

WE ARE TRANSFORMED IN CHRIST
to Share the Hope of Eternal Life.
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 12, 2025



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¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance

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THE ORDER OF SERVICE

The ringing of the bells starts at 9 a.m. Pastor/Seminarian prepares for a long set of bell tones before walking up to altar.

Words written in **Bold** generally signify congregation response.

The Greeting

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We are transformed in Christ

To share the hope of eternal Life.

Welcome, let us stand and share the sign of peace and conversation.

Sit

532 The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855
Tune: Jeremiah Clarke, c. 1674–1707
Tune: Public domain

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 34:2–4, 17; antiphon: Psalm 48:1a

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God!
My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!
I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears
and delivers them out of all their troubles.

**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.**

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God!

Kyrie

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis (intro)

LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ruth 1:1–19a

¹In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go, return each of you to her mother’s house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!” Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰And they said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” ¹¹But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me.” ¹⁴Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵And she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” ¹⁶But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God.

¹⁷Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.” ¹⁸And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

¹⁹So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 111; antiphon: v. 10

¹Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

²Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.

³**Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.**

⁴**He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;**

the LORD is gracious and merciful.
⁵He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.
⁶He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.
⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;
⁸they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
⁹He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!
¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!

Epistle

2 Timothy 2:1–13

¹You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ²and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. ³Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ⁵An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, ⁹for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he also will deny us;

¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse (intro)



Holy Gospel

Luke 17:11–19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen

Sit

846 Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821–91, alt.

Sermon

Seminarian Michael Wilke

For today's prayer requests, please write them on the attendance card provided during the service. Once completed, fold the card and either hand it to an usher or place it on the offertory plate. The Pastor or Seminarian will include these requests during the Prayers of the Church.

We honor the Lord with our tithes and our gifts. Please **Stand** as the offering is brought forward and sing

Three ways to give:

- 1) offering plate—cash or check.
- 2) online at holycrossstegen.org • Click the “Give” icon.
- 3) by mail.

956 Create in Me (intro)

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men."

Prayer of the Church

18th Sunday after Pentecost October the 12th, 2025

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Gracious Father, grant to us a humble faith and joy in Your mercy that has raised up the poor and undeserving and given us a place at Your table. Bestow on us Your Spirit, that

we would be brought to repentance and kept from thinking more highly of ourselves than we ought. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, preserve and give success to the preaching of Your Holy Word. Through pastors, missionaries, church workers and the priesthood of all believers, send forth Your Son's gracious invitation to repent and believe and cause it to be received with joyful faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, grant that we, as Your children by Baptism, would fulfill our calling to love You above all and love our neighbors as ourselves. Give us grace in our vocations as husbands, wives, parents and children. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, You have ordered the nations and brought up their rulers for the punishment of wickedness and the praise of goodness. Pour out a spirit of wisdom, that all those mired in disputes among us would pursue justice, godliness and the common good. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, look in kindness upon those who have been humbled by the troubles of this life [*especially* _____]. Lift them up in healing, and renew their strength to serve You in what You have called them to do. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Divine Master, You prepare for us a heavenly feast this day. Grant us faith to cherish this banquet of forgiveness, life and salvation and, being honored by a place at Your table, inspire us to spurn all the small and fleeting honors of this world. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, Author of all concord, You will that Your people be one. Knit together Your Holy Church, that according to their vocations, they may join in humble service to the world and jubilant praise of You, the only God. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we give You thanks that through the Holy Word You have called us to Your great Supper. Enliven our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that we may not hear Your Word without fruit, but prepare ourselves rightly for Your kingdom and not allow ourselves to be hindered by any worldly care; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis (intro)

LSB 211

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



Benedicamus

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

754 Entrust Your Days and Burdens

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76

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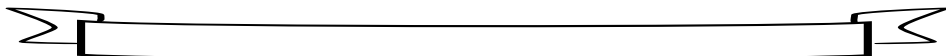
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OCTOBER/NOVEMBER EVENTS

**The fresh flower arrangement on the altar,
given by the Bell Family this Sunday.
The occasion, in Remembrance of Wanda Bollinger.**

October 18, 2025 Council Meeting 9 AM

October 19th, 2025, after service Voters Meeting will discuss Q&A's for Pastor Vieth Current business and daycare updates everyone is welcomed

October 25, 26 2025 meetings with Reverend Mason Vieth if he is in the St. Louis area

Trinity Lutheran Church Friedheim 3700 County Rd 415 Friedheim, MO. having a Chili Supper Saturday, October 18th, 2025, starting at 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM free will donation proceeds will benefit our tuition fund for families sending their children to area Lutheran schools

Reformation Jubilee at Immanuel Lutheran Church Festus, a collaborative worship service on October 25, 2025, at 3:00 PM following with a dinner at 5:00 PM

- They need help on this day if you would like to volunteer, I'm sure they would appreciate it.
- Ushers, Greeters, Security, Food Providers and food servers will have more details at later date.

