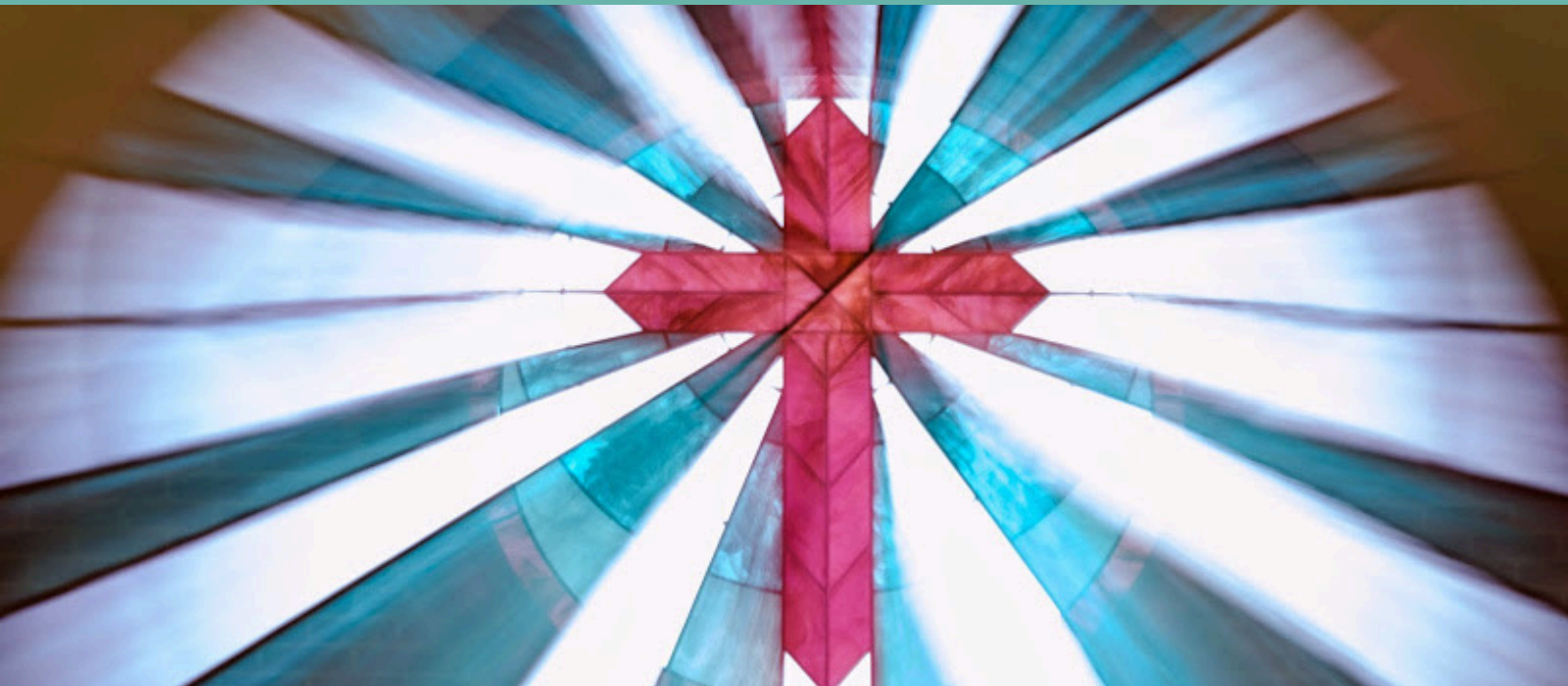


TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

BLESSINGS

SEPTEMBER 2026



A message from Pastor Emmanuel

Greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus Christ!

On the first Sunday of September, we reflect on the gospel message about resolving conflicts among members of our Church. Jesus offers a three-step process for addressing conflict when a brother or sister is caught in sin.

When this reconciliation process doesn't go as we hope, we might find solace in the scripture from Matthew 7:6: "Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet and turn and tear you to pieces." In this context, "dogs" and "pigs" are often seen as those unworthy of the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom belongs to the saints, not to those

who distort the truth like pigs or attack it like dogs.

Jesus uses this metaphor to illustrate how people may react when we share the truth of God's Word. At times, we might feel that we are casting pearls before swine. This process also encourages us to self-examine how deserving we are to treat someone who is unworthy. However, it remains our responsibility to share God's Word, trusting that the Holy Spirit will handle the rest. In the Christian life and in ministry, nothing is considered worthless. Remember, no one is worthless in Christ.

