

Trinity Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

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Divine Service –Setting One

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Today at Trinity

8:30 am

Adult Bible Class

10:00 am

Divine Worship

11:30 am

Sunday School/Jr. Confirmation & Adult Bible Class

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran. We are delighted you have chosen to join us this day. Our Lord always blesses those who come to His house to hear His word and receive His sacraments. We pray you will experience God's love and care for you.

For our guests:

- ❖ Quiet bags and Busy Bibles are provided for your children during the service. They are located as you enter the church. The children's bulletin and color booklet is for you to keep. Please return the bags as you exit. **Please return to the rack when exiting.**
- ❖ For your convenience we have a **Nursery** with a monitor streaming the service. This way if you need to use the nursery for your little one you will stay connected to the Divine service in progress. It is located down from Pastor's office.
- ❖ **Here at Trinity we believe, as Scripture teaches, that in the Lord's Supper, we receive not only bread and wine, but also the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins, and the strengthening of our faith and our fellowship with one another. If you would like to participate in this Sacrament, but have further questions, we encourage you to speak with the pastor or elders. We also invite and encourage you to fill out the white card indicating your desire and intention to commune.**
- ❖ ***If you are not receiving Holy Communion but would like to receive a blessing from the pastor, please cross your arms over your chest at the communion rail.***

Pastor Smith is available for visiting and consultations. Please contact the church office or Pastor's cell phone 760 485-5171 for an appointment.

Opening Hymn

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

#549 vs. 1-5



1 All hail the pow’r of Je - sus’ name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
 2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;
 3 Ye seed of Is - rael’s cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,
 4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da - vid’s line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,
 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne’er for - get The worm-wood and the gall,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
 Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se’s rod And crown Him Lord of all.
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
 The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.
 Go, spread your tro-phies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.



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Confession and Absolution

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

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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 147:1–5; antiphon: v. 6

The LORD lifts up the humble;
He casts the wicked to the ground.
Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing
praises to our God;
**for it is pleasant, and a song of
praise is fitting.**
The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
He gathers the outcasts of Israel.
He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.
He determines the number of the stars;

He gives to all of them their names.
Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
**His understanding is beyond
measure.**
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.
The LORD lifts up the humble;
He casts the wicked to the ground.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
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.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

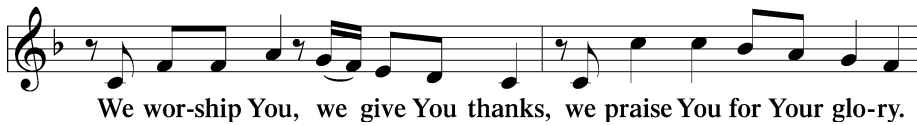
Luke 2:14; John 1:29



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

C Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

“I’m Forgiven”

Troubadours/Congregation

I’m forgiven because You were forsaken.
I’m accepted, You were condemned.
I’m alive and well, Your Spirit is within me.
Because You died and rose again. (2x)

Refrain:

**Amazing love, how can it be.
That You, my King, should die for me?
Amazing love, I know it’s true.
And it’s my joy to honor You. In all I
do, to honor You.**

I’m forgiven because You were forsaken.
I’m accepted, You were condemned.
I’m alive and well, Your Spirit is within me.
Because You died and rose again.

Refrain:

**Amazing love, how can it be.
That You, my King, should die for me?
Amazing love, I know it’s true.
And it’s my joy to honor You. In all I
do, to honor You.**

*Bridge: You are my King, You are my King,
Jesus, You are my King,
You are my King*

Refrain:

**Amazing love, how can it be.
That You, my King, should die for me?
Amazing love, I know it’s true.
And it’s my joy to honor You. In all I
do, to honor You.
In all I do, let me honor You!**

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

¹The word of the LORD came to me:
²“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? ³As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . .

²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and

right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

³⁰“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

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

Gradual

Psalm 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

Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18

¹If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. .

..

