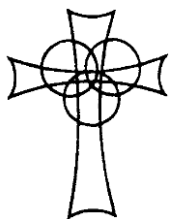
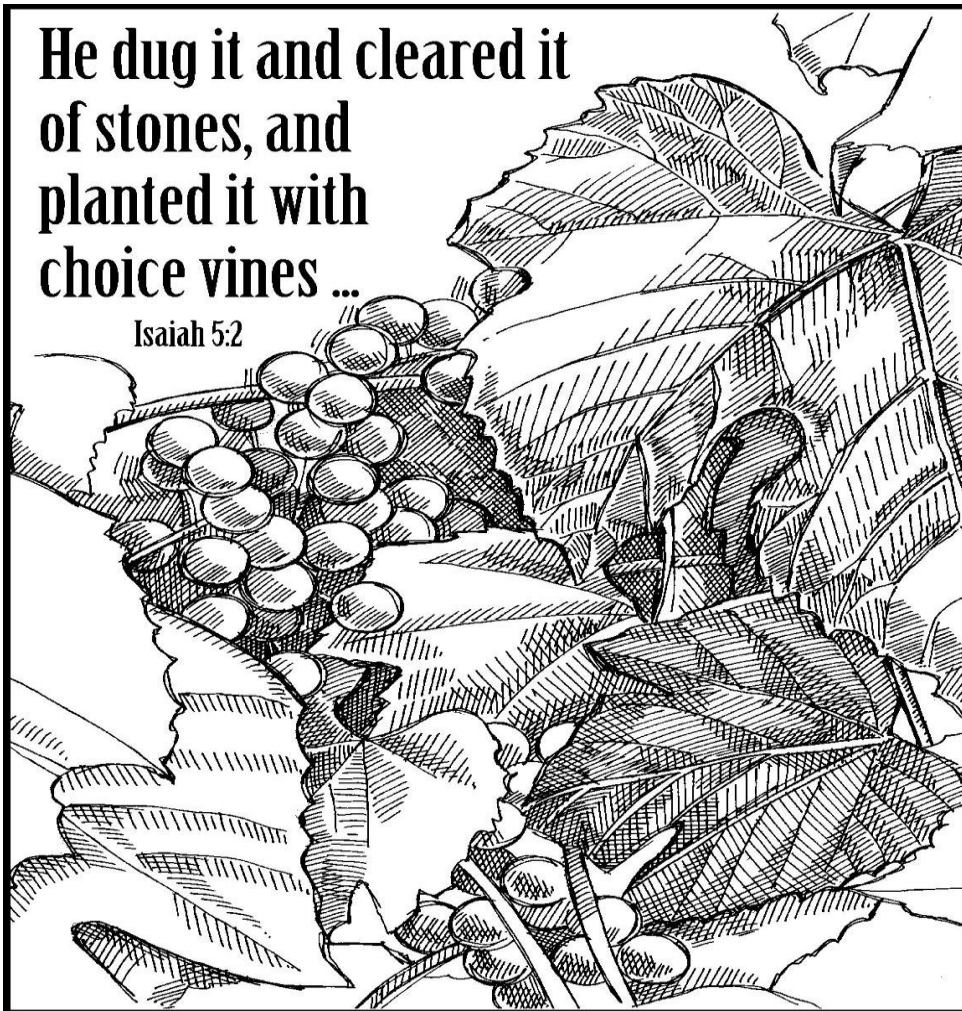


**He dug it and cleared it
of stones, and
planted it with
choice vines ...**

Isaiah 5:2



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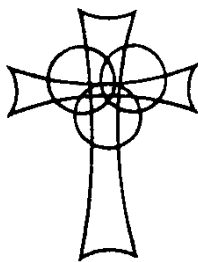
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The 19th Sunday after Pentecost

OCTOBER 4, 2026

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

In the Name of Jesus Christ, Welcome! As the seasons change and time continues to run its appointed course, people are always confronted with how change-filled our lives can be. The Pastor and People of Trinity are happy that you have come to worship with us this morning and to receive strength for daily life and living through God's holy Word and Sacraments. We hope and pray that as you go back into the change-filled world we live in, the changeless Christ that we proclaim in this place will go with you.

