

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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WORSHIP: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Ignite & Bible Classes: 9:15 a.m.



Our *hearts*
in HIS *hand*

*Above all, keep loving one
another earnestly (1 Peter 4:8).*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

“Seek the LORD and live,” declares the prophet Amos (5:6).
So we gather now to hear from God and to be nourished with abundant life.

TO OUR VISITORS: We are delighted that you have joined us today.

We pray that the service blesses you and invite you to worship with us again. If you are seeking a church family or would like to know more about Holy Trinity, please contact the Church Office at (270) 843-9595. We are here to serve you. Please use the attendance insert to provide your **Email, mailing address and phone number** so that we might extend a special welcome.

A NURSERY is available for infants up to children starting Kindergarten.

It is staffed from 7:45 to 11:45 a.m. Exit the sanctuary to the rear, and follow the hallway to the left, then turn at the first hallway to the right. Parents are welcome to worship with their children, but please use the nursery as needed. If you have any questions regarding the nursery please contact Laurie Seavey at (270) 991-1172.

NOTE: There is also a “nursing/cry room” just before the hallway to the nursery.

CELEBRATING CHILDREN AT HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH:

To the parents of our young children, may we suggest:

- Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome.
- Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.
- Quietly explain the parts of the service and the actions of the pastor, deacons, readers, acolytes, choir, etc.
- Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.
- If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, “Let the children come to Me.”
- Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

TO THE MEMBERS OF HOLY TRINITY: The presence of children is a gift to the church and they are a reminder that our church is growing. Please welcome all children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

WORSHIP BAGS for our young worshipers are located in the Narthex. Please use these as needed during worship.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from the Ushers.

**THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
LWML SUNDAY
OCTOBER 10, 2021**



The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has affirmed each woman's identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ. Lutheran Women in Mission are women of faith, empowered for active service in Jesus' name and bold support of missions through Mite Box offerings. As Christians, we have been given the kingdom of God to bear its fruit.

PLEASE REMEMBER: Silence/Turn Off your cell phone as you come into the Sanctuary to worship the Lord. While you are silencing your phone, we encourage you to 'check in' on Facebook that you are with us today. Thank you.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

Please stand for

THE OPENING HYMN

L.S.B. #907

“God Himself Is Present”

THE INVOCATION

Liturgist: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b [18:20]*
People: Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

Liturgist: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father. We confess that we have not relied upon You for the strength we need to resist temptation.

People: Forgive us.

Liturgist: We confess that we let fear keep us from witnessing our faith and speaking boldly of Your love.

People: Forgive us.

Liturgist: We confess that we let selfishness and the fear and uncertainty of the future keep us from sharing Your love with others.

People: Forgive us.

Liturgist: We confess our lack of faith in what You are able to do and to provide for us in order to fulfill our mission of serving others.

People: Forgive us.

Liturgist: Knowing we are sinners and knowing we cannot save ourselves, we come to You today seeking Your mercy and compassion and asking that the Spirit You gave us at our Baptism will

People: strengthen us, empower us, and make us bold disciples eager to work for You.

THE ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Remember the words from Scripture which tell us that, if we confess our sins, God will be faithful and will, for the sake of His Son Jesus, forgive us our sins. Not only does He forgive, but He restores us and enables us to live boldly as His disciples. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I announce the forgiveness of all our sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen. Thanks be to God.

INTROIT/PSALM

Psalm 112:3-6; antiphon: Psalm 112:1

Liturgist: Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,
People: who greatly delights in his commandments!

Liturgist: Wealth and riches are in his house,
People: and his righteousness endures forever.

Liturgist: Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;
People: he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

Liturgist: It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;
People: who conducts his affairs with justice.

Liturgist: For the righteous will never be moved;
People: he will be remembered forever.

Liturgist: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
People: and to the Holy Spirit;

Liturgist: as it was in the beginning,
People: is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Liturgist: Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,
People: who greatly delights in his commandments!

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

L.S.B. #905

“Come, Thou Almighty King”
Felice de Giardini

**1. Come, Thou almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing;
Help us to praise;
Father all glorious
O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days**

**4. To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.**

THE COLLECT

Liturgist: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

People: **And with your spirit.**

Liturgist: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follow us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in You our heavenly treasure; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 5:6, 7, 10-15

Reader: The Old Testament Reading is from the 5th chapter of Amos.

⁶ Seek the LORD and live,
lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph,
and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel,
⁷ O you who turn justice to wormwood
and cast down righteousness to the earth!

