



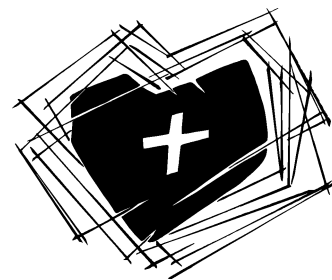
*Nurturing a Living Faith
with Open Hearts
and Serving Hands*

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A Season of Joy and Thanksgiving...

Joy & Commitment

*20th Week after Pentecost
Sunday
October 18, 2026
8:30 a.m.*



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

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

"You Servants of God"

ELW #825

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.

KYRIE

ELW pg. 138

HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW pg. 140

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God,

raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 40:25-31

Bob Wefald, reader

²⁵ To whom, then, will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name; because he is great in strength,
mighty in power, not one is missing.

²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and assert, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹ He gives power to the faint
and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted,

³¹ but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

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

PSALM 115:12-18 *(Please read responsively).*

¹² The LORD has been mindful of us; he will bless us;
he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;

¹³ **he will bless those who fear the LORD,
both small and great.**

¹⁴ May the LORD give you increase,
both you and your children.

¹⁵ **May you be blessed by the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.**

¹⁶ The heavens are the LORD’s heavens,
but the earth he has given to human beings.

¹⁷ **The dead do not praise the LORD,
nor do any who go down into silence.**

¹⁸ But we will bless the LORD
from this time on and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15

⁶ The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

⁷ Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹ As it is written,

“He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us,

¹² for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

¹³ Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW pg. 205

Things currently bringing me Joy:

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GOSPEL: JOHN 6:1-14

The holy gospel according to John, chapter 6, beginning with verse 1. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

6 After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. 2 A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. 3 Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. 4 Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. 5 When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" 6 He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. 7 Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." 8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 9 "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" 10 Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all. 11 Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." 13 So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. 14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

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

CHILDREN'S TIME/SERMON

Pastor Mark Narum

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

ELW #843

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

"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

ELW #751

*Please pray for Amy, Rod, Melissa, Dwight, Donna, Carol, Blair, Marsha,
Andy, Wayne, Dale, Cindi, Finley & Marlys.*

OFFERING RESPONSE

"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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

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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.

LAMB OF GOD

ELW pg. 146

COMMUNION & COMMUNION MUSIC

"Eat This Bread"

Verse 1

ELW #472

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Sustaining God,

with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

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

SENDING SONG

“On Our Way Rejoicing”

ELW #537

DISMISSAL

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026

RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM is in memory of parents, Lester & Eleanor Botine. Given by Karen Botine.

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!



HELP WITH THE RUMMAGE SALE!

Our rummage sale is coming up and the funds raised will go toward our youth ministry. Please consider helping when you are able! All are welcome!

- Wednesday, October 28, we'll be setting up tables & racks after worship. This goes quick if we get some good help!
- We start accepting donations Thursday, October 29.
- Help unpack items/set-up Thursday, October 29 – Thursday, November 5. Just stop on by and unpack a box or 10!
- Help bag items people are purchasing during the sale Friday, November 6 (8-5) & Saturday, November 7 (10-2). Please let Gracia know if you can help.
- Help pack up the leftovers starting at 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 7. Please let Gracia know if you can help or just come by & help.

MESSIAH REHEARSALS

Registration: Sunday, Oct. 25 @ 3:30 p.m.

Rehearsals: Sunday, Oct. 25 @ 4-6 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 1 @ 4-6 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 8 @ 4-6 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 15 @ 4-6 p.m.

All are welcome!



THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday 10-18 COLLECT GIVING INTENT CARDS

8:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary

9:30 AM - Pancake Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

9:35 AM - Church School

10:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary

Tuesday 10-20

9 AM - Quilters in Quilters' Room

Wednesday 10-21 COLLECT GIVING INTENT CARDS

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 10-22

7 PM - 830 Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Sunday 10-25

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

4 PM - Messiah Rehearsal in Sanctuary

Friday, November 6
@ 8 am – 5 pm &
Saturday, November 7
@ 10 am – 2 pm

Semi-Annual **TRINITY'S
RUMMAGE
SALE**

In the Community Center

Drop Off Items:

Thursday, October 29 –
Friday, October 30
&
Monday, November 2 –
Tuesday, November 3
during office hours
(8am-12pm & 1pm-5pm)

Not Accepting:

❌ Electronics, TVs
❌ Opened Makeup
❌ Sanitizer
❌ Exercise Equipment
❌ Food
❌ Car Seats
❌ Medical Devices
❌ Textbooks



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