PRAYER UPON ENTERING WORSHIP

Beloved God, from You come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of Your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by Your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CONCERNING HOLY COMMUNION

Lutherans believe that in this Sacrament the very Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are present in, with, and under the physical elements of bread and wine. And this Sacrament is distributed to the Baptized of the Church who believe in the Presence of Christ in the Sacrament, sincerely repent of their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this Holy Meal. Those who are present at this celebration who are baptized, have been instructed in the meaning of this Supper, and believe likewise are welcome to commune with us at this Altar today. Anyone who desires, child or adult, may come forward to receive a blessing.

Persons who have questions about what Lutherans believe or have any spiritual concerns are asked to speak with an Usher so that they can direct you to the Pastor so that you may speak with him before communing.



THE DIVINE SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

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✠ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✠

✠ The Preparation ✠

The Prelude

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

The Words of Welcome

The Congregation rises.

The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 793

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”



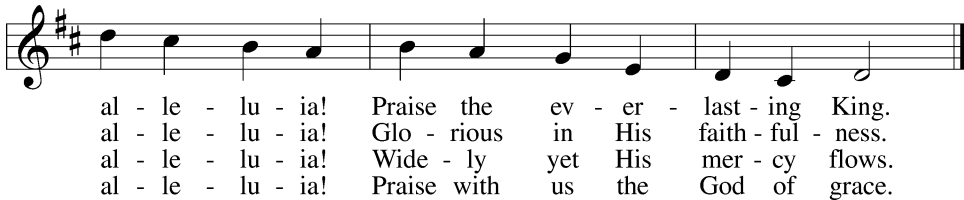
1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To His feet your
2 Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To His peo - ple
3 Fa - ther - like He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore Him; You be - hold Him



trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress; Praise Him still the same as ev - er,
frame He knows; In His hand He gent - ly bears us,
face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,



Ev - er - more His prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia,
Slow to chide and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia,
Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia,
All who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia,



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The Invocation:

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.

The Confession of Sins and Absolution:

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.

✂ The Service of the Word ✂

The Introit of the Day

Psalm 118:22-24; antiphon: verse 1

- P** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!
- C** **The stone that the builders rejected**
has become the cornerstone.
- P** This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
- C** **This is the day that the LORD has made;**
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- C** **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.
- P** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

The Hymn of Praise

This Is the Feast

A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and

hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.

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

lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

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

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.

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

The Salutation and Collect of the Day:



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; 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.

The Congregation is seated.

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

- ¹Let me sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
- ²He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
and he looked for it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.
- ³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.
- ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard,
that I have not done in it?
When I looked for it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?
- ⁵And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,
 and it shall be devoured;
 I will break down its wall,
 and it shall be trampled down.
⁶I will make it a waste;
 it shall not be pruned or hoed,
 and briers and thorns shall grow up;
 I will also command the clouds
 that they rain no rain upon it.
⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
 is the house of Israel,
 and the men of Judah
 are his pleasant planting;
 and he looked for justice,
 but behold, bloodshed;
 for righteousness,
 but behold, an outcry!

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

The Congregation rises.

The Gradual and Verse

*Psalms 91:11; 103:1
 Matthew 21:42b*

- P** He will command his angels concerning you
 to guard you in all your ways.
C Bless the LORD, O my soul,
 and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
- P** Alleluia. The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;
C this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

³³[Jesus said:] "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected
 has become the cornerstone;
 this was the Lord's doing,
 and it is marvelous in our eyes?"

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

The Congregation is seated.

The Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 544

“O Love, How Deep”

We rise for the Final Stanza in Honor of the Holy Trinity

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
2 He sent no an - gel to our race,
3 For us bap - tized, for us He bore taught;
4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;

Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,
Of high - er or and low - er place,
His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;
For us His dai - ly works He wrought,

That God, the Son of God, should take
But wore the robe of hu - man frame,
For us temp - ta - tion sharp He knew;
By words and signs and ac - tions thus

Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
And to this world Him - self He came.
For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
Still seek - ing not Him - self but us.

The Hymn continues on the next page...

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death;
For us He gave His dying breath.

6 For us He rose from death again;
For us He went on high to reign;
For us He sent His Spirit here
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

△ 7 All glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore
Forever and forevermore.

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The Sermon

Good Grapes, Bad Grapes, Sour Grapes

Text: Isaiah 5:1-7 & Matthew 21:33-46

The Congregation rises.

The Nicene Creed

☐ 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.

The Prayer of the Church:

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** Let us pray for all the baptized, those called to be the Father's own possession, that He may grant that our lives may give evidence of the working of His Holy Spirit in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control according to the image of His only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for those who err, that our God of infinite love may seek and restore to Christ's way the scattered, and preserve those whom He has gathered as a holy people and that in His tender mercy He would pour out on us as faithful people the grace of unity that, all schisms being ended, His flock may be gathered to Christ, the true Shepherd of His flock. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for those entrusted with special responsibilities in the Church, that our gracious Lord and Shepherd would grant both vigorous missionary zeal and fervent faithfulness to the Word in both teaching and practice, that they may perform the task of building up the Church and bring glory to Christ's saving Name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray that the Lord would open our hearts, minds, and lives to become good stewards of the gifts that He has blessed us with and encourage us to be generous and cheerful in our giving to the Lord and to those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray that all those in authority may be given wisdom and strength to work for peace and justice throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for all who are hospitalized, shut-in, or ill, especially _____, that the Lord would grant them all health and healing according to His good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for all those who mourn the death of loved ones, (especially _____,) that they may be assured that for all those who followed Christ faithfully here on earth, a place has been prepared for them to live in the eternal joys of heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P With those who have received special blessings from God we rejoice, especially with _____; and we pray that all of God's people would continue to offer their thanks and praise to the Lord for every blessing given to them from His gracious hand. Lord, in Your mercy

C **hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray for all the people and concerns that have been committed to our prayers, especially _____, and all those we name before the Lord now in the silence of our hearts... We pray that the Lord will indeed hear these prayers and grant them all according to His good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray for all who commune at this altar today, that their hearts, minds, and actions may faithfully proclaim the Lord's death until He comes again. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord for the example of the Patriarch Abraham, Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, and all the saints who by their lives and their deaths have conquered through the Blood of the Lamb. And we pray that the Lord would give us faith like theirs, following their example in our lives, that one day we might join them in the eternal feast of life and victory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace:

P Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
since as members of one body we are called to peace.

The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

C **And also with you.**

The Congregation is seated.



✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

The Hymn of Preparation

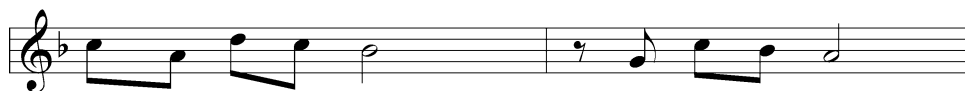
Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 629

“What Is This Bread”



1 What is this bread?
2 What is this wine?
3 So who am I,
4 Yet is God here?
5 Is this for me?

Christ's bod - y
The blood of
That I should
Oh, yes! By
I am for -



ris - en from the dead:
Je - sus shed for mine;
live and He should die
Word and prom - ise clear,
giv - en and set free!

