digital recordings of the weekly service are available online.



Serving in God's House Today:

Officiant:	Rev. Joseph McCalley
Elders:	(8:00) John Frerking (10:30) Jim Cherrington
Ushers:	(8:00) Hunter Kevil & Kyle Dickes (10:30) Rob Crouch & Eddie Sterling
Organist:	Bonnie Lawler

Order of Service: Divine Service IV – LSB 203

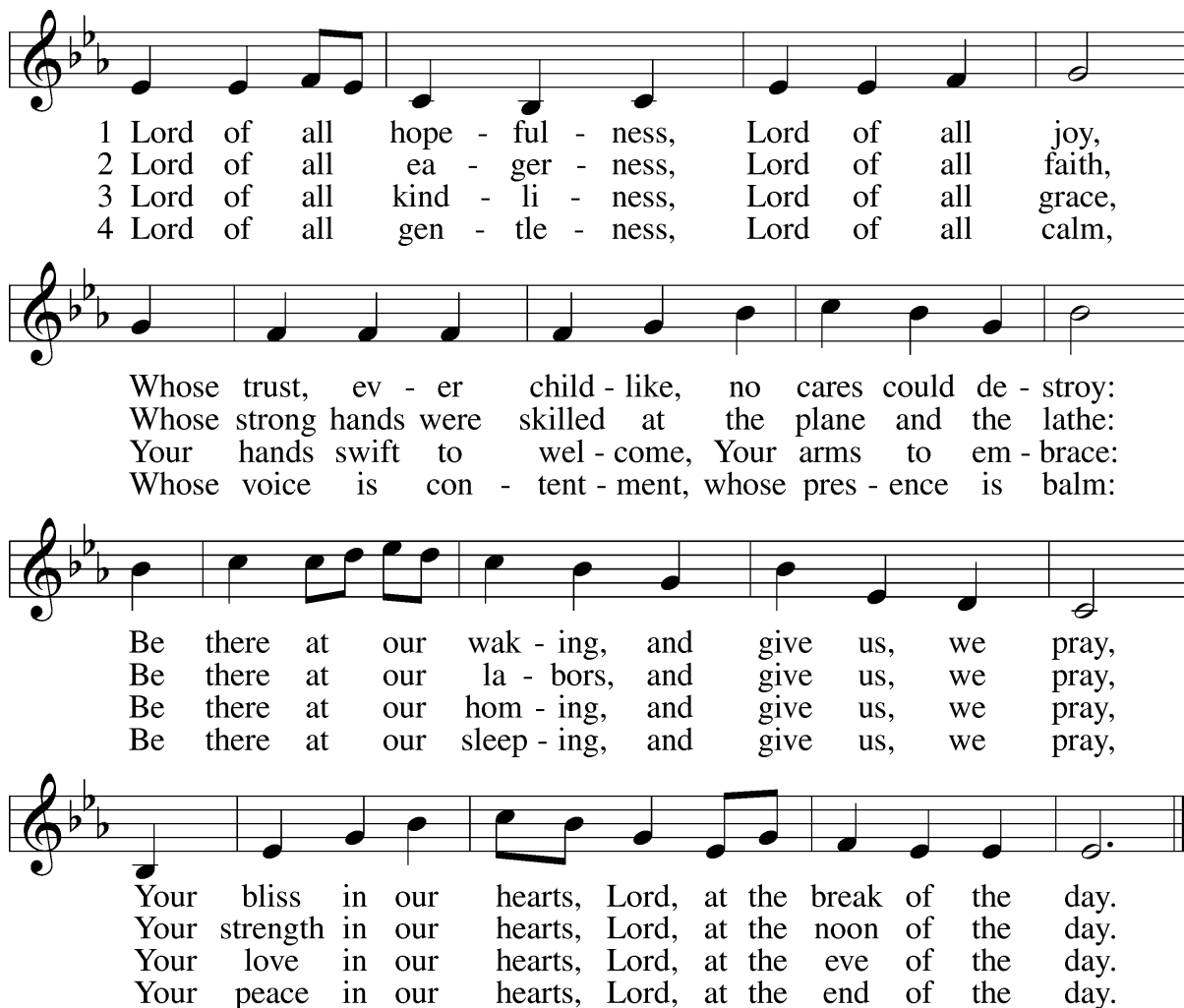
Bells' Call to Worship

Word of Welcome

Organ Prelude

Hymn of Invocation

LSB 738 Lord of All Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:

Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,

Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Confession and Absolution

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.

