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WELCOME TO TRINITY We are glad to have you worship with us today! We ask visitors who wish to participate in Holy Communion to visit with the Pastor or an Elder before the service. Thank you.

SUNDAY DIVINE SERVICE 9:00 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE STUDY 10:20 A.M.

SERMON: "From Straw and Stone to the Rock (of Our Salvation)"

SERMON TEXT: Psalm 95:1

SERMON HYMN: 837 "Lift High the Cross" **SERVING TODAY:** Elder: Merlyn Hartz

Altar Guild: Rita Martens

Schedule: Today October 17th, Mission Sunday

Wednesday October 20th, Church Council, 7:00 pm Wednesday October 27th, Voters' Assembly

Altar Flowers: Are provided, to the glory of God, by Kevin and Robin Holcombe

Our Prayer Requests:

- † Bruce Rutz, brother of Sue Coon, receiving treatment for cancer.
- † Jodi Smith, niece of Gary Smith
- † Mary Haglaud, treatment for cancer, friend of Dennis Smith.
- † Adeline Ory, for continued healing.
- † Linda Marquardt for the trials and tribulations she faces with her MS.
- † Lance Durand, Pastor's brother, recovering from kidney disease.
- † Kathryn Sprecher, President, LWML DSM West Zone, long term illness.
- † Thelmar Jansma, Patty Durand's father, suffering with illness.

If you have Thrivent, remember to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars.

Building Healthy Families: Did You Know: "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (I Thessalonians 5:18) Even on the bad days, we can still look for God's blessings. As this quote by Alice Morse Earle reminds us, "Every day may not be good but there is something good in every day." We all experience dark days when blessings are hard to recognize. If you're feeling stuck in darkness, talk to your pastor or reach out to an LFS counselor. We can help; it's why we're here. Lutheran Family Service - www.LutheranFamilyService.org.

Life Thought in the Church Year for October 17 – Pentecost XXI (Proper 24B): Surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis can indeed make anyone feel vulnerable (Ecclesiastes 5:15). Our Incarnate Almighty knows (Hebrews 4:15), and so He arranges better solutions than intentional death. His promises have power even over problems of the body (Hebrews 4:12), and whatever losses we may suffer, He more than compensates (Mark 10:29-30). Jesus the Savior makes all things possible—even joy amid suffering (Ecclesiastes 5:18).

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES:

Psalm 95:1: "O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

The LORD turns people from gods of straw and stone to the Rock of Our Salvation.

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