

Grace Notes

October 11, 2026

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Check your Narthex mailboxes, please

Sunday – 10/11/2026 ~ *Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

8:30a Sunday school & Adult Bible study

10:00a Divine Service

Duty Elders ~ Matthew Clark / Bill Sybrant

Audio/Video/Music ~ Denise Rutledge

Organist ~ Gloria Creek

Monday – 10/12/2026

Nothing scheduled

Pastor in Cranston for Pastor's Conference thru 10/16/26

Tuesday – 10/13/2026

5:45p Hand Bell Choir practice

Wednesday – 10/14/2026

9:30a Ladies Bible study

5:30p Adult Choir practice

6:30p Mid-week Service

Duty Elder ~ Martin Bauer

Thursday – 10/15/2026

6:00p **Church Council**

Friday – 10/16/2026

Church Office Closed

Nothing scheduled

Saturday – 10/17/2026

Nothing scheduled

Sunday – 10/18/2026 ~ *Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost*

8:30a Sunday school & Adult Bible study

10:00a Divine Service

Duty Elders ~ Shawn Shaw / Ron VanVoast

Audio/Video/Music ~ Isaac Schultz

Don't forget....

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Endowment Fund ~ The Endowment Committee has determined that the Endowment Fund has money to be distributed. The congregation is invited to stop in the church office and pick up an application and submit it for the committee to consider. Your project must be outside Trinity Lutheran Church's regular mission outreach programs, be for Christian education, missions and outreach. Deadline for applications is **October 18, 2026**.

Roof Replacement Fund ~ On September 9th at a Special Voter's meeting, it was decided to go with MK Roofing to replace the roof here at Trinity. The project will include the Sanctuary roof, Narthex roof, flat roof and seamless gutters. We have scheduled this project for June 2027. Members are encouraged to continue contributing to the Roof Replacement Fund. There are special envelopes in the back of the Sanctuary to place your donations in. If you have questions about this project, please talk to James Neumann, Cheryl Bauer or Pastor Schultz.

Undie Sunday ~ **December 6th** the LWML will be collecting underwear to donate to the Rescue Mission. Packages of new undies for men, women and children can be donated at the display in the Narthex - all styles and sizes. (We will also be gathering more donations at our Advent Brunch on December 12th and taking our donations to the Rescue Mission that afternoon.) Please help us provide for the needs of others and bring new underwear on Undie Sunday!

Snow Removal Sign-up ~ Help is needed for the winter to remove snow from the sidewalks before church on Sunday mornings. If you would be willing to help, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Trinity Scholarships ~ The application is available on our website (www.trinity-mt.org) or in the church office. There are special envelopes in the back of the Sanctuary to place your donations in.

Wee Disciples Job Opening ~ Please contact Director Debbie Lee at (406) 799-5881 or Trinity Lutheran Church at (406) 452-2121 for more information.

Board of Education Chairperson ~ Please contact Pastor (406-402-2081) or James Neumann (406-868-2570).

Offering Counters are needed ~ Please call the Ron VanVoast (307-631-5949) or the church office (406-452-2121)

Fellowship Time Set-up Help Needed!! ~ If you are interested, please talk to Pastor (406-402-2081) or Cheryl (406-452-2121).

Fellowship Time Clean-up Help Needed!! ~ If you are interested, please talk to Pastor (406-402-2081) or the church office (406-452-2121).

Coffee and Chat ~ Want to learn sign language? New to American Sign language? Not sure where to start? Join us for Coffee and Chat! Learn more signs and practice what you know in a calm environment. **Every third Saturday of the month 11:00am-12:30pm** at the **Double Barrel Coffee House**, 1500 9th Ave S. Sponsored by Peace Lutheran Church and Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf, 3340 11th Ave S. Great Falls MT 59405.

MONTANA DISTRICT SUPPORT FOR CHURCH WORKERS

The Montana District works diligently to support present and future Church Workers. The Board of Directors, our District in Convention, our Pastors' Conferences, and our congregations gathered before the Lord's Altar, take the Lord's words in Luke 10 seriously: ***"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."*** We pray often as the Lord has invited and commanded, and we trust that He is faithful to keep His promise.

The Board of Directors works hard to be good stewards of the gifts that God has given to the District through our congregations, grants, investment returns, and other gifts. There are many needs, the cost of everything continues to go up, but the Lord continues to bless. This year we gave scholarships from our **"Church Worker Scholarship Fund"** to nine students (from seven different congregations) who are attending one of our Universities or Seminaries. At our next BOD meeting in early November, we will award student loan repayment assistance to qualifying Church Workers actively serving in our District from our **"Student Loan Repayment Fund."**

We also maintain a **"Mercy Fund"** for emergency medical assistance for Church Workers, and a **"Mission and Ministry Fund"** to help with church plants, subsidized missions, and other congregational needs.

