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Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

August 16, 2026

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Everyone Is Invited to Stay for Coffee Hour in the Gathering Room



WELCOME TO TRINITY! We are so happy you are here this morning to worship the Lord. We pray this worship hour is a blessing for you and invite you to please come again soon. If you are a visitor, please sign the Guest Register in the entry.

Introit

Psalm 68:1, 3, 7a, 10b, 19; antiphon: vv. 5b, 6a, 35b

P God is in his holy habitation;

C [he] settles the solitary in a home.

P The God of Israel—he is the one

C who gives power and strength to his people.

P God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered;

C and those who hate him shall flee before him!

P But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God;

C they shall be jubilant with joy!

P O God, when you went out before your people,

C in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

P Blessed be the LORD, who daily bears us up;

C God is our salvation.

C 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.

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Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our LORD, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 🎵 Amen.

OT Reading: Genesis 4:1–15

¹Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD.” ²And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry,

and his face fell. ⁶The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.”

⁸Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?” ¹⁰And the LORD said, “What

have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹²When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." ¹³Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

Gradual *Psalm 28:7b, 1a, 2a*

P In [God] my heart trusts, and I am helped;

C my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

P To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,

C hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help.

Epistle: Ephesians 2:1–10

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of

mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Holy Gospel: Luke 18:9–14

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰"Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

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Birthdays

Sunday	Shaun Ferrell Mike Oberheide Jace Allen	Shaylan Gibson Ellie Reyelts
Monday	Tony Thompson	Bailey Vaughn
Tuesday	Kaley Debrick	Cathy Warring
Thursday	Angela Carwile	Enora Coppenbarger
Friday	Alaric Bogle	
Saturday	Gayle Plummer	

Anniversaries

8/16/1980	Doug and Judy Parks	46 years
8/16/2025	Luke and Abigail Lee	1 year
8/17/1985	Curtis and Lucy Kettler	41 years
8/18/1973	Greg and Karen Windler	53 years

We remember in our prayers:

Immediate and Long-Term Concerns:

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| ♦ Kameron Alpert | ♦ Linda Ferrell |
| ♦ Crystal Brown (Stan L.'s granddaughter) | ♦ Susan Mueller |
| ♦ John Loftiss (Stan L.'s brother) | |

Recovering:

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| ♦ Dennis Hinman (Sally W.'s uncle) | ♦ Dennis Karina |
| ♦ Bill Mueller (Barbie's brother) | ♦ Duane Rodewald |
| ♦ Norma Peckman | ♦ Debra Karina |

TREASURER’S REPORT Aug 9, 2026

Checking Account Balance	Aug 1, 2026	\$	5,750.55
Income:	Deposit	\$	6,889.38
Expenses	Checking	\$	(8,909.50)
Balance	Aug 8, 2026	\$	3,730.43

Attendance

Worship Attendance	Aug 9	170
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THANK YOU - Thank you for all the Birthday cards I received acknowledging my 92nd Birthday. Your thoughts, messages and prayers have been a blessing, and I am very grateful for them. I appreciate you very much.
Norma Peckman

90th BIRTHDAY – Help us celebrate Gladys’ 90th birthday on August 29th from 1 to 3 PM at the Shelter House.

PARKING LOT - The voters approved a concrete addition to our parking lot, which will expand westward from the handicapped/elderly section that we currently have. This will enable us to paint lines to organize parking better, especially for events like funerals when non-members do not always know how to park in our parking lot. The work will begin today after people leave church, and it will be poured during the week. It will then need to cure for several days. The only parking available through/including the August 23rd Sunday will be on the north side of the church, the roadside parking, and the gravel portion that will be accessible further west than the newly poured concrete. For the August 23rd service, people may also park in the lane surrounding the cemetery (but please leave it accessible during the week).

COMMUNION SCHEDULE - Because of Confirmation this month, we are celebrating communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. So while there is no Communion today, it will be offered next Sunday.

BIEROCK MAKING - Save the dates to help make bierocks! The filling is cooked and prepared on Tuesdays, and filling and baking the bierocks happen on Thursdays. This is the last week to help! Come on the 18th & 20th to finish things up!

SPRING HILL MISSION - The Spring Hill mission church now has a name: Good Shepherd Lutheran! They are still considering how and when to start worship services, but Bible studies on Outreach continue at 3:00 on Sunday afternoons. Pastor Woelmer is teaching today.

RALLY DAY - Next Sunday is Rally Day! We're excited to start Sunday School back up again as the children and youth advance a grade. To celebrate, we'll recognize them before service. Afterwards, they're invited to lunch and a movie in the basement!

NURSING HOME SERVICES - You are invited to help Trinity provide brief worship services for nursing home residents at North Point and Medicalodge next Sunday. The simple services are approximately 20 minutes in length at each home. We begin at 1:30pm at North Point, then Medicalodge around 2:15pm for the second service. The residents really enjoy these services, especially singing their favorite hymns. It's great to have church members there to greet the residents and sing along. We have a few faithful members who help but we could use your help too!

JESUS DOOR-2-DOOR - Have you ever wondered how door-to-door evangelism works? Pastor Tim Koch from Zion Lutheran, Linn, KS, is leading a group at First, Paola. Training will take place from 9-noon, then walking the streets of Paola will take place after lunch. If you get a knock on the door, feel free to say hi and answer their questions!

COLLEGE CLASS - If you know of a college student who would be interested in a Humanities class, Pastor Woelmer will be teaching "Old Testament Heritage" this Fall at Fort Scott Community College - Miami County Campus. It will be on Thursday evenings from 6-9 p.m., starting this week. It will be a bit more academic than a Bible class, but there will be plenty to learn. Go to fortscott.edu to learn more!

GOOGLE REVIEWS - As part of the website update, Pastor Chris Jackson is helping us be more visible online. One of the most common ways that people search for us is using Google. You can help by rating our church (ideally 5 stars!) and leaving a review or pictures. That will greatly help our church's online presence. Thank you very much!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY - We will be covering Wisdom Literature: Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Songs! Join us at 9 a.m. on Sundays in the Heritage Room!

ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS - Tuesday evenings at 7:00. Come on out if you are interested in learning more about Lutheran teaching or joining our congregation. We will continue for about 10 weeks.

GRACE FUND - The Voters in January approved setting up a "Grace Fund" to assist those from our congregation who are in financial need. The account is now set up, and guidelines have been written. Feel free to make donations and add "Grace Fund" to the memo line of your check; the Finance Committee will record donations to this fund. Requests will go to the Elders, Chairman, and Pastor for approval. The Guidelines sheet as well as request forms are available in the Secretary's Office.

PRAYER REQUEST TEXTS - Periodically, we send text messages out regarding prayer requests i.e. notification of a death, birth, or illness. If you would like to be on this text alert, please see Pastor or Susan. Once added, you will need to "opt in" via an email that will be sent to you.

BEST CHOICE LABELS - We are collecting labels for Ladies Aid. If you have any, please put them in the box on the coat rack by the office.



SIGN UP FOR COFFEE HOUR - Everyone is invited to stay for Coffee Hour in the Gathering Room following worship today, thank you to Ladies Aid for providing snacks. The signup sheet to provide snacks for Coffee Hour is on the counter in the Gathering Room. Consider signing up to honor birthdays, wedding anniversaries, etc.