

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Proclaiming, Teaching and Living the Gospel of Christ!



The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

October 11 & 12, 2025



Welcome, children of our Heavenly Father!

*I Cor. 10:16 calls our eating and drinking of the sacramental bread and wine an actual sharing in the body and blood of Christ. As we share this gift of the Savior, we also seek to be faithful to the confession of the Apostles' Doctrine, which Scripture says was shared by those who received the sacrament together. For this reason, **guests** who desire to commune are kindly asked to speak to the pastor or an elder.*



In our prayers: Jason (*nephew of Michelle Hinich*), Judy Bankey (*friend of Deb & Kim Weerts*), Evelyn Bauer, Missy Behrends (*cousin of Deb Chmielowiec*), Doris Benjamin (*mother of Jane*), Lois Brenneisen, Sarah C. (*requested by a friend of Sharon Dummer*), Benny Cruse (*grandson of Donna Ohrt*), Andrea Dewez (*friend of Sharon Dummer*), JoAnn Dickman, Violetta Donovan, Karen & John Eberhardt (*sister and brother-in-law of Barbara Schwark*), Heidi Gallegos (*niece of Gloria Graham*), Rebecca Graham (*mother-in-law of Gloria*), William Graham (*husband of Gloria*), Jeremy Daniel David Hall (JD) & family, Richard Hall (*nephew of Sharon Dummer*), Diane Hart, Jeff & Jamie Jones (*friends of Kamber Johnston*), Michelle Kooy, Gerald Kroesch, Myra Jean Kroll (*close friend of Emma Kruse*), Don LaChappell, Marge (*friend of Norma Bell*), Brandon Malone, Bonnie Matherly, Teddy Mazor, (*husband of Tammy, a co-worker of Joe Hart*), Les Naese (*father-in-law of Brian Malone*), Donna Ohrt, Marilyn Ohrt (*friend of Deb Chmielowiec*), Caleb Outerbridge, Dan Petry (*father of Zach*), Brian Plenert (*son-in-law of Don & Joanne LaChappell*), Melissa Plugge (*friend of Tina Varvel*), Edith Schwark, Val Smith (*friend of Rachel Taube*), Willy Van Wassenhove, Jason Warpet (*cousin of Deb Chmielowiec*), and Lorraine Whitwell.

For all those that our Savior knows are in need, and those we name privately before our Lord.

+ ORDER OF WORSHIP—DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE—LSB 151 + + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

Hymn of Invocation: In Thee Is Gladness

LSB 818

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

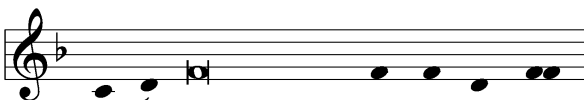
- C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit (*Spoken responsively ½ verse by ½ verse*) *Psalm 119:1–2, 5–6; antiphon: vv. 137, 124*

Righteous are you, O LORD,
and right are your just decrees.
Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love,
and teach me your statutes.
Blessèd are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD!
Blessèd are those who keep his testimonies,
who seek him with their whole heart.
Oh that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!
Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Righteous are you, O LORD,
and right are your just decrees.
Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love,
and teach me your statutes.

Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



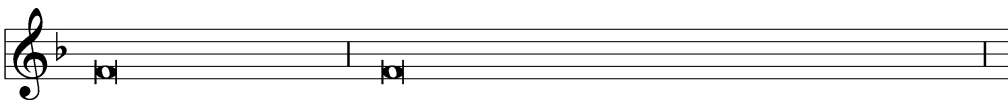
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



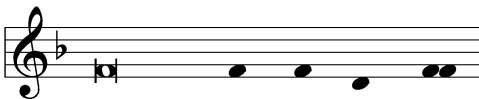
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



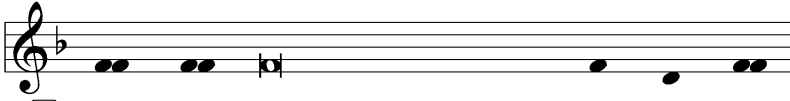
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

This Is the Feast



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 25:6–14

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,

⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

What your eyes have seen

⁸do not hastily bring into court,
for what will you do in the end,
when your neighbor puts you to shame?

⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself,
and do not reveal another's secret,

¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,

and your ill repute have no end.

¹¹A word fitly spoken

is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.

¹²Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold

is a wise reprover to a listening ear.

¹³Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest

is a faithful messenger to those who send him;

he refreshes the soul of his masters.

¹⁴Like clouds and wind without rain

is a man who boasts of a gift he does not give.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual (*Spoken responsively ½ verse by ½ verse*)

Psalm 33:12, 6

Blessèd is the nation whose God is the LORD,

the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,

and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

Epistle

Ephesians 4:1–6

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 14:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” ⁶And they could not reply to these things.

⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: Seek Where You May to Find a Way

LSB 557

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
 whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

After each petition

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Preface

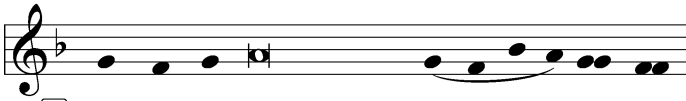
P The Lord be with you.
C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

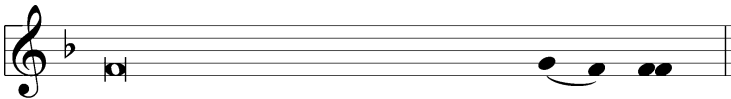
C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: Your Table I Approach	<i>LSB 628</i>
Distribution Hymn: Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness	<i>LSB 636</i>
Distribution Hymn: Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior	<i>LSB 619</i>

Stand

Thank the Lord

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

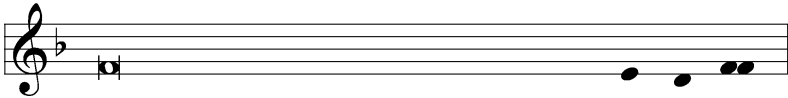
Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His

sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction



[P] The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



Hymn to Depart: O Love, How Deep

LSB 544

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Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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Announcements

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Ruth Kruse in thankfulness for God's amazing grace!

Offerings: Offerings may be placed in the plate on the stand at the back of the sanctuary.

Mission Commitments: In January 2025, the Voters' Assembly unanimously passed Trinity's 2025 Mission Goal Commitments of \$36,000. The 3rd quarter has ended leaving us \$3,160 in arrears. Would you prayerfully consider designating an offering to the Mission account to help meet our 3rd and 4th quarter goals? God's blessings to you!

Correction to October Newsletter Calendar: Please add Confirmation at 10:30am on Sundays, October 12th & 26th. It was omitted in error from the printed version of the calendar. Thank you.

A Worship Service will be held at Villas at Herscher Monday, October 13th at 2:00pm.

Circuit Winkel will be held at Trinity Tuesday, October 14th at 9:30am.

Church Council will meet Tuesday, October 14th at 7:00pm.

Herscher Council of Churches will meet Tuesday, October 14th at 7:00pm at the Herscher United Methodist Church.

Pastor Appreciation/10th Anniversary & Voters' Meeting: We will honor Pastor Brown and celebrate his 10th anniversary at Trinity during the Quarterly Voters' Meeting next Sunday, October 19th at 11:00am. The meeting will also include regular quarterly business/reports, Elections for the January 2026—December 2028 terms of 3 Elders, a Council Secretary, and 1 Board of Education member, 2026 Church Salary recommendations, 2025 Christmas Charity recipients, 2025 Tithes from the Farm Account Income to a Sunday School chosen mission and any other business brought forward. Trini-Teens will be serving lunch.

October Youth Group Activities!