- 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 and call upon Him in prayer and praise, 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

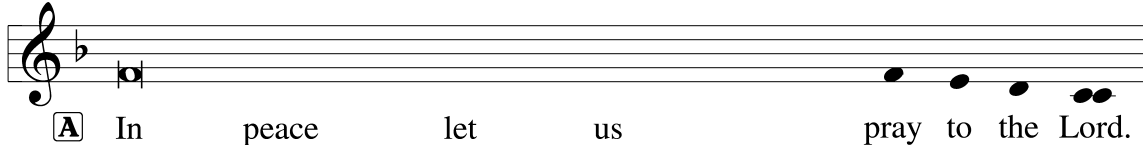
Introit

Psalm 116:12–13, 15–16; antiphon: v. 17

- P** I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.
- C** What shall I render to the LORD
for all his benefits to me?
- P** I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.
- C** Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his saints.
- P** O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.
- C** 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.

P I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.

Kyrie



P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for
the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray
to the Lord.



P Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



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.

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.

C 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;
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.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalms 34:9, 19, alt.

P Fear the LORD, you his saints,
C for those who fear him lack nothing!
P Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
C 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.

P 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

Matthew 20:1-16

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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

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

Hymn

LSB 712 *Seek Ye First*



1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God, And His
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, Seek and
3 Man does not live by bread a - lone, But by



righ - teous - ness. And all these things shall be
ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be
ev - 'ry word That pro - ceeds from the



add - ed un - to you! Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
mouth of the Lord, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

LSB 827 *Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling*



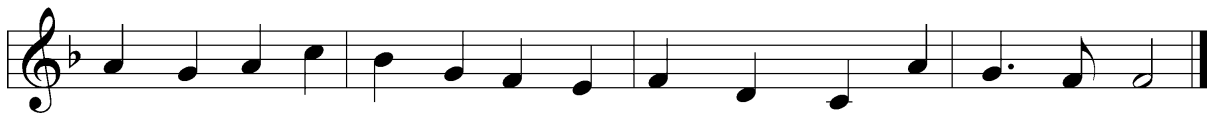
1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus call-ing, "Who will go and work to - day?
2 Some take up His task in morn-ing, To their Lord re - spond-ing soon;
3 For as rain and snow from heav-en Wa - ter seeds in dust - y soil,
4 Hear - ken to the Lord whose com-ing Marks the time when grace shall end,



Fields are white and har-vests wait-ing— Who will bear the sheaves a - way?"
Some are called in heat of mid-day, Oth - ers late in af - ter-noon;
Caus - ing them to bud and flow - er, Giv - ing bread to those who toil;
When with His an - gel - ic reap - ers He in glo - ry shall de-scend.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re-ward He of - fers thee.
E - ven as the sun is set - ting, Some are sent in - to the fields,
So the Lord sends forth His prom - ise, Words of life and joy and peace—
Soon the night, the fi - nal har - vest; Soon the time for work shall cease.



Who will an-swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"?
There to gath - er in the boun - ty That God's Word so rich - ly yields.
Nev - er void to Him re-turn-ing, Bear - ing fruit with great in-crease.
Then the souls His grace has gar-nered Shall en - joy His Sab - bath peace.

Sermon

Stand

Offering & Offertory

LSB 956 *Create in Me*



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new



a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way

from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
 and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

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.