Our God created the heavens and the earth, the cattle on a thousand hills belong to Him. He is generous beyond measure, and He doesn't need anything we can give. We certainly can't buy salvation from Him, He has given that freely as a gift in His crucified and risen Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. He gives generously for our needs of soul and body and He even takes what we offer to Him and gives it back for the sake of His church.

Please consider how the Lord has blessed you and continue to give of your time and talents to support your congregation and church workers!

If the Lord has so blessed you to consider supporting one of these District Funds dedicated to serving our workers and congregations, we would be grateful for your support and appreciate hearing from you.

Montana District LCMS, 759 Newman Lane, STE #2, Billings, MT 59101
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Church Worker Appreciation Month

⁸... *“When [Jesus] ascended on high, He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men.” ... ¹¹And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.” (Ephesians 4:8, 11-12)*

“Gifts,” that is the way Holy Scripture describes those that the Lord has called into service in His church. I hope that is the way that you see your pastor and every other church worker who has brought the Lord’s Word and sacraments, His teaching, and His comfort and joy into your life!

Each year in October the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod begins again to recognize and give thanks for our Church Workers, starting with pastors on October 11th. On various dates throughout the church year other Church Workers and vocations are also recognized.

The official newspaper of the LCMS, the Reporter, has a nice article with more information, specific dates, and numerous ideas about how to celebrate and say thank you. You can find that article here:

<https://reporter.lcms.org/2026/church-worker-appreciation-begins-october/>

You can also find resources and ideas on the Synod’s website:

<https://resources.lcms.org/general/ways-to-show-your-gratitude-and-support-for-church-workers/>

There are many great ideas in the articles above, and I encourage you give some of them a try. More than anything else that you can do to say thank you is showing up to church to receive the gifts the Lord desires to give you. Being a supportive and active member of the community of believers, along with your continued diligent prayers, will also be most appreciated.

Everywhere I go in the Synod I talk about our hard-working Pastors, Teachers, DCE’s, Deaconesses, and other Church Workers in the Montana District. I share how thankful I am for their faithful service.

God continue to bless each of you as you receive His gifts and use the special gifts that He has given to you in service to His church and our communities.

You are in my frequent prayers. – President Wendt

The week of October 11th through October 18th

Celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries this week

<i>October 12th</i>	<i>Matt ♥ Candace Tanksley (15)</i>
	<i>Blaize ♥ Allie Wegner (2)</i>
<i>October 13th</i>	<i>Bob ♥ Linda Bergan (53)</i>

Celebrating their Birthday this week

<i>October 11th</i>	<i>Jan Bicsak</i>
<i>October 13th</i>	<i>Jacob Eberly</i>
	<i>Donald Hamm</i>
<i>October 15th</i>	<i>Caitee Miesmer</i>
<i>October 16th</i>	<i>Brad Norris</i>
	<i>Zach Phillips</i>
<i>October 17th</i>	<i>Samuel Schultz</i>

Celebrating their Baptismal Anniversaries this week

<i>October 14th</i>	<i>Easton Payne</i>
<i>October 17th</i>	<i>Evelyn Payne</i>

Celebrating their Confirmation anniversaries this week

None

Contribution and Attendance Numbers

for the week of September 28th through October 4th

Mid-week Service	12
Adult Bible study (<i>Ladie's, Men's, Sunday</i>)	29
Sunday School	10
Divine Service	94
Offerings	\$6,049
Vanco	\$595
Roof Replacement	\$225

Returning to India: My Sixth Mission Trip

On October 17th, I will be returning to *Mercy Orphanage* in India for two weeks. This will be my sixth trip in nearly 20 years, and most likely my last.

Isaiah 1:17 sums up much of why this work has remained so important to me: *“Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.”*

Over nearly 20 years, I’ve had the blessing of returning to the same place and seeing what happens over time. Children I first met at the orphanage have grown up. Some have become nurses and teachers. Some have gotten married and are building lives of their own. Being able to return and see them as adults has been one of the greatest blessings of these trips.

Our work also takes us beyond the orphanage. We visit families living in slum areas, widows, people with disabilities, people affected by leprosy, and remote villages where something as basic as clean water can make an enormous difference.

