

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, October 24, 2026 6:00 P.M.

Sunday, October 25, 2026 10:30 A.M.

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP

Order of Service: Divine Service One, p. 151

Opening Hymn: #712 Seek Ye First

Sermon Hymn: #656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Sermon: "Keeping the Commandments" Matthew 22:36

Distribution Hymns: #617 O Lord, We Praise Thee

#625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread

#643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Closing Hymn: #918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

*Hymn #617 is dedicated in loving memory of John Caswell, Jr.
(10/28/02) and Richard Provenzano (10/30/07).*



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.

SERVING US TODAY

Elder: Matt Willoughby

Organist: Cindy Todd

Altar Guild: Deb Lefler, Jennie Just-Lightfoot, Peggy White

LWML: Jessica Adreon, Kathy Willoughby

Ushers: Sat. – Doug Nolte Sun. – Neil & Trevor Willoughby

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday, October 24: 6:00pm – Divine Service

Sunday, October 25: 9:15am – Sunday school

10:30am – Divine Service

11:45am – Quarterly Voters Meeting

Wednesday: 7:00am – Quilting 10:00am – Bible Study

5:00pm – Choir

Saturday: 6:00pm – Divine Service

Next Sunday: 9:15am – Sunday school 10:30am – Divine Service



TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Karen Willemssen in loving memory of her father, Gahart Baumgarten (10/27/1917 – 11/13/1993).



NOVEMBER IS YOUR MONTH!

Elder: Larry Boyer

Altar Guild: Jessica Bacon, Tonya Cooper

LWML: Jessica Bacon, Peggy Wagner

Ushers: Sat. – Usher needed

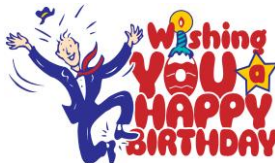
Sun. – Eric Bell, Bob Caswell

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP: Fill our minds with holy thoughts, O Lord, that we may think what You would have us think and worship You with purity of heart. Amen. Hebrews 5:7 reminds us that Jesus “offered up prayers and supplications” and was heard by the Father. As we gather for worship today, may we bring our own prayers before the Lord and draw closer to Him and to one another. Welcome, brothers and sisters in Christ.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 25: Cade Kingery

Tuesday, October 27: Lauren Gangel



LCMS WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.



ANNOUNCEMENTS – October 25, 2026

WITH OUR MEMBERS & FRIENDS: Congratulations to Ragan & Adi Krichau on the birth of their first child! Truett Paul Krichau was born on Sunday, October 18, weighing 8 lb. 3 oz. Proud grandparents are Luke & Jessica Adreon, great-grandparents are Gary & Tammie Adreon and Lary & Kathy Willoughby, and great-great-grandmother is Jean Willoughby. We also remember in our prayers: Lorraine Daugherty (Madison Schroeder’s grandmother), Makayla Bell, Ray Jenkins, Tom Davey, Marylou Nolte, Rodger Dop, Mary Meyer, Bob Caswell, Karen Schwanebeck, Diane Vickroy, Paul & Diane Jensen, Margaret Niece, Cathy Miller, Marky Davis, Ted Snow, Brennon Nolte, Jane Caswell, Lois Mick, Rich Lienemann, David Kline, and Bryson & Willow Lefler. *Please help us keep our prayer list up-to-date!*

SIGNS OF CHRIST ALIVE IN US

October 17 & 18

Attendance 26/73

Offering \$4,606.00

Thrivent Choice \$50.00

THE QUARTERLY VOTERS meeting will be held following this Sunday’s worship service. All Trinity members age 18 & over have voting privileges and are encouraged to attend.

IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING to include in the November newsletter, please submit it to the church office no later than Monday afternoon. Thank you!

ALL ARE WELCOME to join us at mid-week Bible Study in the fellowship hall Wednesday at 10:00am! We are studying the readings for the upcoming weekend.

THE FREE COMMUNITY MEAL at the Methodist Church this Wednesday from 5:00-6:30pm will feature baked ziti, garlic bread and drink. Everyone is welcome!

WE HAVE BEEN ASKED to help with the free community meal at the Methodist Church on Wednesday, October 28. A sign-up sheet is posted.

THE ANNUAL THANKSGIVING Dinner at St. Paul Lutheran Church in rural Lacona (Germantown) will be held on Sunday, November 1 from 12:00-1:30pm, featuring turkey with all the trimmings. Everyone is welcome!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR can be heard each Sunday morning at 7:30am on WHO radio. On October 25, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's sermon will be "Relief" based on Romans 3:23-24. You don't have to earn God's favor. It is the relief waiting to find us before we even knew we had a problem. And then on November 1, his sermon will be "What We Will Be" based on 1 John 3:2. What we will be has not yet appeared. But even now, we are God's adopted children, through faith in Christ.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: John 8:36 – "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." Luther is rightly remembered as a champion of the Gospel — but he also called himself "the apostle of good works." For, only by being set free by the Gospel, can we do good works. Jesus has set us free: His blood covers our sins, and now we stand before God as His beloved children, invited to live our lives to His glory for the good of His kingdom.

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES: Martin Luther encouraged Christians to remember their baptism each time they washed their face or bathed. He wrote, "In baptism, our sinful selves are drowned, and day by day a new self arises." As we celebrate Reformation Day and reflect on its meaning this week, take time to thank God for the gift of your baptism and remind your children and grandchildren of the promises God made to them through theirs. Happy Reformation Day on October 31st from your friends at Lutheran Family Service! www.LutheranFamilyService.org

A LIFE QUOTE from Lutherans for Life: Today God continues to defend and aid His people, those who trust in His Son as their Savior. God is ever with us. He preserves His Word and Church despite the constant attack of the devil, the unbelieving world, and false teachers. God provides for all our needs of body and soul, even in times of great need and conflict. God is our refuge. His Word endures forever. His grace and power never fail." *From "Meditations on Favorite Scriptures: Devotions for a Year"*

A LIFE THOUGHT in the Church Year from Lutherans for Life: Our freedom from slavery to sin comes through the Son of God being nailed to a tree (John 8). The righteousness of God has come to us by faith. This sets us free from sin and also sets us free to love God and love our neighbors. The life we have from God, we live for the benefit of others (Romans 3). In so doing, we give glory to God for all that He has done for us (Revelation 14).

CHRIST FOR YOU on AM850 & KFUE.org: Tune in for "There Is a Redeemer", our study of the book of Job on *Sharper Iron* (weekdays at 8am)! On *Thy Strong Word* (weekdays at 11am), we're wrapping up our study of Paul's letters to the Corinthians. On *Concord Matters* (10/31 at 10am), Pastor Finnern and Rev. Dennis McFadden will be discussing Article 4 of the Epitome of the Formula of Concord, on good works. Where do our good works originate? Find your favorite programs on demand by visiting kfuo.org!



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!

For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.
 I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.
 I will be glad and exult in you;
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.
 The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.
 And those who know your name put their trust in you,
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
 For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.

Collect of the Day

O God, You have commanded us to love You above all things and our neighbors as ourselves. Grant us the Spirit to think and do what is pleasing in Your sight, that our faith in You may never waver and our love for one another may not falter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. . . .

¹⁵“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

¹⁷“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 2:1–13

¹For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. ²But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. ³For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. ⁶Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. ⁷But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. ⁸So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

⁹For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. ¹¹For you know how, like a father with his children, ¹²we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

¹³And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:34–46

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, ⁴²saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³He said to them, “How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴“The Lord said to my Lord,
Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet”?

⁴⁵If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?” ⁴⁶And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Acknowledgments

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