This month, we will celebrate "God's Work. Our Hands." Our mission is to serve God and His people.

Have a blessed September!

-Pastor Emmanuel

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Celebrations!

Happy Birthday!

September 1 - Cindy Swartz
September 3 - Vivian Bokash
September 3 - Jan Coulter
September 5 - Sandy Tegtman
September 15 - Brad Campbell
September 16 - Jim Caylor
September 19 - Rick Hammerle
September 20 - Gina Lucas
September 21 - Brenda Penumaka
September 29 - Connor Hammerle

Happy Anniversary!

September 1 - Dave & Cindy Swartz
September 4 - Benora & Richard Underwood
September 16 - Robin & Tim Neuman
September 22 - Carol & Frank Jensen

Upcoming Events

JOIN US!

Coffee & Fellowship

1st, 2nd & 3rd
Sundays @ 10 a.m.

Fellowship Breakfast

4th Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays at 9:45 a.m.
In person or online via [Zoom](#)

Serve at Shalom House

Saturday, September 12
9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



God's work. Our hands.



Join us for a day of service!

God's work. Our hands. Day is

an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the ELCA — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Trinity is collecting items for the Isaiah 117 House which meets the needs of children entering the foster care system.

Requested items include:

Transformers
Baby dolls
Lego sets
Playdough
Halloween / Dress Up Costumes
Fidget Toys
Sticker Books
Craft Kits
Journals & Gel Pens

Please have all donations in by Sunday, September 27

Faithful Servants

	09.06.26	09.13.26	09.20.26	09.27.26
Greeter	Ruth & Ken J	Frank & Carol J	Randy & Hope G	Tom & Jan C
Lector	Jeff T	Hope H	Tom C	Dave Swartz
Communion	Amy Hammerle	n/a	Joyce W	n/a
Usher	Ruth & Ken J	Frank & Carol J	Randy & Hope G	Tom & Jan C
Altar Guild	Amy Hammerle	Joyce W	Joyce W	Laura W
Music	John R	John R	Charlie F	Randy G
Coffee & Fellowship	Linda F	Sandy T	Anne T	Carol J Breakfast
Counting	Council	Sandy T	Dave S	Council

If you are unable to fulfill your assigned date, please make sure to find someone to switch with you! The schedule is posted a month in advance on the bulletin board outside the office. The church council appreciates all you do to help make worship a great experience!

September Flower Dedications



Thank you to all of you who donate flowers for the altar in celebration of life events, in memory of loved ones and for the glory of God.

September 6 - Gina Lucas in celebration of family birthdays

September 13 - Kari Ottinger

September 20 - Amy Hammerle in celebration of Rick and Connor's birthdays

September 27 - Carol & Frank Jensen in celebration of their anniversary

Please mail or drop off your check for flower dedications (\$30).

Those who sponsor flowers may take home the bouquets following the worship service.

To sponsor 2026 altar flowers, click [here](#).

PLEASE NOTE: Flowers are now \$30 per week.

Openings begin in November

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Giving Update

	08.02.26	08.09.26	08.16.26	08.23.26	08.30.26
Current Expenses*	\$3,027.00	\$1,283.19	\$1,352.00	\$232.00	\$1,387.00
Memorial		\$101.00			
ELCA/INKY Synod Grant*	\$1,500.00				
Building Fund	\$25.00		\$5.00		
Flowers*		\$30.00		\$30.00	
TOTAL GIVING	\$4,552.00	\$1,414.19	\$1,357.00	\$262.00	\$1,387.00

Average Monthly Current Expenses*: \$9,000
ESTIMATED AUGUST DEFICIT - \$158.81



Volunteers are needed for Trinity's booth at Mischief on Meridian.

Sign up in the narthex.

Last year, approximately 7,500 children and adults attended!

Saturday, October 24
Set Up: 4 pm
4:30 - 8 pm

Our candy goal is 5,000 pieces!

We will distribute candy and host our bucket ball toss game.



The Caring Center's mission is to stabilize families in crisis and move those caught in poverty towards self sufficiency. They help families and individual living in generational and situational poverty and those who are food insecure.

All donations should be placed in the tub under the bulletin board.