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

LSB 839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en
2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now
3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may
4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the
5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now
lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose
find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science
wan - d'ers to Your fold. U - nite all those who
won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.
in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.
walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,
You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

Life Team Sharing Moment

Organ Postlude

Trinity Weekly News

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September 24 & 25, 2023

The chancel flowers this week are sponsored
by Dan & Betty Buchheit in honor of their
45th wedding anniversary

This Week at Trinity:

Sunday 9/24

8:00 a.m.—Divine Service
9:00 a.m.—Fellowship
9:30 a.m.—Sunday School
10:30 a.m.—Divine Service
12:00 p.m.—Assembly of Voters
5:00 p.m.—Handbell Practice
6:00 p.m.—JCC
6:00 p.m.—Choir Practice

Monday 9/25

11:15 p.m.—GLAT
6:00 p.m.—Divine Service

Tuesday 9/26

8:30 a.m.—Kitchen & Fellowship Hall
Cleaning
5:30 p.m.—Pickleball
5:30 p.m.—Board of Trustees

Wednesday 9/27

9:00 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel
1:30 p.m.—Dying Well

Thursday 9/28

7:00 a.m.—Men's Bible Study
9:00 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel
5:30 p.m.—Pickleball
6:00 p.m.—Board of Elders
7:00 p.m.—Grief Share

Friday 9/29

Pastors' day off

Saturday 9/30

7:00 p.m.—Family Movie Night

Sunday 10/1

8:00 a.m.—Divine Service w/ Comm.
9:00 a.m.—Fellowship
9:30 a.m.—Sunday School
10:30 a.m.—Divine Service w/ Comm.
12:00 p.m.—Assembly of Voters
5:00 p.m.—Handbell Practice
5:30 p.m.—Men's Chorus
6:00 p.m.—Choir Practice
6:00 p.m.—JCC
6:00 p.m.—LLL Fellowship



Assembly of Voters Meeting

Sunday, September 24, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

Junior Confirmation Classes



Confirmation
—Class—

JCC meets on Sundays at 6:00 p.m. starting on September 17th.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at (573) 445-2112 or church@trinity-lcms.org or talk with one of the pastors.



Serving Opportunity

All members of the congregation are invited to join the Mary Martha Guild in sharing a little elbow grease. The regular cleaning of the Fellowship Hall Kitchen will be on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. Come help us clean the kitchen! Bring cleaning gloves. Please call, text, or email if you can help. Thank you!

Marilyn (573) 777-2678
mjwise@centurylink.net

Men's Thursday Bible Study

The Thursday morning Men's Bible Study is studying *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions – A Reader's Edition of The Book of Concord (second edition)*, starting with Luther's Large Catechism. If you have an individual copy of *Concordia*, bring it along but there should be enough copies for each attendee (church copies). We will use the same format as with The Lutheran Study Bible; i.e., we will read each section together and discuss the doctrine using the *Concordia* notes.



Aα...Ωω

Greek for the Lutheran Armchair Theologian

GLAT meets on Mondays at 1:15 pm. If you were hesitant to come or feel the class is too far along to catch up, don't let that stop you! Everyone is welcome to poke their heads in for a day, or give it a longer try. Come for one session to see and hear the New Testament in its original language. While we are studying grammar, we're also reading one or two verses from the Sunday gospel and epistle lessons and discussing these more like a Bible study. Even you don't like diagramming sentences, your sure to enjoy a deeper study of the Biblical texts.

MEMORY VERSE

*For he will command his
angels concerning you to
guard you in all your ways.
On their hands they will
bear you up, lest you strike
your foot against a stone.*

PSALM 91:11-12



Life Thoughts

September 24 – Pentecost XVII (Proper 20A) – Abortion and euthanasia begrudge God's generosity (Matthew 20:15) by regarding one life as less than another. Thank the Lord that His ways are not our ways (Isaiah 55:8), for none of us deserves to survive! Yet He preserves and protects us still, just as much as our every neighbor. O Lord, make us bold to speak Your Word of Life without fear (Philippians 1:14)!



church overflow area.

