

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Sunday, September 20, 2026

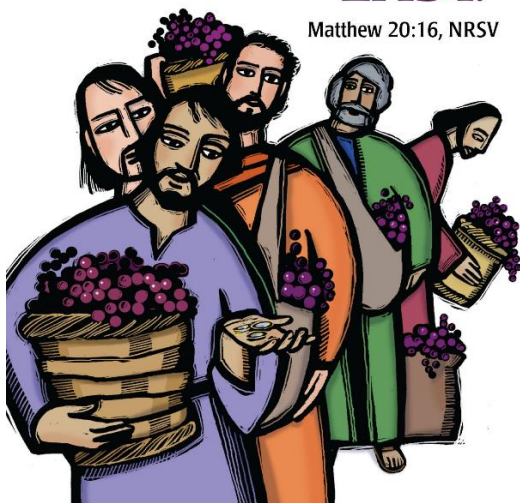
Trinity Lutheran Church

499 4th Ave. NW, Valley City, ND

Our Mission: "Love God. Love Others."

So the **last**
will be **FIRST**,
and the **first**
will be **LAST**.

Matthew 20:16, NRSV



Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

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September 20, 2026— Seventeenth Sunday after PENTECOST

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Welcome to you who are visitors among us; please sign our guest book, take a “Welcome” bag home, and do come worship with us again. *To those of you looking for a church home, we invite you to join this community of faith, as we seek to grow and serve in God’s grace and love.*

***: Please stand, in body or spirit.**

Large print bulletins are available at the back table.

“Busy Bags” for small children’s use during Worship on back hand rail.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

***Confession & Forgiveness**

L: Compassionate God,

C: we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy & bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world & reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

L: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **C: Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn:** “Morning Haw Broken” **#556 ELW**

***Apostolic Greeting (C: And also with you.)**

***Kyrie** **#157 ELW**

***Prayer of the Day** (*Today’s Readings insert*)

Presentation of Bibles (*Ava Anderson, Hudson Rogers, Jensen Carlblom*)

WORD

First Reading: Jonah 3:10 – 4:11

Responsive Psalm Reading: Psalm 145:1-8

Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30

***Gospel Acclamation:** “Halle, Halle, Halle” **#172 ELW**

***Gospel Reading:** Matthew 20:1-16

***Responses:** “Glory to you, O LORD”/“Praise to you, O Christ.”

Hymn: "Jesus Loves Me" #595 ELW
Sermon
Hymn of the Day: "God's Work. Our Hands" (gold insert)
***Apostles' Creed** p. 127 ELW
Prayer Song: "Hear Our Prayer"

*Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord make us whole:
Peace to all people, hope for each soul.
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.*

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Prayers of Intercession: (L: Hear us, O God, C: Your mercy is great.)

MEAL

Our Tithes/Offerings to God

***Offertory Hymn:** "Create in Me" #188 ELW

***Offertory Prayer/Blessing of LWR kits**

***Great Thanksgiving** p. 206-207 ELW

***Lord's Prayer**

Holy Communion/Kneel or stand at Communion rail



*All are welcome to join us in celebrating the Sacrament of
Communion, believing the Risen Christ is present with us in the
bread and wine, assuring us of GOD's love and forgiveness.*

*Please receive the bread in your hand and place your empty cup in the
side basket. Gluten-free bread/juice are available. To be served in
your pew, please raise your hand after pianist is served.*

***Post-Communion Prayer**

SENDING

***Blessing (C: Amen!)**

***Sending Hymn:** "Take My Life, That I May Be" #583 ELW

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

Postlude

Our "Thanks!" to those who serve today:

Pastor: Rev. Diane Krumm

Accompanist: Amy Anderson

Greeter: Graecyn Rogers

Acolyte: Korbyn Boom

Scripture Reader: Randy Schlecht **Ushers:** Gary & Bernadette Botner

In Our Thoughts/Prayers: Fam/Friends of Judy Horn (died 9/17); Michelle Carlblom, Bernadette Botner, Bernie Walters, Tim Yokom (Jerry's bro), Marleen Pytlik, Madonna Bacher-Slack, Bea Tait, Gayle Hoff, Chad Henningsgard, Karen Magnuson, Beth Busche (Kathy Hoef's sis-in-law), Don Clark; our Missionaries; PEACE

"Trinity Family" to pray for this week: Linda & Shawn Anderson (Erika, Erin), Dennis & Sharon Anundson

This Week @ TLC:

Today, September 20th: **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**



Rally Sunday

9 a.m. Sunday School (Kndg- gr. 6) in lower level

Fellowship Room

9:15 a.m. LWR School Kit Assembly (*Thanks to all those who helped!*)

**10 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion/Presentation of Bibles/
Blessing of LWR kits**

11 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (*Thanks for hosting, Patty Beil!*)

Endowment mtg in TLC library

2 p.m. Chapel @ Legacy Place

3 p.m. Chapel @ St. Raphael

Mon., Sept. 21st: *Pr. Diane's Sabbath*

12 p.m. Sr. High Youth Lunch @ OSLC

Tues., Sept. 22nd: **10:30 a.m.** Bible study @ TLC

Wed., Sept. 23rd: **8 a.m.** "See ya at the Pole" @ VCHS (youth gr. K-12)

9 a.m. Quilters

3:15-5 p.m. Kids Club @ Faith (gr. 4-6 youth)

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class (gr. 7-9) @ Faith Lutheran Church

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group @ Epworth (gr. 10-12)

Fri. – Sun., Sept. 25-27: Castaway Club Youth Retreat in MN

Next Sunday, Sept. 27th: **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

9 a.m. Sunday School (Kndg – gr. 6) in lower level

10 a.m. Worship

11 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (*Jerry & Julie Yokom hosting*)

2 p.m. VC Out of the Darkness (Suicide Awareness) Community Walk: This event begins on McFarland lawn of VCSU, and includes an opening ceremony, activities of hope & healing, resource tables, and complimentary honor beads for every participant. To register & for more info about the walk route, go to: www.afsp.org/valleycity

7 p.m. ELCA Youth Gathering Info meeting @ Faith Lutheran:

For youth in gr. 8-12 who are interested in attending next summer's trip (Mpls). Parents should also attend this meeting.