Mark your calendars, Trini-Teens! **Sunday, October 19th** following Sunday School/Bible Study, we will be serving lunch for the Voters' Meeting. Please report to the kitchen at 10:30AM. Then, **Friday, October 24th** is the return of Pumpkin Bowling! We'll meet in the church basement at 5PM for snacks and a devotion, then head out to the parking lot for spooky season strikes & spares! Finally, **Friday, October 31st**, we'll be helping with Trinity's "Trunk or Treat" festivities. More details on this to follow! See Caleb Dehning with any questions.

Trunk or Treat: Trunk or Treat will be held Friday, October 31st from 4:30-6:30pm. In the case of inclement weather, we will move inside to the Parish Hall. Donations of individually wrapped candy are being accepted. A bin is placed in the Parish Hall for your donations. *Thank you in advance!*

Playground use: We respectfully ask that all equipment/toys used are returned to their correct places in the shed. We also ask that the mulch remain in the playground area, and the exterior doors are locked. Adult supervision is requested. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping the playground in order.

Altar Guild note: Please remember to return the green plastic vase liners to the Altar Guild room after you take your flowers home. Thank you in advance.

Karyn’s Floral: Karyn will be closing the flower shop in Herscher and “retiring”. She will continue to service Trinity from her home with altar vase flower arrangements and if requested, Christmas poinsettias. You may reach Karyn on her cell phone at 815-549-6560. She will be happy to accept orders for Trinity’s altar. We wish her blessings on her “retirement” and look forward to enjoying her services providing beautiful arrangements for our altar.

<i>In Response to our Savior’s Love</i>						
Date/Weekend:	Sat.	Sun.	Total	Offerings: Operating	Missions	All Other Funds
September 28 th	62	71	133	\$ 3,756.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 40.00
October 5 th	51	91	142	\$13,608.58	\$ 710.00	\$ 110.00
Bible Study	8	22	30			
High School Bible Study			1			
Sunday School			23	\$ 3.00		
Average amount needed weekly to meet current Operating expenses					\$ 5,950.00	
Average amount needed weekly to meet current Mission commitments					\$ 692.00	
<i>Complete financial reports are given at Quarterly Voters’ Meetings usually held on the third Sundays of January, April, July, and October. Please contact Diane in the church office if you need to pick up your 2025 envelopes, have offering envelopes issued or wish to be removed from the offering envelope list.</i>						
LCMS Stewardship Ministry Stewardship Thoughts October 12 – Trinity 17						
Luke 14:11 – “For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom” (Prov. 9:10).						
That’s called humility. The Lord is God, and we are not. With that in mind, how could we not seek to follow His Word in all aspects of life? Once we see His love for us in the cross of Christ, how could we not trust Him? He knows what He is talking about, and we don’t. He loves us and wants to bless us. If you believe that, then striking out on a path of faithfulness in the realm of stewardship is a lot easier. It just makes sense.						

This week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday 10/12	8:30am	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
	9:30am	Sunday School & High School Bible Study
	9:45am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	Confirmation
Monday		Little Lambs – No School
	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
	2:00pm	Worship at Villas at Herscher
Tuesday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
	9:30am	Circuit Winkel at Trinity
	7:00pm	Church Council
	7:00pm	Herscher Council of Churches @ HUMC
Wednesday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
	6:00pm	Handbell Choir
	7:00pm	Vocal Choir
Thursday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
Friday		
Saturday	4:00pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00pm	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
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	9:30am	Sunday School & High School Bible Study
	9:45am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	Confirmation
		Trini-Teens serve lunch
	11:00am	Voters' Meeting & Pastor Appreciation/Anniversary

Serving the Lord Today

Pastor: Rev. Eric J. Brown

Kantor: Caleb Dehning

Elder/Communion:

Ken Taube (Sat.)

Mike Bruner (Sun.)

Next Week:

Kevin Kruse (Sat.)

Joe Hart (Sun.)

Usher Captain:

Karl Kruse (Sat.)

Mike Thomas (Sun.)

Altar Guild:

Cheryl Brutlag & Pam Matern