Trinity Lutheran
Church choir
practices will
resume on Sunday,
September 24, 2023
at 6:00 pm in the

Stewardship & Scripture

September 24 – Proper 20

Matthew 20:9 – “**And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.**” Behold the generosity of God! He gives out of His grace, not what we deserve to receive. Living a godly life means living in imitation of God — and surely one of the foundations of God's being is His generosity.

Brought to you by LCMS Stewardship Ministry and Trinity's Board of Stewardship and Finance



Nut Sales—Coming Soon!



The Mary Martha Guild will be taking orders for nuts in October. We will offer an assortment of plain and chocolate-covered nuts, pretzels, raisins, and gummies. The nuts and treats are great for baking, snacking, and also make wonderful gifts. Your order will be ready for pickup in November. An order form will be included in the *Trinity Weekly News* next month. The profits from our nut sales are used to sponsor various missions that Mary Martha chooses.

Trinity Lutheran Church Presents

Family Movie NIGHT



9.30.2023

Start at 7:00 pm

UPPER PARKING LOT FIELD

2201 W Rollins Rd. Columbia Mo

MOVIE: **Lyle, Lyle Crocodile**

Don't forget to bring your blankets and lawn chairs!



Come and worship with us!

Sundays at 8 & 10:30

Mondays at 6PM



To the Ends of the Earth

Sunday, October 1, 2023

2:00 pm

(Registration begins at 1:00 pm)

\$3.00

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

120 W. Gano Chance Road

Centralia, MO

**Presentation from mission team members who hosted
VBS in Brochet Manitoba this summer with
*Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots Inc.***

Ingathering

**warm scarves, hats, gloves or mittens and socks to be taken
to Brochet next year (suggestion of a max. of 20 of each item per society)**

You will be my witnesses....to the ends of the earth.

Acts. 1:8

Lutheran Women in Mission

Y GROUP U T H

Jesus looked at them and said,
“With man this is impossible,
but with God all things are
possible.”

-Matthew 19:26

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, October 14:
Trivia Night

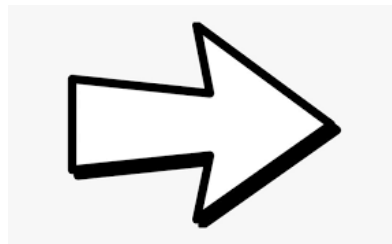
Sunday, October 29:
Trunk or Treat

Sunday, November 12:
Service Project &
Friendsgiving

Sunday, December 17:
Cookie Decorating &
Christmas Party

***Trivia Night is just
3 weeks away!***

Check out all the details



and register with Pastor McCalley.

YOUTH GROUP INVITES YOU TO OUR
SECOND ANNUAL

TRIVIA NIGHT

- ◆ STARTS AT 5PM
- ◆ TABLES INCLUDE SNACKS
- ◆ DINNER AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
- ◆ PRIZES FOR TOP 3 TEAMS

Format

- ◆ 6 Rounds of 7 questions
- ◆ Final round with wager
- ◆ Mulligans \$4 per question

