

DIVINE SERVICE III

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

October 4th, 2026

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



WELCOME TO TRINITY! We are so happy that 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 122:1, 6, 8–9; antiphon: Liturgical Text

P Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,

C and let your prophets be proven faithful.

P Hear the prayer of your servants,

C according to the blessing of Aaron upon your people.

P I was glad when they said to me

C “Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

P Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

C May they be secure who love you!

P For my brothers and companions’ sake

C I will say, “Peace be within you!”

P For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,

C I will seek your good.

♪ 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 God, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 Reading: Deuteronomy 10:12–21

¹²“And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? ¹⁴Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. ¹⁵Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them,

you above all peoples, as you are this day. ¹⁶Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. ¹⁷For the LORD your God is God of gods and LORD of LORDS, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. ¹⁸He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. ¹⁹Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. ²⁰You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. ²¹He is your praise.

He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen.”

Gradual

Psalm 122:1, 7

P I was glad when they said to me,

C “Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

P Peace be within your walls

C and security within your towers!

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:1–9

¹Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choir Anthem

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.

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Birthdays

Sunday	Kyle Minden	
Monday	Mark Deering	Jenna Brown
Tuesday	Paxton Springer	
Thursday	Megan Stutzman	Brian Oberheide
Friday	Kyle Garrison	
Saturday	LeRoy Thoden	Lennon Jonas

Anniversaries

10/7/1989 Scott and Nancy Golubski 37 years

We remember in our prayers:

Immediate and Long-Term Concerns:

- ♦ Susan Mueller
- ♦ John Loftiss (Stan L.'s brother)
- ♦ Linda Ferrell

Recovering:

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

TREASURER’S REPORT Sept 27, 2026

Checking Account Balance	Sept 19, 2026	\$	18,404.91
Income:	Deposit	\$	5,142.00
Expenses	Checking	\$	(6,126.80)
Balance	Sept 25, 2026	\$	17,420.11

Attendance

Worship Attendance	Sept 27	106
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SIGN UP SHEET - Heritage Sunday is just a couple of weeks away! Following the service that day, we will be having our annual chili and chicken noodle soup lunch. If you are interested in helping by providing desserts or homemade noodles for the meal, there is a sign up sheet available at the back of the church. Please consider contributing to make this event a success.

LADIES AID - Ladies Aid meets Thursday for their Business Meeting at 11:00 am.

VOTERS ASSEMBLY AND CHURCH COUNCIL - The quarterly meeting of the Voters Assembly will be held following worship Sunday, October 18th. To prepare for this meeting, the Church Council will meet on Tuesday, October 13th at 7:00pm.

NURSING HOME SERVICES - You are invited to help Trinity provide brief worship services for nursing home residents at North Point and Medicalodge October 11th. 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!

COMMUNION REGISTRATION - As a reminder to our newer members (including the Confirmands), please don't forget to check in on the sheet in the back of church if you communed. It helps us know how many are communing each Sunday, and it gives Pastor and the Elders an idea of how much of the elements to prepare.

YOUTH TRIP - Our Youth and families are planning a trip to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter in Kentucky June 2-6, 2027. Congregation members are also invited to join them! In order to finalize housing plans, we need a firm commitment from any Youth families by November 1. Please let Kristina or Lori know if you are planning to attend. We are asking each Youth family attending to pay a \$100 commitment fee to help offset the cost of the trip. There will be a sign-up list in the back of church for any other congregation members planning to join us. We ask that congregation members sign up by December 1. See Lori Schlegel for any questions you have.

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."

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.

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!

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.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS - If you have a Thrivent account (or know someone else who does), don't forget to periodically check the account for Thrivent Choice Dollars; you are able to donate them to church or to various charities of your choice. If someone you know is not able to check online easily, feel free to help them see what might be sitting in their account, ready to be designated!

ONLINE GIVING - Visit our church's Facebook page sometime and look for the bright blue "Donate" button next to the "Like" and "Message" buttons. The company GuideStar processes the transactions; you may either tac on an additional amount to pay the 3% fee that they would charge or allow the fee to come out of the donation. You may, of course, continue to donate via the offering plates in church; this is just one more way that people can donate.



SIGN UP FOR COFFEE HOUR - Everyone is invited to stay for Coffee Hour in the Gathering Room following worship today, thank you to Linda 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.