

Grace Notes

August 31, 2025

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There will be NO SUNDAY SCHOOL August 3rd ~ 31st

Sunday – 08/31/2025 ~ Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30a Adult Bible study

10:00a Divine Service

Preacher ~ Reverend Robert M. Portier

Duty Elders ~ Len Koelbel / Bill Sybrant

Audio / Video / Music ~ Isaac Schultz

Monday – 09/01/2025 ~ Labor Day

Church office and Wee Disciples closed

Nothing schedule

Tuesday – 09/02/2025

Nothing scheduled

Wednesday – 09/03/2025

9:30a Women's Bible study

11:30a LWML Board meeting

6:30p Mid-Week Divine Service

Thursday – 09/04/2025

8:30a Men's Bible study

6:30p Board of Early Childhood Education

Friday – 09/05/2025

Church office closed

Saturday – 09/06/2025

9:30a LWML Group Gathering

Sunday – 09/07/2025 ~ Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday School Rally Sunday

8:30a Adult Bible study

10:00a Divine Service

Duty Elders ~ Martin Bauer / Shawn Shaw

Audio / Video / Music ~ Cheryl Bauer

5th Sunday Mission Collection

TODAY is our next 5th Sunday Mission Sunday. We will be taking a collection for William and Grace Harr to aid



them while they are in school. ***Please make all checks out to Trinity Lutheran Church and put “Harr Mission” in the memo line.***

PLEASE Do Not put these donations in your offering envelopes. This confuses the counters.



Mark your calendars!

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Bring your children, grandchildren and neighbors for Sunday school

8:30 am

age 3 through 6th grade
in the Sanctuary

Junior High and High school youth
downstairs in the Youth Room
and

Adult Bible study
in the Fellowship Hall downstairs
followed by

Divine Service at 10:00 am

Join us after service for an “Ice Cream Social” to celebrate Rally Day

Friday Ladies Bible study at Marge Johnsten’s has been cancelled until further notice.

We have had so many new faces join our family (and a few friends have left us) here at Trinity that the time has come, once again, to update our church directory. Please stop by the table in the Narthex **starting August 24th** to verify that we have all the correct, current information on your household and, if you like, we can update your picture.



COLLEGE STUDENTS ~ please consider sharing your “away” address with us so that we can stay in touch with you.

LWML Fall Retreats

Theme ~ *“For Such a Time as This”*

Dates ~ September 19th -21st

Where ~ Mountain Top Retreat near Bozeman

Camp Trinity near Bigfork.

Retreats are a wonderful opportunity to spend time in study of God’s Word and His many blessings for us. They also provide time for fellowship and fun, whether it’s crafting, playing games or enjoying God’s creation. Registration is open; invite a friend! Please talk to Amy Schultz for more information or see the LWML bulletin board outside the church office.

Audio/Video Help ~ Our video ministry goes out each week on our Facebook page and reaches countless people. The audio/video crew is looking for a few good people. No experience is needed; we will teach you what you will need to know. If you would be interested in helping with this very important ministry, contact Cheryl Bauer (406-590-6460) for more information.



Quarterly Voter’s Meeting ~ The fall Quarterly Voter’s meeting will be held on **Sunday, September 28th** following the Divine Service. All Members 18-years-old and up are invited and encouraged to come.

Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible study continues to meet throughout the summer months. They are doing a study on *The Lord's Prayer*. Please join them any **Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 11:00am** in the Stahlecker Room. There are lots of empty chairs and places at the table!

Contribution and Attendance Numbers
for the week of August 18th through August 24th

Adult Bible study (<i>women's, men's Sunday</i>)	25
Mid-week Service	12
Divine Service	75
Offerings	\$3,785
Vanco	\$150

The week of August 31st through September 7th

Celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries this week

<i>September 3rd</i>	<i>Jerry ♥ Colleen Mans (64)</i>
<i>September 5th</i>	<i>Ed ♥ Sherri VanVleet (55)</i>
<i>September 7th</i>	<i>Seth ♥ Jamey Wheeler (24)</i>

Celebrating their Birthday this week

<i>August 31st</i>	<i>Dale Andersen</i>
<i>September 1st</i>	<i>Kathie Gessaman</i>
<i>September 5th</i>	<i>Jacksin Graves, Serenity Miesmer</i>
<i>September 7th</i>	<i>Carolyn Arves (80+), Denise Wegner</i>

Celebrating their Baptismal Anniversaries this week

None

Celebrating their Confirmation anniversaries this week

<i>August 31st</i>	<i>Kathleen Hall</i>
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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

Bob Bergan	Joyce Bush
Clay Isakson	Shayna Kellogg
Lidia Neumann	Kirk Norris
David O'Meara	Lauretta Stanfield
Lindy Stanfield	Joy Suek
Juanita Winter	

We pray for friends and family of our members

Dana (Kathie Sybrant's cousin)
Doris (Jillian Homen's grandmother)
Fran Holt (Michael Garver's mother)
Janet Hussli (Pam Grosenick's sister-in-law)
Marge Johnsten (member of Peace Lutheran)
Kevon (Lively's friend)
Dawn Krueger (Pam Grosenick's sister)
Dorothy Krueger (Pam Grosenick's mother)
Laura (Denise Wegner's friend)
Roger & Marlene Lienau (Cheryl Bauer's parents)
Phil (Kathie Sybrant's father)
Rebecca (Debbie Lee's sister)
Rick Sotak (Matt Clark's grandfather)
Betty Stene (Brett Stene's mother)
Nancy Wheeler (Seth Wheeler's mother)
Marek, Debbe & Taylor Wojack (Rose Shelden's daughter, son-in-law
and grandson)