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵that you may be blameless

and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

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

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:23–27

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer,

then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’” ²⁶But if we say, ‘From

man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he

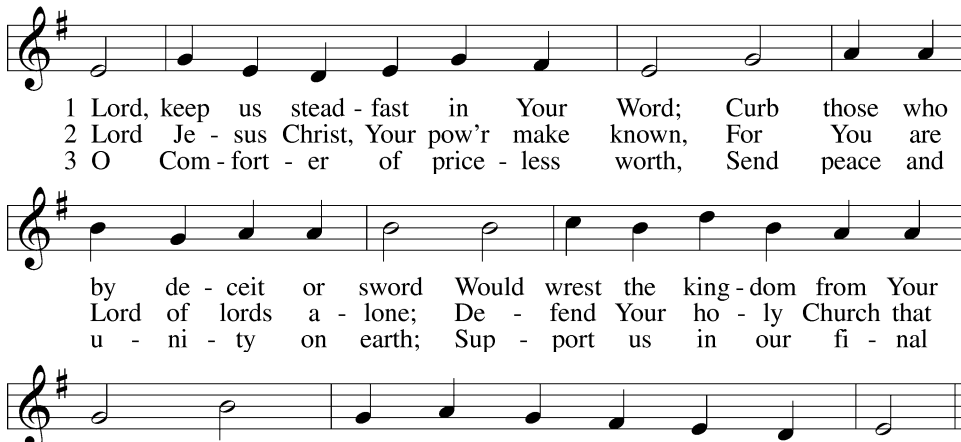
said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

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

Sermon Hymn

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

#655



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and

by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
 Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
 u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal

Son And bring to naught all He has done.
 we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 strife And lead us out of death to life.

Sermon

Matthew 21:23–27

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.

Offering/Offertory

"Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings"

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Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

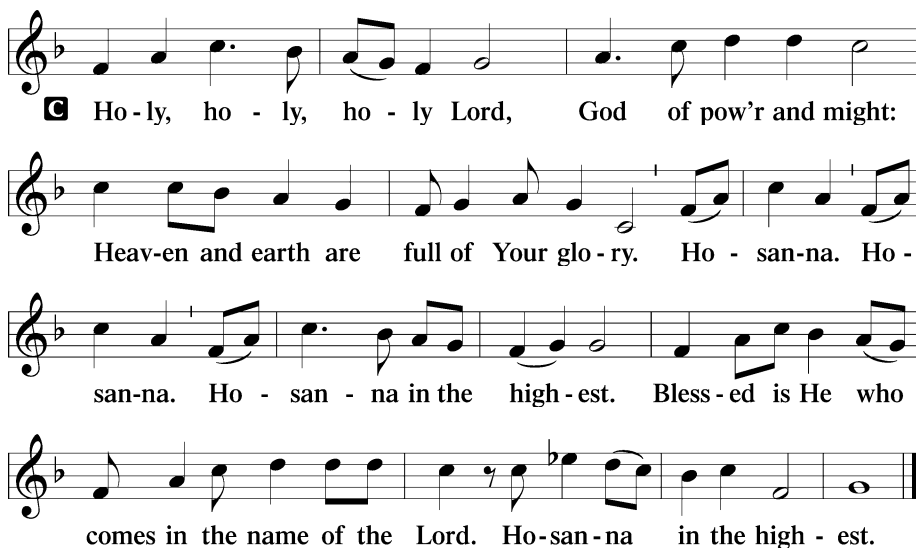
Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, ... “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, ... “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.”

