

*The Beginning of  the End >*

**20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

 **OCTOBER 11, 2026** 

## THE BEGINNING OF THE END – IT'S TIME TO: **INVITE THE UNWORTHY**

Don't you hate it when someone has prepared an excellent meal, but travel delays mean that certain friends or relatives don't get to enjoy it? Sometimes there are no leftovers, and an opportunity is lost. God has prepared an extraordinary spiritual meal for all people. It is received by faith. But it is not offered forever. The day will come when body and soul are separated, and those who do not believe in Jesus as their Savior will not share in his blessings. It's the beginning of the end. Now is the time to issue the invitation!

the invitation! **THE MISSION OF TRINITY**

*The members of Trinity are joined together in Jesus' love to **worship** our Lord, **grow** in his Word, and **share** it with others.*

**WELCOME TO TRINITY!** We're happy you're here! Thank you for joining us this morning to worship our gracious God. We love to see **families worshiping together**. However, if you would like a place to quiet your little ones' "joyful noises," there is a **nursery** down the hall on the south side of the building. The **restrooms** are located to the left as you exit the sanctuary. If you need anything before, during, or after the service, our **ushers** will be happy to assist you. God bless your worship with us today!

**MINISTER:** Pastor David Carlovksy

**BULLETIN SPONSOR:** Darlene Poehler in Memory of Doug

**ACCOMPANIST:** Cathy Biedenbender

**SPECIAL THANKS** to all others who served in worship today, including our video and screen coordinators, ushers, greeters, and soloists.

### **Acknowledgments**

Setting Two from Christian Worship

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# HOLY BAPTISM

## Opening Hymn

*648 Dearest Jesus, We Are Here*

*Remain seated*

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## Confession

Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

**Baptism means that the sinful nature in us  
should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance,  
and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death.  
It also means that a new person should daily arise  
to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan's power. His promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed with Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The Rite of Baptism continues at the font.*

## **Sacrament of Baptism**

*Talan Edwin Fischer*

Let us pray.

We give thanks, most merciful Father, that you have received [*name(s)*] as your own *child* and made *him* a member of Christ's body, the church. Now, we pray, grant to *him* and to all your church on earth that, being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness and, being buried with Christ into his death, we may also share in his resurrection, so that, with all your saints, we may inherit eternal life; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

# **THE WORD**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you invite us to trust in you for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of your judgment but by the greatness of your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare  
a feast of rich food for all peoples,  
a banquet of aged wine—  
the best of meats and the finest of wines.

<sup>7</sup>On this mountain he will destroy  
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,  
the sheet that covers all nations;

<sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears  
from all faces;

he will remove his people's disgrace  
from all the earth.

The LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>In that day they will say,

“Surely this is our God;  
we trusted in him, and he saved us.

This is the LORD, we trusted in him;  
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Children's Message

*The children are invited to come forward for a message designed specially for them.*

## Psalm of the Day

*Psalm 84 How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place*

*The Choir will introduce the refrain. The congregation will sing it a second time before the choir sings the verses.*

### Psalm 84: How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place



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## Second Reading

Romans 1:16-17

<sup>16</sup>For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. <sup>17</sup>For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 25:6



*Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Sung by all: Refrain

Spoken by all: On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare  
a feast of rich food for all peoples.

Sung by all: Refrain

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## Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

<sup>1</sup>Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

<sup>4</sup>“Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’

<sup>5</sup>“But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. <sup>6</sup>The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

<sup>8</sup>“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. <sup>9</sup>So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ <sup>10</sup>So the servants went out into

the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup>“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. <sup>12</sup>He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless.

