

Sunday, September 27th, 2026
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome & Announcements

*Opening Hymn

Hymn By Request

Dialog:

P: Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd;

C: The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

P: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world

C: "If you follow me, you will never walk in darkness."

P: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life.

C: Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live."

*Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray together,

C: God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? ³As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die. ²⁵Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

Psalms 25:1-9 (read by half verse. Psalms can be found after pg. 338 and before the hymns.)

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, ¹⁰so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

*Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued

with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?'" ²⁶ But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things." ²⁸ "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹ He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.

Children's Sermon:

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*Hymn of the Day:

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism (see insert)

*The Prayers:

Each petition ends with: P: Lord, in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.

*The Peace:

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.

We invite you to share the peace in the manner you are most comfortable with. Please respect others, knowing that someone may not be comfortable sharing the peace with you in the same manner.

Offering

*Offertory Hymn:

Hymn By Request

*Offertory Prayer:

P: Let us pray, Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Words of Institution

*The Lord's Prayer:

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.

Distribution of Communion

*Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer

*Benediction and Sending

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

*Closing Hymn

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Postlude

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world. Who presents this child for Holy Baptism?

Sponsors: We present Knox Brian Nusberger for baptism.

P: In Christian love you have presented this child for Holy Baptism. You should faithfully bring him to the services of God's house and teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As he grows in years, you should place in his hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for instruction in the Christian faith, that living in the covenant of his baptism and in communion with the Church, he may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations? *Sponsors & Parents: I do.*

P: Let us pray: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things. By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah & his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your Son has set us free from sin and death and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. By his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Pour out your Spirit so that he who is here baptized may be given new life. Wash away his sin by this water and bring him forth as an inheritor of your glorious kingdom. To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

I ask you to profess your faith in Jesus Christ, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the forces of evil, the devil and all his empty promises? *Sponsors and family: I do.*

P: Would the congregation please rise and confess the faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? **C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? **C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

P: I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: Let us pray, Gracious God, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and raising them up to new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon them; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence. Amen.

Child of God, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

A candle is lit and received.

Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to God in heaven.

P: Let us pray, O God, the giver of all life, look upon the parents of this child. Make them teachers and examples of faith for their child. Strengthen them in their faith so that they may share eternally with their child the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us welcome this new brother in Christ: **C: We welcome you into the Lord's family and into the mission we share giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming Word to all the world.**

Baptized: Knox Brian Nusberger

Parents: Olivia Weidling & Brian Nusberger

Sponsors: Ashley & Ryan Hillman, Nicole & Sam Johnson

Blanket made by the Quilters of Trinity

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lutheran World Relief Pack out Day is Wednesday, Sept 30th at 9 am. Come help us fill the boxes with all the wonderful supplies you have all donated throughout the year! It's a fun assembly line and snacks/lunch to follow!

We also will need a couple people to help load the kits on Friday, Oct 9th in the morning. Thank you to Paul and Donna Hedlund for delivering them on Saturday to Eau Claire. Thank you to John Larson for setting up the uHaul.

See Sign up Sheet for Crew Snacks! Want to help with Crew? Because we would love extra help! Please see PB.

Tiffany Creek Elementary PTO is doing a "Costume Swap". Donate any gently used, washed Halloween costumes in the month of September and on the 30th kids will get to pick out costumes. See collection bin in foyer for donations.

Next Crew will be Wednesday, September 30th. 3:30-5:00 for all 3rd-6th graders! Bring a friend!

Saturday, October 10th is Oktoberfest Craft and Vendor Sale at BHS from 9 am-2 pm. Come check out all the vendors and baked goods to support Women of Trinity.

Sunday, October 18th from 2-5 pm is Fall Family Fun Fest! Fun for the whole family! Games, food, inflatables, and more!

Lagers with the Lord is Monday, October 19th at 6 pm at Buckshots. Its "Ask Anything" to PB day.

Serving Our Lord and Church

Pastor: Bradley K. Peterson

Parish Manager: Andrea McVeigh

Organists: Ginny Waller, Lee Peshaw

Reader: Jeff Roemhild

Ministers: All Baptized Believers

Ushers: Jeff Roemhild, Joel Roemhild, Paul Danovsky

Altar Guild: Beth Ford, Jacque Bowell

Fellowship: Jacob Clark & Whitney Prochnow

Schedule For The Week of Sept 27– Oct 4

Sunday	9:00am	Worship
Monday	10:00am	Bible Study
Tuesday	9:00am	Quilting
Wednesday	3:30pm	Crew
	5:30pm	Confirmation
	6:30pm	Worship
Thursday	10:00am	Card Club
Sunday	9:00am	Worship



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Our Prayer Concerns

Dick Clack

Leona Steies

Jennifer Marlett

Randee Mayer

Tom Lohfink

Kathy Joles

Saul Hedlund

Kayden Ebensperger

Brad Stevens

Lynda Swenson

Stephanie Anderson

Arlene Clack

Jeanna Hollister

Shannon Bauer

Shirley Mittlestadt

Kasen Iverson

Ashley Behling

Howard Edlin

Helen Rosen

Amy Frieburg

Kate (Larson) Crosby

Megan Vullings

Brian Moll

Weekly Devotions

Sunday: 1 Kings 12:20-24

Wednesday: 1 Kings 13:11-19

Saturday: 1 Kings 14:1-14

Monday: 1 Kings 12:25-33

Thursday: 1 Kings 13:20-25

Sunday: 1 Kings 14:15-20

Tuesday: 1 Kings 13:1-10

Friday: 1 Kings 13:26-34

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