

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Trinity Lutheran Church

499 4th Ave. NW, Valley City, ND

Our Mission: "Love God. Love Others."



In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

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September 13, 2026— Sixteenth 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:** “Gather Us In” **#532 ELW**

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

***Kyrie** **#157 ELW**

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

WORD

First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

Responsive Psalm Reading: Psalm 103:1-13

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

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

***Gospel Reading:** Matthew 18:21-35

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

Hymn: “Drawn to the Light” **#593 ELW**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "Christ Be Our Light" #715 ELW
***Apostles' Creed** p. 127 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.)

THANKSGIVING

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!

***Offertory Prayer**

***Lord's Prayer**

SENDING

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

***Sending Hymn:** "Here I Am, Lord" #574 ELW

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

Postlude

In Our Thoughts/Prayers: Michelle Carlblom, Bernadette Botner, Bernie Walters, Tim Yokom (Jerry's bro), Marleen Pytlik, Madonna Bacher-Slack, Bea Tait, Gayle Hoff, Chad Henningsgard, Karen Magnuson, Beth Busche (Kathy Hoef's sis-in-law), Don Clark; Casa de Fe orphanage/Ecuador; PEACE

"Trinity Family" to pray for this week: Bev Anderson, Bruce & Amy Anderson, Jason Anderson

Our "Thanks!" to those who serve today:

Pastor: Rev. Diane Krumm

Accompanist: Amy Anderson

Greeter: Carter O'Brien

Acolyte: Tristan O'Brien

Scripture Reader: Jeanne Wobbema

Ushers: Russ & Pat Larson

This Week @ TLC:

Today, September 13th: **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Registration deadline for SWO Convention (*see insert*)

10 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Mission Breakfast for Casa de Fe @ TLC:
serving pancakes, sausage, & homemade applesauce.

Free-will offering fundraiser with proceeds benefitting an orphanage in Shell, Ecuador. All are welcome!

11:15 a.m. Pastor/Confirmand meeting in TLC library

Mon., Sept. 14th: *Pr. Diane's Sabbath*

(*Regular office hours resume this week: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., M-Th*)

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

Tues., Sept. 15th: **10:30 a.m.** Bible study @ TLC

12 p.m. TLC WELCA

5 p.m. Altar Guild meeting

5-7 p.m. Harvest of Hope Fundraiser @ VC Eagles Club (*see insert*)

Wed., Sept. 16th: **9 a.m.** Quilters

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

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class (gr. 7-9) @ Faith Lutheran Church

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

Next Sunday, Sept. 20th: **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**



Rally Sunday

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

Fellowship Room

9:15 a.m. LWR School Kit Assembly in sanctuary

10 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion

11 a.m. Coffee Fellowship; Endowment mtg in TLC library

School Kit items for Lutheran World Relief

Thank you to everyone who has either given a monetary donation, or has donated school kit items for LWR (Lutheran World Relief). We have surpassed our goal of 85 completed kits! On Sunday, Sept. 20th/Rally Sunday, we plan on assembling the kits in the back of sanctuary (near Usher room) beginning at 9:15 a.m. We welcome all who are available to help!