<sup>13</sup>“Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

<sup>14</sup>“For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

**Trinity Choir**

*All Things New by Elaine Hagenberg*

**Sermon**

*Isaiah 25:6-9*

## **COME TO THE BANQUET FEAST OF THE LORD**

*Stand*

**Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Be seated*

## **Prayer of the Church**

Almighty God, you invite us to trust in you for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of your judgment but by the greatness of your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## **Offering**

*The members of Trinity Lutheran Church have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and throughout the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry. At this time, we ask both members and guests to fill out the **friendship register** found at the end of each pew. When you've written your information, please pass it to the next person until everyone has had a chance to sign it. Thank you for helping us serve you with the gospel!*

*Stand*

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. **Amen.**

**Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.  
**Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

*884 Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See*

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**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S GRACE**

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

**BIBLE STUDY**

|           |     |                 |    |
|-----------|-----|-----------------|----|
| Sunday    | 148 | Sunday 10:45 am | 19 |
| Streaming | 11  | Kids In Christ  | 19 |
| Monday    | 15  | Monday 7:00 pm  | 9  |
|           |     | Monday Virtual  | 0  |

**SUNDAY GIVING**

|              |          |
|--------------|----------|
| General Fund | 9,592.00 |
| Vanco        | 1,293.28 |
| Capital      | 30.00    |

**THIS WEEK AT TRINITY**

|                             |                                             |                                                            |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sun (10/11)                 | 9:00 am<br>10:15 am<br>10:45 am<br>12:00 pm | Worship<br>Fellowship<br>KID & Bible Study<br>Call Meeting |
| Mon (10/12)                 | 6:00pm<br>7:00pm                            | Worship<br>Bible Study                                     |
| Wed (10/14)                 | 8:05 am                                     | TLS Chapel                                                 |
| Thur (10/15)<br>Fri (10/16) | MEA – No School<br>MEA – No School          |                                                            |
| Sun (10/18)                 | 9:00 am<br>10:15 am<br>10:45 am             | Worship<br>Fellowship<br>Kids in Christ<br>& Bible Study   |

# TRINITY NEWS

**CALL INFO: CALL INFO:** Pastor Noah Herrmann of St. John's Lutheran Platteville CO has returned our call. Our next call meeting will be October 11<sup>th</sup> at noon.

**MENS FELLOWSHIP:** will be held the first 2 Thursdays of the month. Fellowship will be November 5<sup>th</sup> location TBD at 7pm. Bible Study will be Thursday November 12<sup>th</sup> in the Fireside room. They are still discussing chapters from the book "Disciplines of a Godly Man".

**WOMEN, WINE & THE WORD:** Meets Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. They have recently started the book "Disciplines of a Godly Woman". Pick up a copy and join in on the discussion!

**OPEN INVITE TO CHAPEL:** Chapel is held on Wednesdays at 8am. All are welcome and encouraged to join us for chapel!

**TRINITY CHOIR:** For this week, practice will be on TUESDAY October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm If you are interested in being part of the choir but didn't sign up, please talk to Morgan Ritter.

**TRUNK OR TREAT:** will be Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup>. There is a sign up in the Narthex if you would like to be one of our Trunks! Thanks!

**CEMETERY REMINDER:** Please remove florals and items around the graves before October 1st for the winter months ahead. The grounds crew is planning to spray for weeds mid-October. Please cover or remove any plants and items that need to be protected from the spray. Thank you!

**GROWING TOGETHER: MOM'S NIGHT OUT** - Moms and moms-to-be, join us for a special evening celebrating motherhood! Enjoy refreshments, fellowship, and a book talk with Grace Wosmek, author and illustrator of My Life in the Womb, a children's book about development in the womb and the God's amazing gift of life!

November 11th • 6pm • Fireside Room

**ISAAC'S WARRIORS TOY DRIVE:** A HUGE thank you to everyone that participated in or donated to our Isaac's Warriors Toy Drive! Children's Hospital was VERY grateful to receive all of the toys, crafts, and games. We truly appreciate your support in bringing smiles to the kiddos up there. THANK YOU!

