

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, September 13, 2026 10:30 A.M.



"...how often should
I forgive?
"Not **SEVEN** times,
but, I tell you,
**SEVENTY-
SEVEN**
times."

Matthew 18:21-22, NRSV

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP

Order of Service: Divine Service Three, p. 184

Opening Hymn: #754 Entrust Your Days and Burdens

Sermon Hymn: #765 God Moves in a Mysterious Way

Communion Hymns: #609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

#618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

#611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

Closing Hymn: #760 What God Ordains Is Always Good

*Hymn #609 is dedicated in loving memory of Darlene Gehring
(9/14/22).*

STREAMING OF SUNDAY'S Service begins at 10:25am. Watch the live-stream on our website:
trinityknoxville.org; by following the link on the church's Facebook page; or by going to the church's
YouTube channel: Trinity Lutheran Church, Knoxville, Iowa.

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Bill Caughey in honor of the birthdays of
his children, Chris & Katie.

SERVING US TODAY

Elder: Paul Haselhuhn

Organist: Cindy Todd

Altar Guild: Deb Lefler, Wendy Peffers

LWML: April Verwers, Peggy White

Ushers: Randy Emal, Jerry Roby

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday: 9:15am – Sunday school Rally Day

10:30am – Divine Service (Rev. Siegel)

11:45am – Rally Day Lunch

Monday: 10:30am – Pella Bible Study

Wednesday: 7:00am – Quilting

10:00am – Bible Study

5:00pm – Choir

Next Sunday: 9:15am – Sunday school

10:30am – Divine Service (Rev. Mark Heilman)

Noon – Adult Social at Casa Grande



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP: With eagerness we approach You, O God. We join with all who love and serve You. We offer ourselves to be Your people, ready to let Your light shine upon us and through us. In Jesus' name. Amen. It is a genuine joy to welcome all who have come to praise our Lord. Let us begin this service as we should begin every day: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Monday, September 14: Rita Antolik

Wednesday, September 16: Jon Kreutner, LouAnn Perkins

Friday, September 18: Eric Bell



LCMS WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Psalm 143:8 Let me hear in the morning of Your steadfast love, for in You I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to You I lift up my soul.



ANNOUNCEMENTS – September 13, 2026

WITH OUR MEMBERS & FRIENDS: We remember in our prayers: Doyle & Donna Schrader, Makayla Bell, who has been hospitalized in Iowa City this week, Diane Vickroy (Doug Nolte's niece, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer), Tammie Adreon, Paul & Diane Jensen, Cathy Miller, Ray Jenkins, Tom Davey, Margaret Niece, Marky Davis, Ted Snow, Brian Perkins, Bob Caswell, Marylou Nolte, Jane Caswell, Brennon Nolte, Rodger Dop, Mary Meyer, Lois Mick, Rich Lienemann, Karen Schwanebeck, David Kline, and Bryson & Willow Lefler. *Please help us keep our prayer list up-to-date.*

SIGNS OF CHRIST ALIVE IN US

September 6

Attendance 83

Offering \$4,361.00

OUR THANKS TO Rev. Jeff Siegel from Des Moines for serving us today.

CALL UPDATE: Rev. Robert Hinckley and his wife Lindy visited Knoxville this past week. They met with Lary Willoughby and Roger & Cindy Todd, and looked at housing with realtor Josh Jenkins. They arrived late Sunday and went home on Wednesday. Please keep them in your prayers as they prayerfully consider our Call and we await their decision.

RALLY DAY! Sunday school classes for all ages begin Sunday at 9:15am! Everyone is invited to attend our Rally Day luncheon for the congregation following the 10:30am worship service, serving hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, chips & drinks. Please join us for fun & fellowship!

PLEASE JOIN US for Pella Bible Study this Monday at 10:30am and/or mid-week Bible Study in the fellowship hall this Wednesday at 10:00am!

THE ADULT SOCIAL for September will be held following the worship service next Sunday at Casa Grande Mexican, 110 E. Main Street. Everyone is invited. Please sign up today so we can make reservations. Thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for Trinity's next blood drive on Monday, October 5. Sign-up sheets are posted.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR can be heard each Sunday morning at 7:30am on WHO radio. On September 13, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's sermon will be "Forgiveness Is a Non-Negotiable" based on Matthew 6:12. In God's family, forgiveness is non-negotiable. It's not up for debate because forgiveness is what makes us who we are. And then on September 20, his sermon will be "High Bar to Clay Jar" based on Matthew 20:16. In Jesus, we don't need to compare ourselves to anyone else. Instead, we are free to better appreciate them.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: Romans 14:7 – "For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself." We just don't belong to ourselves — we belong first of all to God, and through Him, we belong to our neighbors. We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation: as a Christian you serve others in the church, as a neighbor you serve others in society, and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family.

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: Want to be closer to your spouse, children, or grandchildren? Praying as a couple or as a family is one of the most powerful and intimate things you can do together. Start simply by praying for things you're thankful for, things you need, or things you're worried about. Pray for people you know who are struggling. If you're not currently praying aloud together, consider the many positive impacts of doing so. You will be drawn closer to God, and to each other. Find a creative, practical, and free downloadable resource for fun ways to build prayer into you and your family's daily life, created by our friends at Concordia Center for the Family at www.concordiafamilystore.org/resources/p/family-prayer-handout. Learn more at www.LutheranFamilyService.org

A LIFE QUOTE from Lutherans for Life: "Again, our worth is never determined by what we do. God has given us value by creating, redeeming, and calling us as His own. Still, we can be comforted knowing that even as we age and reach the point where we can no longer be active, God not only watches over us and cares for us, He accomplishes great and wonderful things through us. May the Lord of life grant us the faith and the strength to bear the crosses of aging in such a way that others are led to see the love of Christ manifest in us!" *Rev. Dr. Aric Fenske, Executive Director of Lutherans For Life*

A LIFE THOUGHT from Lutherans for Life: Joseph was a man wronged, repeatedly. However, as we find him in Genesis 50, those wrongs against him did not lead him to live with bitterness or a desire for revenge. Instead, we find that God provided him with patience and compassion even against those who had so terribly sinned against him. We are often quick to anger and slow to forgive. May He work patience and wisdom in our hearts when we hear about the numerous ways God's gifts are twisted. Thanks be to God that He is "slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love" (Psalm 103:8).



ONLINE GIVING WITH ZEFFY: Scan the QR code or visit <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/weekly-offering-3> to securely contribute to the Sunday offering or designated funds. Thank you for your continued support of Trinity Lutheran Church!

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 50:15-21

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

EPISTLE READING: Romans 14:1-12

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee
shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess
to God.”

So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18:21-25

Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

forgive 

“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”