This bread we break,
The cup of grace
Un - der the rod?
In mouth and soul
I do be - lieve



This life we take,
Brings His em - brace
My God, my God,
He makes us whole—
That I re - ceive

Was crushed to pay for our re -
Of life and love un - til I
Why have You not for - sak - en
Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this
His ver - y bod - y and His



lease. O taste and see—
sing! O taste and see—
me? O taste and see—
meal. O taste and see—
blood. O taste and see—

the Lord is peace.
the Lord is King.
the Lord is free.
the Lord is real.
the Lord is good.

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The Congregation rises.

The Preface Dialogue:

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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:



The *Sanctus*:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
 pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
 glo - ry. 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.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving:

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His Body and His Blood on the cross.

Gathered in the Name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His Body and drink His Blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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."

The *Pax Domini*:

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - - men.



The *Agnus Dei*:

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, grant us peace.

The Congregation is seated.

The Distribution of Holy Communion

Holy Communion is celebrated in this place in the joyful confidence that Jesus Christ Himself comes to us to give us in bread and wine His very Body and Blood to offer to us the forgiveness of sins. All Baptized Christians who have been instructed in the meaning of this Sacrament and confess with us Christ's Real Presence in this Holy Meal are welcome to commune with us at this Altar. A fuller explanation of what Lutherans believe concerning Holy Communion may be found on page one of this worship folder.

Holy Communion is distributed to the congregation at the chancel rail. Please follow the direction of the ushers to make your way to the Altar. You may kneel or stand as you feel comfortable. The Sacrament is distributed in the following manner...Please extend your hand to the assistant to receive the Body of Christ. Christ's Blood may be received in one of two ways, using that which you feel most comfortable: 1) individual cups containing wine and white grape juice will be offered by the Pastor, or 2) drinking from the chalice. Children and those not wishing to receive the Sacrament are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

The Distribution Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 542

“When I Behold Jesus Christ”



1 When I be - hold Je - sus Christ, True God who died for me,
 2 For me You gave all Your love, For me You suf-fered pain;
 3 You had no sin, ho - ly Lord, But You were tor-tured, tried;
 4 What love is this? Great - er love No one has ev - er known.



I won-der much at His love As He hung on the tree.
 I find no words, noth - ing can Your self - less - ness ex - plain.
 On Gol - go - tha there for all My sins You bled and died.
 My life with God— this I owe To You, and You a - lone.

Refrain



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.

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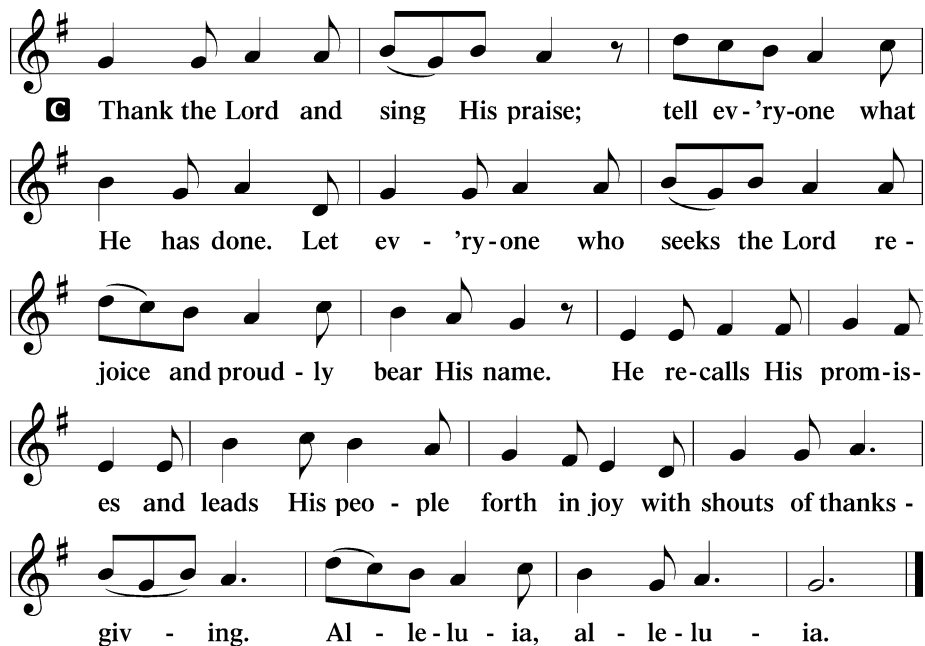
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The Congregation rises.

