

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY, October 25, 2026

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Divine Service 10:15 AM

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE

✠ INDICATES TO STAND

TRINITY RINGERS “HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION”

HYMN OF THE DAY PAGE 706

“LOVE IN CHRIST IS STRONG AND LIVING”

✠ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION PAGE 184

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD PAGE 186

✠ PSALM 1

P ¹Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

C **nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**

P ²but his delight is in the law of the LORD,

C **and on his law he meditates day and night.**

P ³He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.

C **In all that he does, he prospers.**

P ⁴The wicked are not so,

C **but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

P ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

C **nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**

P ⁶for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

C **but the way of the wicked will perish.**

✠ KYRIE PAGE 186

✠ GLORIA IN EXCELSIS PAGE 187

✠SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C 🎵 **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

A **O God, You have commanded us to love You above all things and our neighbors as ourselves. Grant us the Spirit to think and do what is pleasing in Your sight, that our faith in You may never waver and our love for one another may not falter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 🎵 Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING -- LEVITICUS 19:1-2, 15-18

P The Old Testament reading for the twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost is from the nineteenth chapter of Leviticus.

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, you shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. . . .¹⁵“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD. ¹⁷“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C**Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL (*Psalms 99:11; 103:1*)

P He will command His angels concerning you

C **to guard you in all your ways.**

P Bless the LORD, O my soul,

C **and all that is within me, bless His holy name!**

THE EPISTLE -- 1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-13

P The Epistle reading is from the second chapter of First Thessalonians.

¹For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. ²But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. ³For our appeal does not spring

from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. ⁶Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. ⁷But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. ⁸So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us. ⁹For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. ¹¹For you know how, like a father with his children, ¹²we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into His own kingdom and glory. ¹³And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

✠ ALLELUIA AND VERSE PAGE 190

✠THE HOLY GOSPEL -- MATTHEW 22:34-46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-second chapter.

C **♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵And one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question to test Him. ³⁶“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷And He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” ⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, ⁴²saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is he?” They said to Him, “The Son of David.” ⁴³He said to them, “How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls Him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴“The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at My right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet’? ⁴⁵If then David calls Him Lord, how is He his Son?” ⁴⁶And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask Him any more questions.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C **♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

✠THE APOSTLE'S CREED..... PAGE 192

HYMN OF THE DAY PAGE 707

“OH, THAT THE LORD WOULD GUIDE MY WAYS”

THE SERMON MATTHEW 24:34-46

OFFERING

✠OFFERTORY..... PAGE 192

✠THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray to the Lord,

C Lord have mercy.

✠THE LORD'S PRAYER..... PAGE 196

✠ BENEDICTION..... PAGE 202

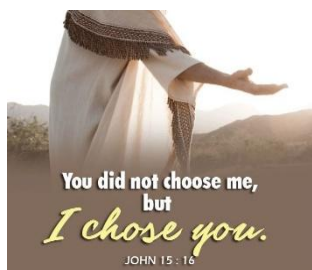
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“I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES”

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NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS: Psalm 149; Revelation 7:2-17; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

Trinity Stewardship Ministry



You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit...” In John 15:16

God's Word is clear that God does the calling and choosing. The wonderful thing is that we don't need to have some exceptional talents or abilities. We don't need to be people of status, have power, or be attractive for God to call us be a follower. When Jesus picked His 12 disciples, He picked ordinary, diverse people who were not of elite status. He chose some fishermen, a tax collector, and one was a political activist known as “the zealot.” May God help each of us to be available and willing to follow when He calls.

Lola Ableidinger, Stewardship Chair

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T H I S W E E K

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026 THROUGH SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	<i>Christian Education Hour</i>
	10:15 A.M.	<i>Divine Worship</i>
	After Service	Confirmation class
MONDAY		Church office is closed
TUESDAY	9:30 A.M.	Ruth Bible Study
	5:15 P.M.	Bell Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY	9:00 A.M.	Men's Bible Study
	10:30 A.M.	TOPS
THURSDAY	2:00 P.M.	Ladies' Bible Study at Lola's
SATURDAY	1:00 P.M.	Clark/Graham Wedding
	3:00 P.M.	Set-up Trunk or Treat
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	<i>Christian Education Hour</i>
	10:15 A.M.	<i>Divine Worship/Communion</i>
	After Service	Confirmation class

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers adorning the chancel area this morning have been placed to the glory of God by David & Yvonne Steeby in honor of their 56th wedding anniversary.

CHRISTUS AUXILIARY

The Christus Auxiliary at the hospital are having their Fall Sale on November 6 at the Hospital Meeting Rooms 1-2-3 and 4 right across from the Cafeteria. This is an annual event that sells so many baked goods and good misc gifts including jewelry. The time is going to be 7:30am - 2:00pm on that Friday. I'd like to invite the members of the church to come by and find some nice things for their family and Christmas goodies. The proceeds go to our Scholarship Fund.



