

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Trinity Lutheran Church

499 4th Ave. NW, Valley City, ND

Our Mission: "Love God. Love Others."



Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Set free to serve by God's grace, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

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September 27, 2026—Eighteenth 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:** "Evening & Morning" #761 ELW

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

***Kyrie** #157 ELW

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

WORD

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Responsive Psalm Reading: Psalm 25:1-9

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

***Gospel Acclamation:** "Halle, Halle, Halle" #172 ELW

***Gospel Reading:** Matthew 21:23-32

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

Hymn: "Drawn to the Light" #593 ELW

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: *"Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult"* **#696 ELW**
***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.**)

THANKSGIVING

Our Tithes/Offerings to God

***Offertory Hymn:** *"Give Thanks"* Text Henry Smith
Give thanks with a grateful heart; Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because GOD's given Jesus Christ to us. (Repeat)...
And now let the weak say 'I am strong', Let the poor say 'I am rich'
because of what the LORD has done for us (Repeat)... *Give thanks!*
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***Offertory Prayer**

***Lord's Prayer**

SENDING

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

***Sending Hymn:** *"Be Thou My Vision"* **#793 ELW**

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

Postlude

In Our Thoughts/Prayers: Fam/Friends of Judy Horne (9/28 funeral @ TLC); 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 military men & women; PEACE

"Trinity Family" to pray for this week: Jennifer Bacher, Madonna Bacher-Slack, Nancy Bartz, Pat Beil & Bernie Walters

Our "Thanks!" to those who serve today:

Pastor: Rev. Diane Krumm

Accompanist: Amy Anderson

Greeter: Tristan O'Brien

Acolyte: Carter O'Brien

Scripture Reader: Sharon Anundson

Ushers: Jerry & Julie Yokom

This Week @ TLC:

Today, September 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 (*Thanks for hosting, Cambrie & family!*)

2 p.m. VC Out of the Darkness Community Walk (*see insert*)

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.

Mon., Sept. 28th: **11 a.m.** Judy Horne funeral @ TLC

12 p.m. Sr. High Lunch @ OSLC

Tues., Sept. 29th: **10:30 a.m.** Bible Study @ TLC

Wed., Sept. 30th: **9 a.m.** Quilters

1:30-3 p.m. Medical Supplies & Equipment Donation drive @ St. Raphael (*see insert*)

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

6:30 – 8 p.m. Confirmation class @ Faith Luth. (gr. 7-9 youth)

Thurs., Oct. 1st: **1 p.m.** Worship Cmte meeting

3:30 p.m. Outreach/Stewardship meeting

Sat., Oct. 3rd: **11 a.m. – 1 p.m.** Epworth Methodist Church Autumn Market (*see insert*)

Next Sunday, Oct. 4th: ***Nineteenth Sunday after PENTECOST***

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

10 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion

11 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (*Host needed! Please sign up @ back sanctuary table if able to provide goodies & serve.*)

11:15 a.m. Confirmand meeting (*gr. 10-11 youth*) in TLC library



Crafters, Bakers, Gift Basket Creators needed!

On Saturday, Nov. 7th, TLC WELCA will be having their annual Fall Festival. Besides the delicious casserole luncheon, we will be having a sale of: baked goods, crafts, quilts, greeting cards & gift baskets. If you would like to donate any of these items for the festival, please have them to the church on or before 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6th. For the gift baskets, please only donate baskets that are \$30 or less; and please specify the basket's value when dropping off your basket to the church so they can be priced accordingly.