The Post-Communion Canticle:

Thank the Lord



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev - 'ry-one what
 He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks 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.

The Post-Communion Collect:

P 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.



C A - men.

The 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.



The Hymn to Depart

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 912

“Christ Is Our Cornerstone”

1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;
 2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,
 Δ 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;
 With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His
 And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til
 Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus
 great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.
 that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.
 pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“Christ Is Our Cornerstone”

✠ To God Be All Praise and Glory! ✠

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The Floral Arrangement on the Altar today has been given to the Glory of God
by Tracy Peele in honor of her husband, Vincent, for his birthday.

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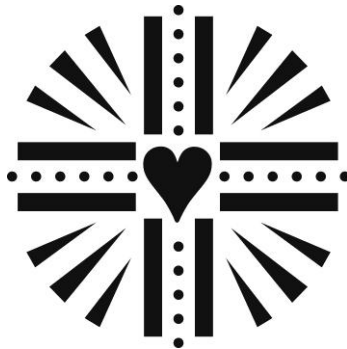
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THOSE WHO SERVE US THIS MORNING IN WORSHIP

The Celebrant & Preacher
The Lector
The Communion Assistant
The Worship Assistant
The Parish Musician

The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel
Tracy Peele
Paul Ritter
Paul Ritter
Skip Hall



NOTES AND NEWS

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS ... Copies of the *Lutheran Service Book* in Large Print are available for use during worship for those who may have need of them. You may find them on the literature table at the rear of the sanctuary, and please return them there following the service.

OUR 95th ANNIVERSARY YEAR! ... The month of October culminates the celebration of our 95th Year as a people of God in this place. And so, we have a lot of rejoicing to do!

Next Sunday, October 11th will mark 95 years to the day of the Founding of our Trinity Congregation. As we remember with joy the first Lutheran worship service held in Mount Rainier, we will gather as the spiritual daughters and sons of those first members of Trinity to mark this great milestone in our Congregation's life with a festive Divine Service.

The following Sunday, October 18th, which also will mark to the day the 90th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of our church building, please plan on joining us for a celebratory Potluck meal following worship. Please speak with Carole Dingess to help us coordinate our menu for this joyous time of fellowship.

*O God, our Help in ages past, our Hope for years to come,
Be Thou our Guard while troubles last and our eternal Home! (LSB 733:6)*

PORTALS OF PRAYER ... Copies of the October-December 2026 edition of our church's daily devotional guide can be picked up from the literature table at the rear of the sanctuary. Both regular print and large print versions are available.

LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS ... It is that time again when you need to renew your subscription to *The Lutheran Witness* or to become a new subscriber. The current rate for 2027 is **\$26.00** per subscription. The Lutheran Witness has timely, informative articles about the faith life of fellow Missouri Synod Lutherans. If you wish to renew or subscribe, please make your check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church with the notation, Lutheran Witness, and place them in the offering plate (A special offering envelope is available in your box set for this purpose). Deadline for ordering is **October 18th**.



"THE CHOSEN" AT TRINITY ... If you have watched "The Chosen", you have had the opportunity to view a very compelling retelling of the Gospels. If you have not yet watched "The Chosen", you should consider it.

