

Nurturing a Living Faith with Open Hearts and Serving Hands

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Introduction to the Day

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

18th Week after Pentecost Sept. 25, 2024 6 p.m.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

"As the Deer" CCLI#1431

"Awesome God" CCLI#1099

WELCOME

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

OPENING SONG "Our God is Here" On screen CCLI #4511377

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GOSPEL:MARK 9:30-37

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

The holy gospel according to Mark, chapter 9, beginning with verse 30. Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME/SERMON

Pastor John Stevens Zion Lutheran Church in Oregon City, OR



Welcome to Worship at Trinity Lutheran

Whether this is your first time worshipping with us, or if you regularly attend, we are very glad that you are with us! Today, we gather to worship God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The church is not a building – it is you, the people. So "church," thanks for showing up today. If you look around what you will see are imperfect people. Some with smiles, some with broken hearts, some with secrets they are ashamed to share... and yet all of us together are the "church."

We are thankful you are here. Through God's Holy Spirit we pray you hear a word of grace and hope today.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please pray for James, Morgan, Terry, Dick, Wendy & Jan.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION "Taste and See" Special Music

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" Verses 1 & 2

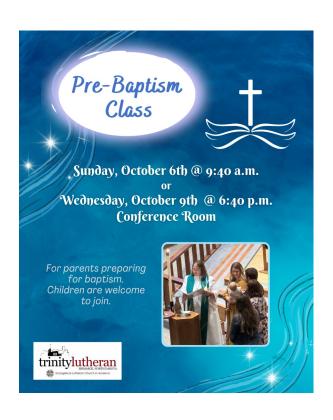
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

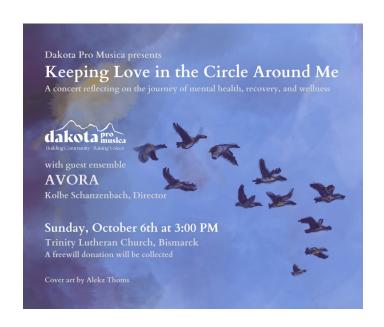
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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM is in memory of Michael Hove, given by Brenda Hove.

FINANCE POSITION FILLED - We are happy to welcome our new Financial Director, Chelsa Kinsella. She is in the process of training. We will publish her schedule soon.

GUEST PREACHER & WORKSHOP - What are creative ways to help Christ-centered faith at home? Trinity is glad to host Pastor John Stevens as a special guest preacher. Pastor John Stevens is the pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Oregon City, Oregon and creator of the Dollar Store Children Sermons. After worship, he will lead a conversation with adults about life and faith and how can help our young ones grew deeper in faith.

Friday evening, September 27th, Pastor John, who has been a sleight-of-hand magician for over 40 years, will delight us with a magic show to benefit the four bible camps of Western North Dakota. There is no entry fee for the show that will begin @ 7 p.m. at Lord of Life Lutheran Church (1143 N 26th St) in Bismarck.

Saturday, September 28th, will be a day-long learning event titled, "Using your story to tell THE STORY" at Lord of Life Lutheran Church. Pastor John will guide us through three sessions, sharing his insights and ideas on how we can use the various stories of our life to help us tell the greatest story of all, God's love for God's people. Please see Pastor Mark or Pastor Martha if interested as there is a registration & fee for this Saturday session.

DAKOTA PRO MUSICA CONCERT - The "Keeping Love in the Circle Around Me" concert is sponsored by our Mental Health Task Force. It will be at Trinity on Sunday, October 6th @ 3 p.m. There will be a mental health resource fair as well.

FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATION VOLUNTEERS - We are looking for 20 volunteers to take part in a Founders' Day Celebration at The Dream Center on Thursday, October 10^{th} since Trinity was the Founder of The Banquet. We need 2 volunteers at the Dream Center @ 1 p.m. to help prepare the meal and 18 volunteers to be there @ 4:30 p.m. to help serve the meal. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. Thank you for your consideration!

SOUL SISTERHOOD - All middle school girls are invited to join us once a month for a fun afternoon of digging deeper into our faith through scripture, friendship, creating, and crafting. Next meeting is Sunday, October 13th @ 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. here at Trinity. Please use the north doors. There is a one-time fee of \$10 for the year to help cover some supply costs. See Gracia with questions.

BLOOD DRIVE - Trinity is hosting a blood drive on Friday, October 18th. There are slots for 21 people willing to roll up their sleeves and bless those in medical need of life saving blood. A registration sheet to sign up is available in the Narthex.

ONLINE GIVING - Giving has never been easier! Open your camera on your phone and scan the QR code. It will take you right to Trinity's online giving site. You can choose to give via credit card or bank account. Try it out today!

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Wednesday 9-25

2:30 PM - Upstairs Bible Study in Room 212

4:30 PM - Trust Fund Committee in Conf. Room

5:15 PM - Dinner served in Fellowship Hall

6 PM - Worship in Sanctuary

6:40 PM - Church School, Confirmation, Youth Group

Thursday 9-26

12 PM - Funeral Servers Appreciation in Fellowship Hall Friday 9-27

4 PM - Flessness/Maddox Wedding in Sanctuary

Sunday 9-29

8:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary

9:35 AM - Bible 101 in Fellowship Hall

9:35 AM - Church School

10:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary

2 PM - Club 316

Tuesday 10-1

9 AM - Quilters in Quilters' Room

5 PM - Worship/Music Committee in Conference Room

6 PM - Community Builders Comm. in Conf. Room

Wednesday 10-2

5:15 PM - Dinner served in Fellowship Hall

6 PM - Worship in Sanctuary

6:40 PM - Church School, Confirmation, Youth Group

Trinity Members and Visitors!

Please follow the QR code below and share with us your favorite hymns or congregational songs.

There are also paper forms in the Welcome Center.