Recommended Team Size 4-6

Registration Cost \$20/Table

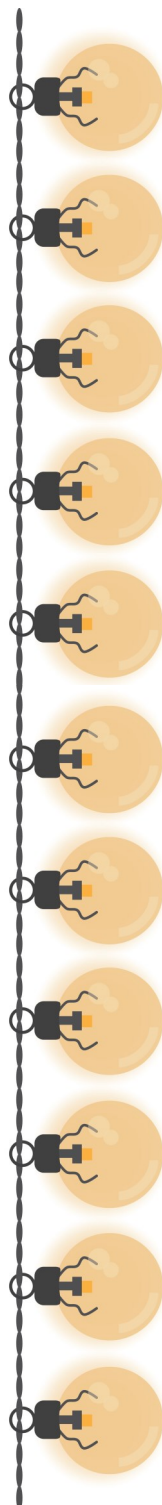
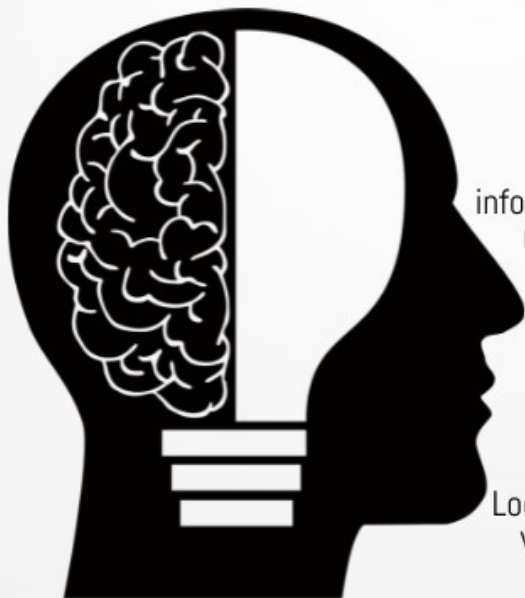


PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARD
ADOPTING A CHILD
FOR CHRISTMAS
AT COYOTE HILL

Please submit the following
information, any and all questions, to
revmccalley@trinity-lcms.org
by October 12, 2023:

- *Team Name
- *Team Captain
- *Name/Phone/Email
- *Names of Team Members

Looking for a team? Reach out and
we'll make sure you have one!





Fellowship time has returned, with coffee and donuts from 9-9:30 am on Sunday mornings. **Join us in the Fellowship Hall!**

If you're interested in hosting, please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office.

The handbell choir is looking for new ringers to join us. Ages 4th grade and up are welcome, no experience required. Rehearsals are held most Sundays at 5 pm. If interested, please call or text Kimberly Walker at (708) 532-3358.



Gifted For More

Research suggests that today only half of U.S. adults (46%) say they know or understand their own gifts, skills, and abilities. Come discover your gifts and the gifts of your neighborhood by coming to the Missouri Lutheran Laymen's League District Convention on Saturday, October 21 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 700 NE Chipman Road in Lee's Summit.

Our guest speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker of the Lutheran Hour® will be presenting "Gifted for More".

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) – Madagascar director, Daniel Andriajanaka will share an update on LHM ministry efforts in Madagascar.

All are welcome to attend Saturday evening or Sunday morning Worship Services at St. Matthew to hear a special message from our guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler.

Doors open at 9:00 am with the convention beginning at 9:30 am. Lunch will be included with the convention concluding at 2:30 pm. Please register by October 16 for our meal and seat count.

Registration fee is \$15.00 per person (includes lunch).

Everyone is a gift, everyone has gifts, everyone is called, and everyone can grow.



The Life Team invites the congregation to Lunch and Learning! This event will be held on Sunday, October 8th after the late service at 12:15 p.m. Our speakers are Susan Klein and Sherry Lee from Missouri Right to Life. They will explain and discuss the initiative petitions which may be on the ballot in November of 2024. These petitions, if passed, will undo pro-life protections which have been put in place throughout the decades in Missouri to protect women and their unborn children. This is an urgent matter in pro-life Missouri; please come and be informed so that you can inform others. Please make plans to join us for lunch. The Life Team will be serving soup and dessert. No need to RSVP, just show up and enjoy a fine meal with fellow members. We are hoping many of you will be joining us. If you have questions, you may contact Phyllis White.

LFCS has an urgent need for diapers sizes 3 through 6 and also Pull Ups and wipes. Donations may be dropped off in the church cry room and a life team will deliver them. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Blessings, the Life Team

Trinity Lutheran Church Endowment Funds

Trinity Lutheran Church started the Endowment Fund Program in 2007. The main endowment fund was first established with the purpose of providing a source for church improvements, building new property, scholarships, and missions. This fund currently has approximately \$80,000. Generous contributions from church members have made this possible.

Two special funds were subsequently set up by two members who generously donated funds for youth programs and for education opportunities for Lutheran students pursuing church-related careers. These funds total approximately \$60,000.