With that in mind, the producers of "The Chosen" have partnered with Prime Video, who carries the whole series (seasons 1-5, and free to view), to allow churches to have an "early, pre release" showing of the first episode of the upcoming sixth season. Season Five covered the events of Holy Week and the Last Supper, closing with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Season Six will retell the story of Jesus' last day, beginning with His betrayal by Judas, His trials, and His death and burial.

We will be hosting a viewing of this first episode here at Trinity on **Saturday, October 24th**. A light lunch will be offered beginning at **12 Noon**, and we will start our viewing at **12:30 PM**. The whole Trinity Family is invited to join us for this event, and you are welcome to invite and bring friends. If you are planning on coming for lunch, please contact Carole Dingess at church or by phone at 240-676-0744 or by email at cdingess@umd.edu, so that we can be sure to have enough food for everyone.

Though the account of Jesus' last days is quite familiar to us, you may want to take the opportunity to catch up on "the story so far". If you have the time, you can prepare by "bingeing" the whole series. Or you can simply watch either all of Season 5 or just the season's final episode, which will bring you to where the new season will begin. By viewing some or all of "The Chosen", especially if you have not yet seen it, you will have a bit of understanding about how the creators have chosen to portray the life of Jesus on the screen.

The first five seasons of "The Chosen" can be viewed for free on Prime Video. If you are not subscribed to Prime, you can also watch through using "The Chosen" App, which is also free and available on both Google Play and the Apple App Store; or you can also view by visiting online at thechosen.tv. Season Six of "The Chosen" will be released on Prime Video and other online platforms on November 15th, beginning with the first three episodes. Three more episodes will be released over the following three weeks, and the season will conclude in theaters with a feature film to be released in March 2027, just before Holy Week.

We hope you will join us for this special event!



OUR PRAYER LIST ... We are pleased to have an active ministry of prayer among us, attested by the weekly “O Christ, Hear Us” page in the bulletin, inviting us all to remember these persons and needs in our prayer during worship at Trinity and in our own personal prayers during the week. We kindly ask you to also help us keep this list current and up to date by letting us know of any changes or deletions which need to be made. To do this please contact Pastor or the church office with a note that can be placed in the offering basket at church, or with an email.

ALTAR FLOWERS ... The flower chart for **2026** is available for you to donate floral arrangements to adorn the Lord’s Altar in honor of special occasions or in memory of loved ones. The chart can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. The donation for a single arrangement remains at **\$50.00**, mainly owing to delivery charges, which we hope will not increase. If you have any questions, please contact Rona by calling the church office or by email (trinity-elc-office@verizon.net).

LUTHERAN RADIO ONLINE AND ON THE AIR FOR YOU THIS WEEK:

KFUO Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFUE.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUOradio on [Facebook](#), [X](#), and [Instagram](#).

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Tune in for “The Reign of Heaven Stands Near”, our study of the book of Matthew on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 9 a.m. ET)! 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 12 p.m. ET), 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 (October 10 at 11 a.m. ET), 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!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR ... Proper Attire Required: how God covers us with the robe of Christ’s perfect righteousness. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, October 11, 2026, for this message from Lutheran Hour Speaker, the Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, “Covered”. The Lutheran Hour can be heard online on KFUE.org on Sundays at 12:30 PM and 5:00 PM, as well as on SiriusXM’s Family Talk 131 channel on Sundays at 10:00 AM. For more ways to listen, to hear messages on demand, or for more information on this media ministry, visit the Lutheran Hour Ministries website at www.lhm.org, and click on “The Lutheran Hour” link. You can also view many of the other devotional and spiritual life materials provided by Lutheran Hour ministries as well.

OTHER MEDIA MINISTRIES FOR YOUR LISTENING AND VIEWING ...

LUTHERAN PUBLIC RADIO lutheranpublicradio.org

24/7 internet radio station with *Sacred Music for the World*.

ISSUES, ETC issuesetc.org

A program of *Christ-Centered, Cross-Focused Talk Radio*.

Airs Monday-Friday from 4-6 p.m. ET, both on its website and on kfu0.org.