There are 4 lists to help Holy Cross. "1st" if you would like to make a purchase of \$25 for a fresh flower arrangement to be put on the altar for Sundays. "2nd" list is to help watering flowering plants in the potters outside."3rd" is help with volunteer jobs during the week or the month from running camera for live stream to cleaning or reading during the Sunday service,"4" calendar on the back of the kitchen door is to sign up for picking up fresh flower bouquets at Country Mart for Sunday service. All sign-up sheets are in back of church and in the Narthex/Kitchen door.

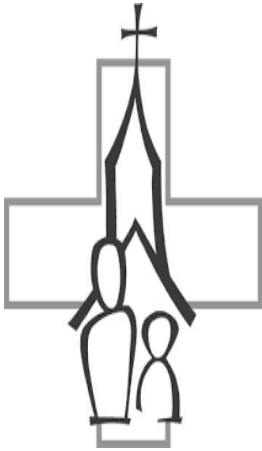
WEEKLY CALENDAR/UPDATES

Vacancy pastoral hours upon request

Secretarial hours Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Sunday's church doors open at 8:00 AM service begins at 9:00 AM following with a Bible Study coffee and pastries generally served.

Tuesdays Bible study starting at 10:30 AM to 11:30



SERVING TODAY

Seminarian Michael Wilke
 Scripture Reader: Linda Ruzicka
 Ushers: Wayne Schremp & Rick Hutson
 Communion Servicer: Randy Ruzicka
 Music Solutions

Up-coming October 19,2025

Seminarian: Jim Wiencke
 Scripture Readers: Laura Pruneau
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 Ushers: Wayne Schremp & Rick Hutson
 Communion Servicer: Randy Ruzicka
 Todd Brueckner

Sunday Church Attendance	Attendance
First Week	39
Second Week	
Third Week	
Fourth Week	
Fifth Week	

Your Financial Support of Your Church	10/05/25	Year-to-Date
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$2,777.00	\$111,080.00
Actual Offerings—including online offerings (budget)	\$2,417.00	\$92,466.35
Ahead/Behind Budget Requirement	-\$360.00	-\$18,613.65
% Ahead/Behind	-13.0%	-16.8%

In Our Prayers This Week and Celebrations

Throughout the week, please keep these people in your daily prayers. As a model for prayer, consider going through the A.C.T.S. of prayer. ***Adoration***: praising God for who He is. ***Confession***: confessing your sins to God, especially those that weigh on your heart. ***Thanksgiving***: thanking God for specific blessings. ***Supplication***: asking God for help.

For those who are homebound • Barb Jones, Sharon Estes, Doug Arnold, Doris Bayuk, Nick Kregge, Caryl Phillips, Pansy Meyer.

For healing and continued recovery • Bill Staffen (Bonnie Keir's brother, cancer), Dustin Hutson (recovering from a brain bleed), Pastor Jim Kirk (treatment for myeloma), Carol Steiger-Rudoff hoping for good results of cancer surgery (Connie Schwent's Sister In-law), Laura Pruneau Fallert (Cancer treatment). John George Jr. (Debbie George's son) has been diagnosed with cancer and will be seeking a 2nd medical opinion regarding the next steps in treatment.

For those celebrating birthdays in October • Eva May Rolfe (Oct. 03), Stacy Bell (Oct. 06), Timothy Inman (Oct. 07), Ethan Schremp (Oct. 08) James Bell (Oct. 17), Cindy Hutson (Oct. 28), Victoria Perschbacher (Oct. 30).

For those celebrating wedding anniversaries in October • Nathan and Amanda Ringwald (Oct.01), Michael and Bonnie Keir (Oct. 27), Rick and Cindy Hutson (Oct. 28)

For Those Who Mourn •

For local, state, and national elected officials • that they uphold goodness and work humbly for those they serve.

For our community • that more people believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

For our circuit congregations & missionaries•

For our church family • that we are transformed in Christ to share the hope of eternal life.

For all prayer requests not listed here but in our hearts.

If you would like a prayer request printed in the bulletin, contact the church office at 573-883-5361 or holycrossstegen@gmail.com by Wednesday noon. For other requests, write them on the attendance card at service, fold it, give it to an usher or place it on the offering plate. To remove your bulletin request please contact the church office or Connie's cell 573 535 0084.