

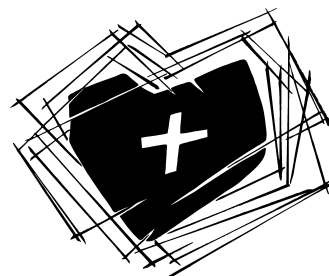


*Nurturing a Living Faith
with Open Hearts
and Serving Hands*

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A Season of Joy and Thanksgiving...
Gratitude as Worship

***17th Sunday
after Pentecost
September 27, 2026
10:30 a.m.***



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC "Praise the Father, Praise the Son"
CCLI #5203251

WELCOME & SHARING OF PEACE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ELW pg. 116

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

OPENING SONG "Our God is Here"
CCLI #4511377

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Come Into His Presence"
CCLI #18819

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God,

help us to rejoice always, to pray continually, and to give thanks in all circumstances. Remind us of your presence in every moment and fill our hearts with gratitude for your unfailing love. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***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.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY BAPTISM

Stevie Ann Vitez
Daughter of Samantha & Kelly Vitez

APOSTLES' CREED

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

WELCOME OF NEWLY BAPTIZED

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:

Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

BAPTISM SONG

"Jesus Loves Me"
Verse 1

ELW #595

FIRST READING: 1 CHRONICLES 16:4, 8-13

Brenda Hove, reader

⁴He appointed certain of the Levites as ministers before the ark of the LORD, to invoke, to thank, and to praise the LORD, the God of Israel.

⁸O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

⁹Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.

¹⁰Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

¹¹Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually.

¹²Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles and the judgments he uttered,

¹³O offspring of his servant Israel,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 100 (Please read responsively).

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

²**Serve the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**

³Know that the LORD is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴**Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.**

Give thanks to him; bless his name.

⁵For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever
and his faithfulness to all generations.

SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Alleluia"

ELW pg. 188

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 6:19-21

The holy gospel according to Matthew, chapter 6, beginning with verse 19. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁹"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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

My thoughts on the scripture
and message

CHILDREN'S TIME/SERMON

Pastor Martha HarriSon

HYMN OF THE DAY

“God Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

ELW #678

Alternate Melody Beach Spring

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

“Vine and Branches”

Refrain only, CCLI #7229019

Please pray for Amy, Rod, Melissa, Dwight, Donna, Carol, Blair, Marsha, Andy, Wayne, Dale & Tim.

OFFERING/OFFERING MUSIC

“Give Thanks”

CCLI #20285

OFFERING PRAYER

God of creation,

you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

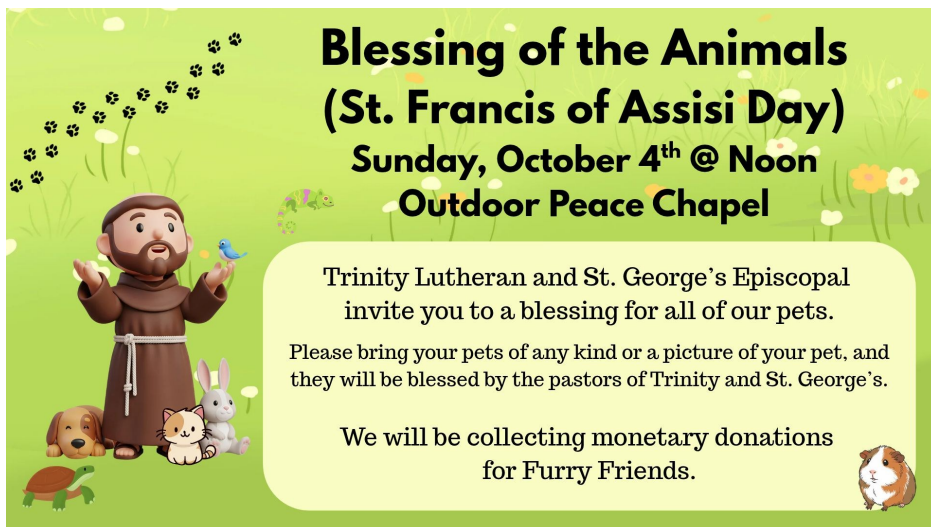
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DISMISSAL

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

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**Blessing of the Animals
(St. Francis of Assisi Day)**
Sunday, October 4th @ Noon
Outdoor Peace Chapel

Trinity Lutheran and St. George's Episcopal
invite you to a blessing for all of our pets.