Archived shows are also available to listen to at any time.

WORSHIP ANEW worshipanew.org

Weekly Lutheran Worship services online and devotions.

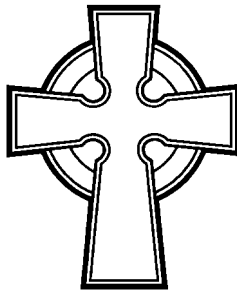
REMEMBERING THE SAINTS ... In our weekly Prayer of the Church, the final petition is dedicated to all of the Faithful Departed who are now with the Lord and a part of the Church Triumphant. As a part of this remembrance, we recall by name the saints who are on the calendar of Feasts, Festivals, and Commemorations of our church and remembered during the current week. Some have asked for more information about these saints; so, biographies for each saint, along with a prayer and suggested Scripture readings, are now available for you on our church website.

THIS WEEK'S COMMEMORATIONS...

October 7 **Henry Melchior Muhlenberg**, *Pastor*

October 9 **Abraham**, *Old Testament Patriarch*

Visit <http://tlcmr.org/worship/celebrating-the-saints/> where you can learn more about the cycle of saints' days on the church calendar and find the biographies for each saint listed by month.



COMPASSION CENTER NEWS... Our Compassion Center is open and is serving members of our community with their needs for food and clothing. If you are able to volunteer during the Center's open hours, please contact Elma, our center coordinator. Thank you all for your continued help and support and prayers.

There continues to be increased need to help feed those in our community. In order to keep our pantry shelves well-stocked to meet the needs of our neighbors, we will continue to receive your generous donations of food. All non-perishable foods are welcome, and especially needed items include:

Cereal; Peanut Butter; Pasta and Pasta Sauce; Macaroni & Cheese; Rice; Soups;
Canned Tuna and Chicken; Canned Fruit; Canned Vegetables (both green and color)

Clothing donations are also welcome. There is a need for boys' (sizes 10-18), girls' (sizes 10-14), and men's (especially small and medium) clothing.

There is always a demand for diapers and wipes, especially sizes 3, 4, 5, and pull-ups 2T-4T.

Donations can be dropped off at the Center during Center hours. And you can also leave your donations at church, and we will make sure that they are delivered to the Compassion Center. Thank you for your loving and generous support.

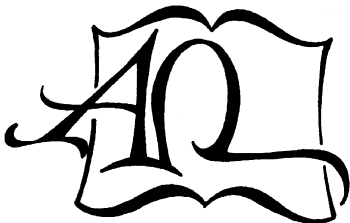
Center Hours: ***Please Note the New Center Hours:***

Mondays & Tuesdays: 10 AM – 4 PM

Food Distribution on both days between 10 AM – 12 PM

Elma Pervaiz, Coordinator, LMS Compassion Center, Hyattsville, MD

Center Phone Number: 301-277-2302, ext. 23



PREPARING FOR THE COMING SUNDAY ...

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (LSB Proper 23A)

The 95th Anniversary of the Founding of Trinity

October 11, 2026

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 25:6-9

Philippians 4:4-13

Matthew 22:1-14

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 4 – 11
May Be Subject to Change

Today	<i>The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
	9:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	12:00 PM EECMYM Worship (at church in person)
Monday	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Compassion Center Open
Tuesday	9:00 AM—Noon Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Compassion Center Open
Wednesday	9:00 AM—Noon Church Office Open
Thursday	9:00 AM—Noon Church Office Open
Next Sunday	<i>The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
	<i>The 95th Anniversary of the Founding of Trinity Congregation</i>
	9:30 AM Festival Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	10:45 AM Trinity Singers Rehearsal
	12:00 PM EECMYM Worship (at church in person)



CHURCH STATISTICS

Sunday, September 27, 2026
Worship Attendance: 21; Communed: 20.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR AUGUST 2026:

General Offerings received (5 Sundays): \$10,402
Special Improvement Fund Offerings received: \$1,375
General Offerings needed to meet the budget: \$13,935
Withdrawals from Thrivent (money market): \$0
Balance in Thrivent mutual funds: \$60,900

✠ **O Christ, Hear Us!** ✠

Intercessions for the Week of October 4, 2026

Prayers for Continued Healing and Help

For Members of Our Trinity Family:

Julie & Kenny, Diane, Travis, Waymond, August, Tracy, Ernie, Paul, and Angela

For Those Who Have Asked of Our Prayers:

Luke, grandson of Charlie & Jean; Britnany, niece of Lynda; Juliet, mother of Ras-I;

Linda, daughter of Gus & Betty; Caron, former Concordia School Teacher;

Jari, former Concordia School Teacher; Nathan, son of Art; Bernie, friend of Trinity;

Robin, daughter of Vincent & Tracy;

Orbelina & Family, mother of former Concordia Students;

Kay & Bob, relatives of Carole; Craig, husband of Edith;

Steve, father-in-law of Michelle; Denise, fiancée of Mark; Raymond, brother of Joy;

Daniel, friend of Cullen; Mr. Emanuel, husband of Shelda;

Mary, former Concordia Teacher; Jim, friend of Michelle; Millie, co-worker of Joyce;

Pat, mother of Kim; Sean, friend of Joyce & Dave; Kelly, co-worker's spouse of Joyce;

Leo, relative of Carole; Carolyn, daughter of Susan; Ann, friend of Judy;

Shirley, aunt of Kim; Eliot, son of Ryan & Ryann; Kaylee, great-niece of Noel;

Ralph, uncle of Vincent & Tracy; Remy, son of co-worker of Kristina;

Joan, friend of Tracy; Kenneth, brother of Kim

Thanksgivings and Blessings

Nathan Replogle, Vincent Peele, Charli Holland, Hallie Maddox, and David Reichelt,
who celebrate their birthdays this week.

We Keep In Our Prayers

- ✠ Our Trinity family, our ministries, and our mission.
- ✠ Pastor Gugssa Biru and the people of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane
Jesus in Maryland.
- ✠ For the Lord to continue to move the hearts of our Trinity Members to a deeper
realization of our part in His mission to the world and to be *Ablaze!* with a desire to
tell the Good News about Jesus with those whom we come into contact in our
lives.

- ✘ For the work of our Compassion Center, for Elma Pervaiz, our center coordinator, and for Redeemer Lutheran and the Lutheran Mission Society, our mission partners.
- ✘ For our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, its leaders and mission, that we may always walk together in the bond of peace and proclaim the Risen Christ to the world.
- ✘ For our Southeastern District, its Congregations, Schools, and Ministries, that by our work and witness we will connect people to Jesus so that lives are transformed and the kingdom of God will grow.
- ✘ For our brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer persecution for the faith and Name of Jesus, even to the point of shedding their blood.
- ✘ For peace in our world, especially in those places that are affected by war, oppression, or acts of terror.
- ✘ Our government leaders, and for the members of our armed forces.
- ✘ For all those affected and recovering from the effects of natural disasters.
- ✘ For peace and reconciliation that brings an end to racism and bigotry in our nation and world.
- ✘ For calm, civility, and peace in our nation's political and social discourse.
- ✘ For peace in our neighborhoods and for an end to violence.
- ✘ For the students, teachers, and staff in our educational institutions.
- ✘ For all those we know who are sick, who grieve, and who are in any need of prayer.





***Celebrating the Gift of Ninety-Five Years of
God's Love and Grace!***

***...as it was in the beginning,
is now,
and will be forever.
Amen!***

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Mount Rainier, Maryland 20712

Sunday Mornings:

Worship with Holy Communion – 9:30 AM

*Worship Services are livestreamed on Facebook Live
For more information, please visit the church website.*

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The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel, Pastor



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