Applications for these funds can be made in writing to the TLC Endowment Board. The application should include the person or organization name, amount requested, and purpose of the request. Final approval is made by the Board of Directors and the Voters Assembly.

Donations to these funds are graciously accepted by use of Trinity Lutheran Church's designated envelopes or by special requests for a special Christian purpose. To learn more about the TLC Endowment Program, please contact Gary Frisch, Chairman, or members Norm Gephardt and Rob Hall. You may contact the church office for their contact information.

Galatians 6:9-10: "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."



Are you struggling
with the loss of a
loved one or know
someone who is?

Please consider joining our Grief
Share group.

We will watch a video from GS each
week & then have discussion
(optional) after. The GS classes will
be Thursday Sept 7th & each Thurs-
day until Dec 7th, from 7pm-9pm.

To sign up, visit the GS website
www.griefshare.org/findagroup.

Any questions, please call/text Kevin
Burns (Facilitator) at (573) 424-7514.

Attendance Cards

Please assist us by filling out the attendance
cards located in the pew rack. Each card has
two sides: one for you to provide a record of
attendance, communion, and pastoral care
needs; the reverse contains space for prayer
requests.

These cards help us to keep track of attend-
ance and membership for our own church
records and our annual report to the LCMS.

Cards may be placed in the offering box be-
fore or after the service. Thanks for your help!

Lectionary Preview Study

Prepare for next week: Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 1, 2023

Old Testament: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

1. How to understand the proverb in verse two? Nearly the same proverb occurs in Jeremiah 31:29. At the time of the Exile, the younger generation was furious with their parents for God's collective punishment against all the people of Israel. The fathers sinned (ate sour grapes) and the children suffered for it (set on edge = unbearable existence). This may seem unjust to fallen reason, but what do we hear in Exodus 20:5-6? How in Christ Jesus does God deal with the sins of an entire people group (Romans 3:23), yet also "individualize" accountability by way of Romans 10:10 and 14:12?
2. In verse three, there is a clear "Thus saith the LORD." The words come through His appointed servant, but it is to be understood as God Himself speaking directly to the people.
3. What was the complaint of the younger generation in verse 25?
4. Are vv.26-28 different from 33:7-9 that we heard three weeks ago?
5. Where is the gospel in verse 31? Where does God lament and grieve in verses 31-32?

Psalms 25:1-10; ant. v.4

Epistle: Philippians 2:1-18

6. How many times does Paul emphasize Christian unity in verses 2?
7. What is the mind of Christ? Answer: vv.6-8.
8. How do vv. 10 and 11 show Jesus' eternal kingship?
9. Is salvation worked out with fear and trembling? See Psalm 2:11-12 and 130:3-4. We fear God because of His almighty power, but love and rejoice in His salvation. Food for thought: why is Sunday worship reverent?
10. How does Paul use his imprisonment as an appeal to Christian unity in vv.17-18?

Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:23-27, 28-32

11. Matthew 21 takes us to the events of Holy Week. What event opens chapter 21, v. 9?
12. Why did Jesus deny the Pharisees an answer? What had they failed to do according to Ez. 18:29-30?
13. What is the law in vv. 28-32? What is the gospel message vv. 28-32?

Radio & Podcast Resources

The Lutheran Hour

The Lutheran Hour with Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler proclaims the salvation story of Jesus every week to hundreds of thousands of listeners. The Lutheran Hour weekly half-hour program can be heard on www.lhm.org, on their mobile app, or Sundays on several area radio stations:

8:00 a.m. on **KMCV 89.9FM**

8:00 a.m. on **KLTE 107.9FM**

9:00 a.m. on **KMCR 103.9FM**

10:00 a.m. on **KMMO 1300AM**

KFUO Lutheran Radio

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Study Leviticus 23-27 on "The Holiness of God" on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study Joshua 7-11 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and dig into Good Works in the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (9/30 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org or the KFUE Radio app!



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