

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026

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.

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

SERMON: *Master Strange Love*

TEXT: Matthew 21:33-46

SERMON HYMN: 664 *Fight the Good Fight*

SERVING TODAY: Elder: Mike Koch

Altar Guild: Cindy Koch

Schedule:

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Altar Flowers: Are given by Greg and Jolee Mapes, to wish God's choicest blessings on all their family member's anniversaries. May God continue to be present in all our marital unions.

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

Scripture: "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits." — Matthew 21:43

Stewardship Sentence: Entrusted with God's good gifts, we depend on His grace to bear the fruit of faith in service to our neighbor.

Our Prayer Requests:

† Emily Steensma Freeman, family friend of the Durand's, for healing of serious surgery complications.

† Wayne Martens, receiving treatment for pancreatic cancer.

† Tina Cantrell, daughter of Larry and Diane Cross, for healing.

† Marilyn Van Zee, sister of Dennis Smith, for healing.

† Linda Marquardt for the trials and tribulations she faces with her MS.

Building Healthy Families: From the newborn infant to the hospice patient in his final hours and for all stages of life in between, physical touch from another person is vitally important. Infants who aren't touched, even though they receive nourishment, will die from Failure to Thrive Syndrome. God designed humans of all ages to need human touch. Safe physical contact releases oxytocin, which lowers stress hormones and builds social bonds. Safe touch can lower blood pressure, decrease anxiety, and reduce pain. In a world increasingly shaped by digital interaction and isolation, physical touch has become a rare form of connection. How long has it been since you have held another person's hand or given or received a hug? If you have to think about it for too long, it's been too long!

www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service**

A Life Thought in the Church Year for October 4 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 22 A: The master sent servants to harvest, and the tenants beat them and treated them harshly. Even worse, they killed the son. We too can treat the messengers of the Gospel harshly, especially when they speak the truth of God's Law to us. And yet, the Son of God went to the cross for us who are wicked and sinful (Matthew 21), and the vineyard of the Lord will yield good grapes on the last day (Isaiah 5). So, we press on toward that goal of everlasting life and share the Gospel with others, knowing that it is only by the grace of God that we are counted as perfect (Philippians 3).

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFEO AM850 & kfuo.org: Tune in for "The Reign of Heaven Stands Near", our study of the book of Matthew on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT)! We're nearing the conclusion of Matthew with chapter 27 this week; stayed tuned for our next study on the book of Job! On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT), we're continuing our study of Paul's letters to the Corinthians. Follow along as we pick up with 1 Corinthians 15. On Concord Matters (10/10 at 10 a.m. CT), Pastor Finnern and Rev. Adam Degroot will be discussing Article 3 of the Epitome of the Formula of Concord, on the righteousness of faith before God. Find your favorite programs on demand by visiting kfuo.org!

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CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS: Lucas Hoffman, & Denise Ory

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES: Lucas & Chelsea Hoffman

Giving Report 09/20/2026: General: \$2400.00; Mission: \$0.00

Giving Report 09/27/2026: General: \$7054.00; Mission: \$0.00

Attendance 09/20/2026: 32

Attendance 09/27/2026: 39

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