# AREA NEWS

**121 MINISTRIES:** *Faith-centered HIGH SCHOOL event held on the MLC campus - October 18th, 3-5 pm in the MLC Auditorium – Games, Snacks, Worship, Message. Our goal is to help high school students make their faith their own and give them a fun, Christian environment. Please feel free to reach out with any questions to Logan Cook [715-684-9129](tel:715-684-9129) or [cookld@mlc-wels.edu](mailto:cookld@mlc-wels.edu)*

**WREATH SALES:** Tis the season!... MVL will once again be selling wreaths, swags, crosses, and live garland to help bring the sights and scents of Christmas to your home or business! Wreath orders begin Sunday, October 25th and all orders must be placed by Sunday, November 15th. **This year all ordering will be done online. Simply go to the MVL website, click on wreaths, and place your order!** We hope to deliver most products to your church by Thanksgiving weekend. This year's proceeds are designated to help outfit a workshop space for our fine arts backstage area. Thank you for your support!

## MVL DRAMA PRESENTS...

### **WARNING! WARNING! THE SUN IS OUT... AND IT'S LOOKING FOR TROUBLE!**

Prepare for an *out-of-this-world* night of **sci-fi thrills, cosmic chills, alien antics, and laughs that are truly astronomical!** When a mysterious menace from the sun comes crashing to Earth, it's up to a brave band of heroes to save the day! Will Earth survive? Will science save us? Will anyone remember to duck?! There's only one way to find out... **COME SEE IT LIVE ON STAGE! Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School Drama presents ATTACK! OF THE KILLER MAN FROM THE SUN!,** a sci fi B movie comedy made for the stage! Performances are held at MVL Fine Arts Center on October 30-31 at 7pm, and November 1 at 2pm. Tickets at the door. Bring your friends and family, and prepare to have a *solar-powered* good time! Space suits optional.

**VETERANS HONORED:** The public is invited to our annual Veterans' Day Recognition Program on Wednesday, November 4th at 10:00 a.m. in the fieldhouse. A complete breakfast specifically for veterans and their personal guests will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center. If you or a veteran you know would like to come, please RSVP at [mvl.org](mailto:mvl.org), [hgiefer@mvlhs.org](mailto:hgiefer@mvlhs.org), or 507-354-6851.



# October 2026

TRINITY EV.  
LUTHERAN  
NICOLLET, MN

Pastor David Carlovsky

| Sun                                                                                            | Mon                                                                        | Tues                        | Wed                                         | Thurs                                                          | Fri                            | Sat                                  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 27<br>9 am Worship<br>10:15 am Fellowship                                                      | 28<br>6pm Monday Night<br>Worship<br>7pm Bible Study                       | 29                          | 30<br>8:00 am TLS Chapel                    | 1<br>6pm Choir Practice                                        | 2                              | 3                                    |
| 4<br>9:00 am Worship w/<br>Communion<br>10:15 am Fellowship                                    | 5<br>6pm Monday Night<br>Worship<br>6:00 pm Board of Ed<br>7pm Bible Study | 6                           | 7<br>8:00 am TLS Chapel<br>Meeting          | 8<br>6pm Choir Practice<br>7:00 pm Mens Bible<br>Study - Ch 12 | 9                              | 10<br>7 pm Women,<br>Wine & The Word |
| 11<br>9 am Worship<br>10:15 am Fellowship<br>10:45 KIC & Bible Study<br>12:00 Call Meeting     | 12<br>6pm Monday Night<br>Worship<br>7pm Bible Study                       | 13<br>6pm Choir<br>Practice | 14<br>8:00 am TLS Chapel                    | 15<br>No School - MEA                                          | 16<br>No School - MEA          | 16                                   |
| 18<br>9 m Worship w/ communion<br>10:15 am Fellowship<br>10:45 Kids in Christ & Bible<br>Study | 19<br>6pm Monday Night<br>Worship<br>7pm Bible Study                       | 20                          | 21<br>8:00 am TLS Chapel                    | 22<br>6pm Choir Practice                                       | 23<br>7-8 pm TRUNK OR<br>TREAT | 24                                   |
| 25<br>9:00 am Worship<br>10:15 am Fellowship<br>10:45 Kids in Christ & Bible<br>Study          | 26<br>6 m Monday Night<br>Worship<br>7pm Bible Study                       | 27                          | 28<br>8:00 am TLS Chapel<br>7:00 pm Council | 29<br>6pm Choir Practice                                       | 30<br>TLS Early Release        | 31                                   |