What Your Gift Can Do

\$3–\$5• A gift for one of more than 600 orphan children

\$16• Food for a family living in the slums

\$18• Food and clothing for a widow

\$15• A solar-powered audio Bible for someone who cannot read

\$220• A well providing clean water to a remote village

A Memorial That Gives Clean Water

On my last trip, one of the wells I visited was the one my family sponsored in memory of my mother-in-law. For just \$220, sponsoring a well can be a hugely impactful way to honor someone you love while providing clean water to a village of people who need it.

This year, we hope to raise \$2,000–\$3,000 to fund as many of these projects as possible.

We pay for our own airfare and travel expenses, so the money we raise is used to fund these projects.

How You Can Help

If you would like to support these projects, donations of any amount are greatly appreciated.

PayPal: @Bergan10087

Or simply scan the PayPal QR code on this page.

Checks can also be made out to **Bob Bergan** and marked “*Mercy Orphanage Mission Trip.*”

We also greatly appreciate your prayers for safe travel, our team members, the children at the orphanage and others we will visit, the projects we hope to complete, and that everything we do will be to the glory of God.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

Bob Bergan

PRAYER REQUESTS

*For prayer requests, please call the church office (406-452-2121)
or email us at trinity@trinity-mt.org*

We pray for our members

Judy Boyce	Joyce Bush
Ellen Carpenter	Michael Garver
Lucy Ann Hall	Neil Hamm
Larry Homen	Lidia Neumann
Kirk Norris	Myrna Philipp
David O'Meara	Joy Suek

We pray for friends and family of our members

Martie Curl (VanVoast's friend)
Greyson (6-year-old friend of Arves grandson)
Gary Headington
Fran Holt (Michael Garver's mother)
Janet Hussli (Pam Grosenick's sister-in-law)
Dawn Krueger (Pam Grosenick's sister)
Laura (Denise Wegner's friend)
Roger & Marlene Lienau (Cheryl Bauer's parents)
Kyla Moyle (Lively's friend)
Rebecca (Debbie Lee's sister)
Jim Smith (VanVoast's friend)
Rick Sotak (Matt Clark's grandfather)
Betty Stene (Brett Stene's mother)
Don Ullrich (VanVoast's daughter-in-law's father)
Tom & Nancy Wheeler (Seth & Clint Wheeler's parents)
Fred and Beverly Wibert (Sam Birkett's grandparents)
Kathy Zagel (wife of former pastor Bruce Zagel)
Merle Ziegleman (VanVoast's friend)

We pray for our shut-ins

Mildred Birkholz (The Lodge) Ellen Carpenter (Golden Eagle)
Anita Erickson (at home) Ed Hickel (at home)
Arleen Nelson (Rosetta Assisted Living) Barbara Zafft (The Lodge)
Bob Blomstrom (Helena) Darlene Murray (in Kansas)

We pray for the pastors of the Montana District with health concerns

Pastor Robin Fish (pastor at Power/Fairfield)
Pastor John Valle (former member of Trinity)
Pastor Ray Wiegert (former pastor at Messiah-Missoula)

We pray for our members battling health issues and their caregivers

Roy & Carolyn Arves Jim & Barb Going (Washington)
Chuck & Judy Lively Jerry & Colleen Mans
Henry & Alice Schuman Lindy & Lauretta Stanfield

We pray for those serving in the military and for our First Responders

Sam Birkett, Cascade County Sheriff's Detective
Matt Clark, Great Falls Emergency Services

Scott Backus, MANG
Scott Broberg, USAF
Ricardo Dominguez, USAF
Caleb Eberly, USA
Jacob Eberly, USA
Matthew Erickson, USAF (Anita Erickson's grandson)
Landon Grosenick, MANG (Pam Grosenick's grandson)
Chaplain Jonathan Schultz, USAF Reserves
Mychal Taylor, MANG
Vail VanVoast (LaVelle & Ron's granddaughter), MANG
Mattie Young, ANG

CONCERNING THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but 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. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

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, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an usher.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; 1 Corinthians 1:28; 11:17–34.

Other Helpful Links

Trinity Lutheran Church	www.trinity-mt.org
Also visit & “like” our Facebook page	
Montana District LCMS	www.mtdistlcms.org
LCMS	www.lcms.org
Concordia Publishing House	www.cph.org
Higher Things	www.higherthings.org
Issues, Etc.	www.issuesetc.org
The Word of the Lord Endures Forever	thewordendures.org
Lutherans for Life	lutheransforlife.org
LWML	www.lwml.org
The Lutheran Witness	www.lcms.org/witness
LCMS Radio on the web	www.kfuoaam.org
Lutheran Hour Ministries	www.lhm.org
The Reporter	www.lcms.org/reporter