We pray for our expectant mothers and their families

William and Grace Harr (due in December)

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

Pastor John Valle (former member of Trinity)

We pray for our members battling health issues and their caregivers

Roy & Carolyn Arves

Chuck & Judy Lively

Jerry & Colleen Mans

Henry & Alice Schuman

We pray for our shut-ins

Millie Birkholz (The Lodge)

Bob Blomstrom (Helena)

Ellen Carpenter (Eagle's Manor)

Anita Erickson (home)

Ed Hickel (home)

Darlene Murray (Kansas)

Vi Nell (Benefis Grandview)

Arlene Nelson (Rosetta House)

Barbara Zafft (The Lodge)

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

Sam Birkett, Cascade County Sheriff's Deputy

Chaplain Jonathan Schultz, USAF

Scott Backus, MANG

Scott Broberg, USAF

Matt Clark, Great Falls Emergency Services

Daniel Crème', USAF

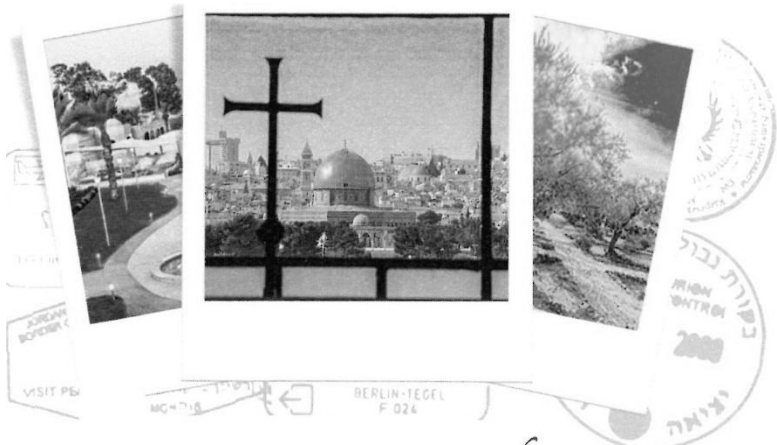
Ricardo Dominguez, USAF

Joshua Graham, Helena Police Department (Bob Blomstrom's grandson-in-law)

Landon Grosenick, MANG (Pam Grosenick's grandson)

Matthew Erickson, USAF (Anita Erickson's grandson)

Julie Timms (Waetzig's granddaughter)



Join us as a fellow traveler

Our Holy Land Journey

October 7 17, 2026

Join us as a fellow traveler on Our Holy Land Tour to Israel. The purpose of our journey to the Holy Land is to equip fellow travelers as saints as expressed in Ephesians 4:11-12. While pictures, videos, and other media may give us a sense of significance of the many places you will see on your journey, being in the presence of sights central to the life, ministry, miracles, death, and resurrection of Jesus offers a unique potential to deepen your life in faith. This journey will prepare and inspire you for the work Gods calls each one of us that we may be an even greater blessing to others.

LEARN MORE

- **Request an information folder**
- **Visit purposefuljourneys.org**
- **Email info@purposefuljourneys.org**

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Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Pastor and Mrs. Portier invite you to join them and others on this journey to the Holy Land.

The Lutheran Hour ~ August 31st ~ "Life Narrows Down"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

"Life narrows down and crisis comes. There, in the narrow place stands Jesus." (*John 1:6-8, 19-28*)

FM 106.9 will be transmitting *The Lutheran Hour* on Sunday mornings at 8:00am. The weekly broadcast of *The Lutheran Hour* is also available at **www.lutheranhour.org**, on the **Connected by LHM** mobile app, on **Sirius XM Family Talk Channel**, and platforms like **Spotify**, **iHeartRadio**, dialing in on your phone, and more.

Lutherans for Life ~ August 24th ~ "We stand together, one in mind and heart, and with one voice, in defense of the lives of our unborn children—God's precious little ones. Yet, what we stand for is not only the lives of these precious unborn children but also the moms, the dads, the grandmas and grandpas, the young and the old, the healthy and the sick and dying. What we stand for is the very value—the very gift—of life itself." *Pastor Paul Clark, LFL of Michigan ~ A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Other Helpful Links

Trinity Lutheran Church	www.trinity-mt.org
Also visit & "like" our Facebook page	
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
LCMS Radio on the web	www.kfuoam.org
LCMS	www.lcms.org
Lutherans for Life	lutheransforlife.org
LWML	www.lwml.org
Montana District LCMS	www.mtdistlcms.org
The Lutheran Witness	www.lcms.org/witness

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.

FOR THOSE with YOUNG CHILDREN...

In Matthew 19, Jesus said, *“Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”* Jesus wants your little ones present with Him during our worship service. So do we.

While children may often fidget and fuss during the service, we consider the noise that they make to be a form of sacred music – the song of God’s children learning more and more what it means to be Christians. And it is for this reason that we invite the children to stay with us for the entire service. We also suggest the following steps to help them learn.

- Sit toward the front where it is easier for them to see what is happening.
- Sing the liturgy and hymns, boldly. The more engaged you are, the more quickly they will learn to follow along.
- Explain to them what is happening throughout the service.

If you feel that your children are being too disruptive, please feel free to sit in the Narthex. There are also activity books and “quiet time” bags in the back for your children. Ask an Elder or usher for assistance.

Finally, if your attempt to get through the service today was a disaster, come back next week. The more consistently you show up, the easier it will get. And, whenever you come, just like Christ, we will always be overjoyed to have you and your little ones with us.