On Saturday October 31st, the Evangelism Committee is hosting a Trunk-or-Treat starting at 3pm (for setup) and the event running from 4pm to 6pm. We are looking for "trunk tenders" (those willing to host a decorated trunk – we provide the candy and can assist in trunk set up if needed or requested.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS. There are sign up sheets on the Evangelism Board for various needs, including donated candy.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

All donations will be accepted through November 22, 2026
Leave donations on the table in the Great Room

Once again it's time to share our bounty. Please, contribute to the Thanksgiving Food Baskets by putting your food donations on the table in the Great Room by November 22nd. We are providing food for six families this year. You also can donate money. Put your money donation in the offering plate and designate it for food baskets. Questions? Contact Cheryl Richey.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION FOR OCTOBER is **Luther Classical College** stands as a beacon for families seeking a higher education that seamlessly marries rigorous academics with the historic Lutheran faith. By prioritizing a classical liberal arts curriculum rooted in the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, the college equips young men and women not just for professional excellence, but for godly leadership within the home, church, and community. It provides a unique, counter-cultural environment where Christian virtue is cultivated, helping to form the theological and moral foundation necessary for building steadfast Lutheran households. In a world of changing cultural tides, Luther Classical College serves as a vital partner for parents, anchoring the next generation in Christ. More information can be found about the college in the Narthex under the mailboxes.

TRACT OF THE MONTH: Concordia Publishing House's pamphlet "**What About Stewardship?**" (from the popular *What About...?* series by Rev. Dr. A.L. Barry) addresses this directly. The resource highlights that stewardship is not simply a church fundraising program; it is a joyful, whole-life response to God's grace. When we faithfully manage our time, talents, and resources, we build the very foundation that allows our church to reach out to our neighbors with the love of Christ. Copies of this pamphlet are available in the narthex—I encourage every family to pick one up this Sunday from the spinning rack in the narthex!

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM850 & KFUE.org: Tune in for "There Is a Redeemer", our study of the book of Job on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT)! On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT), we're wrapping up our study of Paul's letters to the Corinthians. Follow along as we pick up with 2 Corinthians 11. On Concord Matters (10/31 at 10 a.m. CT), Pastor Finnern and Rev. Dennis McFadden will be discussing Article 4 of the Epitome of the Formula of Concord, on good works. Where do our good works originate? Find your favorite programs on demand by visiting kfue.org!

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

SUNDAY, OCT. 18, 2026: WORSHIPPED: 77 COMMUNED: 63 ONLINE: 8

SUNDAY, OCT. 18, 2026: GENERAL FUND: \$925.00

LUTHER CLASSICAL COLLEGE: \$145.00

MEMORIAL FUND: \$45.00

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY: 20

RUTH BIBLE STUDY (TUES. MORNING): 12

WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: 6

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: 4

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: 6

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS: Nora Sotak, Yvonne Steeby

ELDER: Dick Dommers

ALTAR GUILD: Christine Schlehuser

TELLERS: Lola Ableidinger

Beverly Van Duyn

Cheryl Sandenaw

ATTENDANCE: Cheryl Sandenaw

SOUND TECH: Jim Kline

USHERS: Cameron Maltz, Gerald Moore,
Irvin Torres, Cody Zumwalt,

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS: Bob & Jan Thede

ELDER: Bob Klose

ALTAR GUILD: Robin Haymes

TELLERS: Sandy Klose

Susan Rentschler

Susan Kelly

ATTENDANCE: Diane Kline

SOUND TECH: Vicki Leonard

USHERS: Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer
Larry & Beverly Van Duyn

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE COME TO YOU IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

FOR COURAGE, GRACE, FAITH, AND HEALING WITHIN YOUR WILL

Lola Ableidinger, Darrell & Sheila Anderson, Alicia Centrella, Vicky Cosio, **Jan Dommers**,
Bill English, Rosemary Ferguson, Bob Freeman, **Goldie Gressman**, Rob Gressman,
Veronica Holman, **Kristi Humphrey**, Ron Hust, Jim Johnson, Karen King, Todd Lindsay,
Kiley Martin, Carey Mitchell, Rachel Preus, Logan Radford, Janet Rooker, **Susan Rentschler**,
Connie Rogers, Tammy Salmons, Dana Sandenaw, Jessica Schroeder, **Glen Schlehuser**,
Pete Stebbins, **Tammy Thede, Irvin Torres**, Ethan Trowbridge, Matt Vick, Ann Waghorn,
Margaret Worley, **Jim & Ruth Wilkes**, Rob Williams, Karen Zinn, Martyrs for the faith,
Our Nation's Leaders, Public Safety Personnel

We also pray for those who are on the long-term prayers in the Trinitarian.

FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN THE MILITARY

Tom Bass, Heather Beck, **Zac Collins**, Brendan Garritano, Ryan Hobson, Caleb Jaecks, Cody Phelps,
Daniel Smelser, Bryant Roeske, Kyle Steeby, and all troops serving in harms way

LEST WE FORGET

Family & friends of Darlene Gilmore

PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING

FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

Bill English, Tom Gilmore, Rodney Greer, Shirley Hill, Lee Wood,

AMEN

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS

If you wish to place a name on the prayer list, you must complete a **blue prayer request card**. **The cards are located on the credenza to the right as you leave the sanctuary.** If the individual needs to remain on the prayer list, the requester will have to update the request card every two weeks by calling the church office or completing a new card. If not updated after two weeks on the weekly prayer list, each name will be transferred to the extended prayer list which will be published in the Trinitarian.