

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Sunday, October 18, 2026

Trinity Lutheran Church

499 4th Ave. NW, Valley City, ND

Our Mission: "Love God. Love Others."

Three copper coins, likely US pennies, are shown on a textured, light brown surface. One coin is in the foreground, slightly to the left, showing its profile. Two other coins are behind it, one to the left and one to the right, both showing their faces. The text "GIVE TO CAESAR WHAT IS CAESAR'S, AND TO GOD WHAT IS GOD'S." is overlaid on the right side of the image.

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MATTHEW 22:21

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

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October 18, 2026— Twenty-first Sunday after PENTECOST

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Welcome to you who are visitors among us; please sign our guest book, take a “Welcome” bag home, and do come worship with us again. *To those of you looking for a church home, we invite you to join this community of faith, as we seek to grow and serve in God’s grace and love.*

***: Please stand, in body or spirit.**

Large print bulletins are available at the back table.

“Busy Bags” for small children’s use during Worship on back hand rail.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

***Confession & Forgiveness**

L: Compassionate God,

C: we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy & bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world & reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

L: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **C: Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn:** “You Servants of God” #825 ELW

***Apostolic Greeting (C: And also with you.)**

***Kyrie** #157 ELW

***Prayer of the Day** (Today’s Readings insert)

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

Responsive Psalm Reading: Psalm 96:1-13

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

***Gospel Acclamation:** “Halle, Halle, Halle” #172 ELW

***Gospel Reading:** Matthew 22:15-22

***Responses: “Glory to you, O LORD”/“Praise to you, O Christ.”**

Hymn: “Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song” #808 ELW

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "We Give Thee But Thine Own" #686 ELW

Holy Baptism of Gryffin Adrian Zaun p. 227-231 ELW

Prayer Song: "Hear Our Prayer"

Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord make us whole:

Peace to all people, hope for each soul.

God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

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Prayers of Intercession: (L: Hear us, O God, C: Your mercy is great.)

MEAL

Our Tithes/Offerings to God

***Offertory Hymn:** "Give Thanks" Text Henry Smith

Give thanks with a grateful heart; Give thanks to the Holy One;

Give thanks because GOD's given Jesus Christ to us. (Repeat)...

And now let the weak say 'I am strong', Let the poor say 'I am rich'

because of what the LORD has done for us (Repeat)... Give thanks!

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***Offertory Prayer**

***Great Thanksgiving**

p. 206-207 ELW

***Lord's Prayer**

Holy Communion/Kneel or stand at Communion rail



All are welcome to join us in celebrating the Sacrament of Communion, believing the Risen Christ is present with us in the bread and wine, assuring us of GOD's love and forgiveness.

Please receive the bread in your hand and place your empty cup in the side basket. Gluten-free bread/juice are available. To be served in your pew, please raise your hand after pianist is served.

***Post-Communion Prayer**

SENDING

***Blessing (C: Amen!)**

***Sending Hymn:** "God of Grace & God of Glory" #705 ELW

***P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

In Our Thoughts/Prayers: Baby Gryffin Zaun & family (baptized today); Clarence Laub (accident; Perry Laub's bro), Gary Tait, Bea Tait, Michelle Carlblom, Bernadette Botner, Bernie Walters, Tim Yokom, Marleen Pytlik, Madonna Bacher-Slack, Gayle Hoff, Karen Magnuson, Chad Henningsgard, Beth Busche (Kathy Hoef's sis-in-law), Don Clark; our missionaries; PEACE

"Trinity Family" to pray for this week: Cory & Bridget Buck (Sean), Perry & Kathy Burchill

Our "Thanks!" to those who serve today:

Pastor: Rev. Diane Krumm

Accompanist: Amy Anderson

Greeter: Cambrie Westman

Acolyte: Trent Johnson

Scripture Reader: Rachel Johnson

Ushers: Trent Johnson fam

This Week @ TLC:

Today, October 18th: ***Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost***

9 a.m. Sunday School (Kndg- gr. 6)

10 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion/Baptism of Gryffin Zaun



Today we welcome into the Body of Christ, Gryffin Adrian Zaun, son of Peyton & Madison Zaun. His sponsors are: uncles Drew Zaun and Teagan Zaun.

11 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (*Thanks for hosting, Jerry & Michelle!*)

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Faith Lutheran Church Pancake Brunch:

Serving pancakes, fried potatoes, sausage, apple sauce, & bevg.

To-go containers available. This free-will donation event is hosted by Faith Lutheran Men's Group.

Mon., Oct. 19th: *Pr. Diane's Sabbath*

12 p.m. Sr. High Youth lunch @ OSLC

Tues., Oct. 20th: **10:30 a.m.** Bible Study group @ Trinity

12 p.m. WELCA

Wed., Oct. 21st: **9 a.m.** Quilters

3:15-5 p.m. Kids Club @ Faith Lutheran (gr. 4-6)

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Youth Food Pantry collection (*see insert*)

7:30-9 p.m. Sr. High Youth @ OSLC (gr. 10-12)

Thurs., Oct. 22nd: **1-3 p.m.** Memory Café @ Faith Luth.

Next Sun, Oct. 25th: ***Reformation Sun./Confirmation Sun. (wear red!)***

NO Sunday School



**10 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion/Special Offering for
Community Thanksgiving Baskets/Affirmation of
Baptism for: Mercer Boom, Sara Crowe, Deanna Kinney,
& Bentley Wieser**

11 a.m. Coffee fellowship (hosted by TLC WELCA)