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

- C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Pax Domini

John 20:19

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

- C** Amen

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution/Distribution Hymns

#543, #527, #627

Thank the Lord

[Psalm 105:1–3, 42–43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8–10]

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.
He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

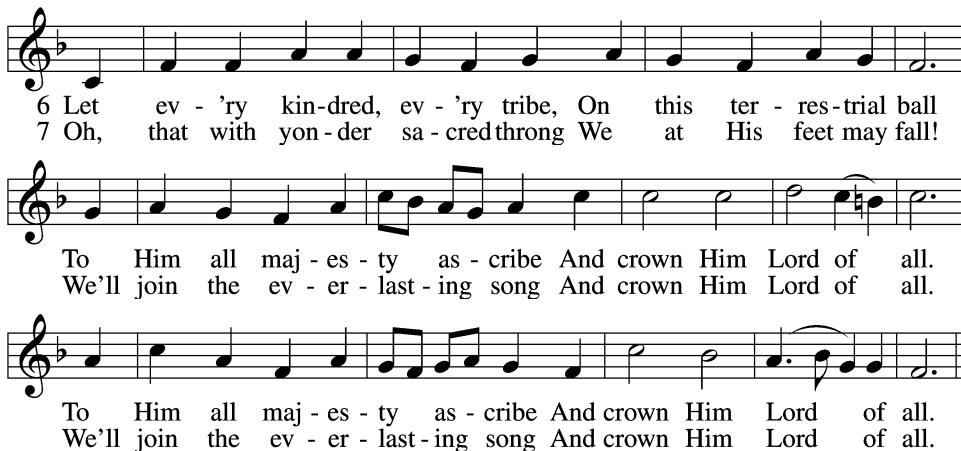
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen

Closing Hymn

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

#549 vs. 6-7



6 Let ev - 'ry kin-dred, ev - 'ry tribe, On this ter - res-trial ball
7 Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at His feet may fall!

To Him all maj - es - ty as - crite And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song And crown Him Lord of all.

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THE FLOWERS this morning are placed on the altar by Wanda Lahn in loving memory of her loving husband, Don, and their anniversary and to the glory of God.



THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

GREETERS

Debra Johnson

USHERS

Paul League & Bob Wirtenberger

ACOLYTES

Matthew Johnson

DUTY ELDER

Robert Bishop

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY LUTHERAN

September 27, 2026

Wednesday	10:00 am	Grief Share (FC)
	6:00 pm	Choir Practice (FC)
Thursday	7:00 pm	Genesis Zoom Bible Study
Friday	10:00 am	Ladies' Bible Study (FC)
	11:30 am	Circuit 17 Forum (Banning, CA)
Saturday	9:30 am	LWML Fall Rally (Banning, CA)
Next Sunday	8:30 am	Adult Bible Class (FC)
	10:00 am	Divine Worship Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Sunday School/ Jr. Confirmation
		Young Adult/Adult Bible Class



THOSE WE KEEP IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Andy & Shirley Schlange, Terri Cuesta, Wanda Lahn, Larry and Gaylene Burkett, Frank(Sharlene Kay's husband), Melissa Parsons(mother of Phyllis Hafliger's great grandson), Elvia Ocampo, Loretta Eide, Kate Memmen(*hospice*), Francisco Ruiz, Russ Lambeth, *health*
Diane(Ramona Haugen's daughter), Dan Schmelzer, *healing*
Michele Ungaro(sister of Renee Young), Andy(friend of Rocky and Renee Young), Frank(Debra Johnson's son),*cancer*

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

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

THE BOOK OF GENESIS study led by Pastor Smith, is offered **Thursdays @ 7pm** on Zoom. We are seeing God's abundant faithfulness in bringing about His promise of salvation throughout the generations culminating with the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. You can join any day. If you would like to join the study we can send you the link to your email. Send your email to Pastor and we'll see you Thursday! (Revs455@verizon.net)

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY All ladies are invited to join in the Fellowship Center, **Friday mornings @ 10am** for a weekly Bible study led by our beloved member, Phyllis Hafliger. Each study is a new topic so you can jump in anytime!

GRIEF SHARE this Wednesday @ 10am in the Fellowship Center. At a Griefshare group you will find understanding, guidance, relief, and a safe place to navigate the challenges of grief. Come and join us!

CHOIR is a place to have fun and gain friends as you praise the Lord in song! We begin practices this Wednesday in the Fellowship Center @ 6pm. No previous experience required!

CIRCUIT 17 FORUM & LWML FALL RALLY Please note the insert today for all information.