

DIVINE SERVICE III

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

September 13, 2026

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



WELCOME TO TRINITY! So happy you are here this morning to worship the Lord. We pray that 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 86:4, 6, 15a, 16; antiphon: vv. 1a, 2b, 3

P Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
C save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.
P Be gracious to me, O Lord,
C for to you do I cry all the day.
P Gladden the soul of your servant,
C for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
P Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
C listen to my plea for grace
P But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious;
C turn to me and be gracious to me;
P give your strength to your servant,
C and save the son of your maidservant.

♪ **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ♪ Amen.

OT Reading: Genesis 50:15–21

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], ⁹“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” ¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am

gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” ¹³And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” ¹⁵And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he

spoke by Elijah.

Gradual

Psalm 118:8–9

P It is better to take refuge in the
LORD

C than to trust in man.

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C than to trust in princes.

Epistle: Galatians 5:25—6:10

²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

¹Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵For each will have to bear his own load.

⁶One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

²⁴[Jesus said:] “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³²For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

³⁴“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:24–34

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Birthdays

Sunday	Sally Wood	
Monday	Hannah Menefee	
Tuesday	Aaron Prothe	
Wednesday	Conni Holte	ScottiLyne Brack
Friday	Skyler Prothe	Liam Simonson
Saturday	Rolland Prothe	Josslyn Fuller

Anniversaries

9/17/1983	Kerry and Carole Brandt	43 years
9/18/1976	Paul and Kathy Haley	50 years
9/19/1997	Randy and Helen Maisch	29 years

We remember in our prayers:

Immediate and Long-Term Concerns:

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

Recovering:

- ♦ Bill Mueller (Barbie's brother)
- ♦ Dennis Karina
- ♦ Dennis Hinman (Sally W.'s uncle)
- ♦ Duane Rodewald
- ♦ Debra Karina
- ♦ Dale Moser
- ♦ Peace and Comfort for the family of Janet England.

TREASURER’S REPORT Sept 6, 2026

Checking Account Balance	Aug 29, 2026	\$ 79,729.86
Income:	Deposit	\$ 2,785.00
Expenses	Checking	\$ (55,363.10)
Balance	Sept 5, 2026	\$ 27,151.76

Attendance

Worship Attendance	Sept 6	103
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FUNERAL SERVICE - Funeral service for Janet England will be Monday, September 14, at 11:00. The Visitation will happen before the service at 10:00.

OUTDOOR SERVICE - Next Sunday we will worship at the Shelter House! Sunday School and Bible Class will still take place at church.

BLOCKTOBERFEST PICNIC- You are invited to stay after the outdoor service next Sunday for the Blocktoberfest picnic.

NURSING HOME SERVICES - You are invited to help Trinity provide brief worship services for nursing home residents at Country Club Estates and Homestead next Sunday. The simple services are approximately 20 minutes in length at each home. We begin at 1:30pm at Country Club Estates, then Homestead 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!

CHOIR PRACTICE - Choir meets on Wednesdays at 7:00p.m. Join us as we "make a joyful noise to the Lord!" (Psalm 100:1).

COMMUNION CHANGE - Due to the outdoor service on September 20th and a shortage of elders that day, we have decided to move Communion to the following Sunday, September 27th, instead.

PORTALS OF PRAYER - 4th quarter Portals of Prayer can be picked up in the back of the church today.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - The Youth Group is looking for volunteers to help provide pies and/or potato salad for Blocktoberfest. The sign-up sheets are at the back of the church today. The pie plates, 9x13 pans, bacon, and German Potato Salad recipe is in the back of the church. As always, the youth are very appreciative of all the help the congregation provides! Without your support many of the activities and events that the youth looks forward to wouldn't be possible. If you have any questions, please reach out to Dena Kaiser or Kristina Eilts.

QUILT RAFFLE - The Ladies Aid are selling raffle tickets for quilts. The display is set up in the Gathering Room with separate boxes for each quilt for you to place your ticket in the box of your quilt choice. There will be drawings for quilts at Blocktoberfest September 19th and Chili/Chicken Noodle dinner scheduled for Heritage Sunday, October 18th. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

MISSIONS FUND--Where does the money from the mission fund go to? Some of it is a set amount (\$7500) that we give to our Synod and District. They provide oversight and assist with the call process, publications, missionaries, pastoral and lay education, and so much more. We also support a missionary at \$500 a year (or more). Your donation to this fund is greatly appreciated, as it supports a lot of things that are "behind the scenes."

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!

Blocktoberfest Volunteer Sign-Up

Blocktoberfest needs many volunteers who are passionate about getting people together in a fun and safe environment. We need volunteers for a variety of things: driver of the kiddie train, kids' activities, trash helpers, traffic organizers, the sign-in committee, beer tent, and much, much more! If you are interested in helping, please take a look at our sign up and see what suits you best. We are always looking for donations as well!

There are three ways to access the link. Here is the long one through SignUpGenius:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10C0B45A8A829A6F49-65216686-blocktoberfest?use>

Here's a shorter link:

<https://bit.ly/4xghtYo>

Or, take out your cell phone, open the camera app, and point it at this QR code. It'll take you right there!