Please bring your pets of any kind or a picture of your pet, and
they will be blessed by the pastors of Trinity and St. George's.

We will be collecting monetary donations
for Furry Friends.

The poster features a cartoon illustration of St. Francis of Assisi, a brown-robed man with a beard, holding a small blue bird in his hands. He is surrounded by various animals: a dog, a cat, a rabbit, a turtle, and a guinea pig. The background is a light green field with white daisies and a path of paw prints leading towards the top left.



Join our Handbell Choir!

Ability to read notes and
a willingness to laugh at yourself.

Wednesdays from 6:45-7:45 pm



The poster has a light green background. On the left and right sides, there are illustrations of handbells. The text is centered. At the bottom, there is a photograph of a handbell choir. The choir members are seated at a long table covered with a blue cloth, holding handbells. A conductor is standing at the end of the table, facing the choir. The background of the photo shows a church interior with wood paneling.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM is in memory of parents, Norman & Lilly Rolfson, Alvin & Alpha Halvorson. Given by Larry & Faye Rolfson.

ALTAR FLOWERS are in memory of in memory of Warren, Marlys and Mark Dotseth, given by Cathy Kristensen.

“APPLE JAM” SERVING HANDS PROJECT - Sign up at the Welcome Center to help tear down and clean up after this annual event that supports the Bismarck Cancer Center. Helpers get in free so you can come early to enjoy the event. You will be needed from 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. **TODAY** at Buckstop Junction. Contact Pastor Martha if you have questions.

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!



Prayers around the Cross

Sunday, September 27 at 6:00pm
Trinity Lutheran Church, Bismarck

You are invited to a special Sunday Evening Community Worship Service of Prayer and Taizé Songs around the Cross.

Trinity's Sunday Evening Community Worship Services are designed to be peaceful, reflective, and prayerful. They are an opportunity to get away from the hecticness of daily life and simply rest in the Lord.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28



THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday 9-27

8:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary
9:30 AM - Bible 101 in Fellowship Hall
9:35 AM - Church School
10:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary
6 PM - Taizé Worship in Community Center

Tuesday 9-29

9 AM - Quilters in Quilters' Room
4 PM - Property Committee in the Conference Room
6 PM - Mission & Outreach Committee in Conf. Room

Wednesday 9-30

10 AM - Theology & Coffee in Conference Room
5:15 PM - Meal Served in Fellowship Hall
6 PM - Worship in Sanctuary
6:40 PM - Church School, Confirmation, Youth Group
6:45 PM - Handbell Rehearsal in Sanctuary

Thursday 10-1

6:30 PM - Re-Entry Meal in Fellowship Hall

Saturday 10-3

10 AM - Grief Group in Conference Room

Sunday 10-4

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

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9:30 AM - Bible 101 in Fellowship Hall
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2026 MISSION OPPORTUNITES

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPT
17

3:30pm

The Banquet

Sign up to setup, serve, and clean up at this Block Party meal at the Dream Center.

SEPT
27

5pm -
6:30pm

Apple Jam at Buckstop Junction

Help tear down and clean up after this annual event that supports the Bismarck Cancer Center.

OCT
11

11:45am

Freezer Meals for Local Non-Profits

Join us in the Fellowship Hall kitchen at Trinity to make freezer meals for our community partners.

NOV
1-30

All Month

Ministry on the Margins Food Drive

Bring your donations to church.

NOV
11

6:40pm

United Way Backpack Service Project

Fellowship Hall

NOV 15-
DEC 13

All Month

Angel Tree

Grab a tag and make someone's Christmas special.

Re-Entry Meal
First Thursday of every month
5:30pm at Trinity

Questions?
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