

Nurturing a Living Faith with Open Hearts and Serving Hands

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Introduction to the Day

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

19th Week after Pentecost Wednesday October 22, 2025 6 p.m.



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

"Let Justice Roll Down" CCLI #2459826

WELCOME & SHARING OF PEACE

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God:

tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

READING: GENESIS 32:22-31

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

²² The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed."

²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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. 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.

GOSPEL: LUKE 18:1-8

Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

The holy gospel according to Luke, chapter 18, beginning with verse 1. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

CHILDREN'S TIME/SERMON

Pastor Martha HarriSon

HYMN OF THE DAY/OFFERING

"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

ELW #774

QUILT BLESSING

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 Dick, Amy, Rod, Melissa, Lester, Jim, Kathryn, Russ, Sandy, Carsen, Jan, Cortney & Ruth.

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

"Neither Death Nor Life"

ELW #622

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, + bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

"Count Your Blessings" CCLI #40416

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Our rummage sale is coming up and the funds raised will go toward our children & youth ministry. Please consider helping when you are able! ALL ARE WELCOME!

- Wednesday, October 29 we'll be setting up tables & racks after worship.
- We start accepting donations Thursday, October 30.
- Help unpack items/set-up Thursday, October 30 Thursday, November 6. Just stop on by and unpack a box or 10!
- Help bag items people are purchasing during the sale Friday, November 7 (8-5) & Saturday, November 8 (10-2). Please let Gracia know if you can help.
- Help pack up the leftovers starting at 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 8. Please let Gracia know if you can help or just come on by & help.



Your Gifts

September 2025	Month Actual	Year-To-Date Actual
INCOME		
Contributions	\$56,555.00	\$581,080.00
Other Income	\$9,538.00	\$78,450.00
Transfer	\$300.00	-\$734.00
Total Income	s \$66,393.00	\$658,796.00
EXPENSES	\$62,836.00	\$631,434.00
Income less	62 557 00	607.260
expenses	\$3,557.00	\$27,362

Electronic Giving - Trinity offers the option of Electronic Giving as a simple way to contribute. This would allow you the freedom from worry or concern whether you are out of town, on vacation or wondering how to budget your contributions. Giving forms are available in the office, at the Welcome Center or on Trinity's website.

At www.trinitybismarck.com, you can give electronically to the general fund, Capital Campaign and others. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact our Financial Director, Brent Winkelman at winkelman@trnitybismarck.com. Thank you again for your continued financial support.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025

WE EXTEND OUR CONGREGATION'S SYMPATHY to the families of:

- Sylvia Leupp funeral will be at Trinity on Friday, October 24th @ 11 a.m.
- David Thune funeral will be at Trinity on Saturday, October 25th @ 1 p.m.

Please keep their families in your prayers.

RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM is in memory of Alice Marks.

GIRLS MINISTRY - All middle school girls are invited to join us for four fun afternoons in November digging deeper into our faith through scripture, friendship, creating, and crafting. This is a joint ministry of Trinity and Good Shepherd. Please register online & bring the \$20 payment to the first session. Register on our website.

CONCERT VOLUNTEERS - We are looking for a number of volunteers to help out with the Dakota Pro Musica concert on October 26th @ 5 p.m. We need volunteers such as: ushers, ticket sellers, serve at will call, make cookies for the reception, assist with the reception. All volunteers will get a free ticket to the concert. Please contact Jason if you can help.

NEW MEMBER CONVERSATION - Are you interesting in finding out more about Trinity and its ministries? Are you thinking about becoming a new member and wondering what that all entails? Come join Pastor Mark and Pastor Martha on Saturday, November 1st @ 9:30 a.m. It's a time to ask questions, meet other people, and learn about Trinity. If you have any questions or can't make it that day but are interested in joining, contact Pastor Mark or Pastor Martha.

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 10-22 QUILT BLESSING

2:30 PM - Upstairs Bible Study in Room 212

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

5:15 PM - Meal served in Fellowship Hall

6 PM - Worship in Sanctuary

6:40 PM - Church School, Youth Group, Confirmation Thursday 10-23

10 AM - Quilt Loading to LWR in parking lot Friday 10-24

10 AM - Theology & Coffee in Conference Room

11 AM - Funeral for Sylvia Leupp in Sanctuary

Saturday 10-25

1 PM - Funeral for David Thune in Sanctuary

Sunday 10-26 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

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

5 PM - Dakota Pro Musica Concert in Sanctuary

Tuesday 10-28

9 AM - Quilters in Quilters' Room

4 PM - Property Committee in Conference Room

6 PM - Mission & Outreach Comm. in Conf. Room

Wednesday 10-29

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

5:15 PM - Meal served in Fellowship Hall

6 PM - Worship in Sanctuary

6:40 PM - Church School, Youth Group, Confirmation RUMMAGE SALE SETUP AFTER WORSHIP