¹⁰ They hate him who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor him who speaks the truth.
¹¹ Therefore because you trample on the poor
and you exact taxes of grain from him,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not dwell in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

¹² For I know how many are your transgressions
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and turn aside the needy in the gate.

¹³ Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time,
for it is an evil time.

¹⁴ Seek good, and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
as you have said.

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¹⁵ Hate evil, and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 3:12-19

Reader: The Epistle Reading is from the 3rd chapter of Hebrews.

¹² Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³ But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴ For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. ¹⁵ As it is said,

*“Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”*

¹⁶ For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? ¹⁷ And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸ And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹ So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

Please stand for
THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-22

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark,
the 10th chapter.

¹⁷ And as he [Jesus] was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸ And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰ And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” ²¹ And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” ²² Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Jonah Kaufmann, D.C.E.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

THE PRAYERS

Please continue to pray for the people listed on the bulletin insert, as well as for their families and friends.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, You search our hearts and have seen our sin, and yet in Your love have reconciled us to Yourself through Your Son. Give us Your Spirit, the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ, that our lives may grow in devotion to You for the salvation You have so graciously given us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

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Pastor: Guide, we pray, our congregation in life and witness. Give us Your grace, so that in a land where strife is too common, we will be a place of peace. In our divided nation, make this Your congregation a gathering place of hearts united in You who extend Your welcome to all. Inspire all the members of Your congregation to love this place where Your name is invoked and Your grace proclaimed. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: For the mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League in this congregation and throughout the world, that every heart will beat with Your love and all hearts extend Your hand of service to others. Through the faithful gathering of mites, may Lutheran Women in Mission continue to encourage us to put all You have given us into the mission of reaching the lost and erring. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: For the daily bread that sustains us in life: For food and health, for housing and clothing, for employment, for moderate weather, for justice and peace in our community and nation, that in every time of abundance and time of need, we may know Your peace in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: For... *(additional intercessions of the congregation)*. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: For communicants who come to Your table to eat and drink Your Son's holy body and blood: May they draw near with humble confidence in Your forgiveness and reliance upon Your promise of nurture as we faithfully walk the heavenward way. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

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Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

**All: 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.**

THE SERMON HYMN

L.S.B. #857

“Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way”

THE SERMON

Pastor Toopes

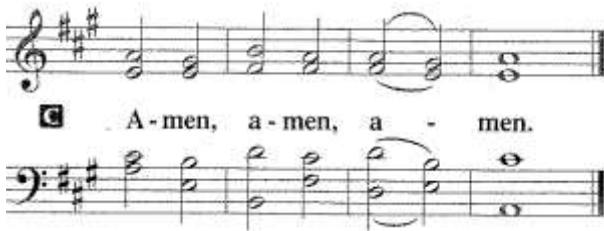
“Truth Is Sold Out To What Is Good”

Text: Amos 5:10-15

LWML PLEDGE

All: In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION *(Amen response is sung by all.)*



THE CLOSING HYMN

L.S.B. #924

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

THE CLOSING WORDS

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.
People: **Amen! Thanks be to God!**

THE POSTLUDE

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+ + OUR WORSHIP CONTINUES IN OUR DAILY SERVICE + +

Dionne, the church secretary, will be
on out of the office Thursday, October 21 –
Friday, October 22 for a medical procedure.



So the church office will be open on a limited basis. If you need to come to the office please call first to make sure someone is available to allow entry.

If you have a pastoral need please contact Pastor Toopes at (870) 672-2117 or toopes57@gmail.com

All prayer concerns/praise reports on this date need to be sent to Marty King at marty.king6@gmail.com

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

Ignite: (ages 2 – 6th grade)

We meet at 9:15 a.m. in EO-111 each Sunday.
Come join us in the fun and learning during this time!

FIRESIDE:

Junior & Senior High (Grades 7 - 12) – EO-201

ADULT CLASS:
Pastors' Bible Class (S) – Parables
“The Ten Virgins” (Matthew 25:1–13)

SERVING THIS WEEK

	<u>8:00 Service</u>	<u>10:30 Service</u>
Readers:	Joe Ertl	Heather Rathert
Acolytes:	Bryn Unick	Cole Rubican
A/V Assistant:	Mckenzie Eversoll	A.J. Zirbel
Nursery Attendant all morning:	Breanna Moser	

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Oct	10	Ian Heinze	11	Lloyd Smith
	11	Charlie Stuckwisch	12	Nancy Linhardt
	13	Katie Law	13	Harper Hix
	14	Spencer Sinnott	16	Ava Heinze

Next week's scripture readings are:
THE OLD TESTAMENT: Ecclesiastes 5:10-20
THE EPISTLE: Hebrews 4:1–16
THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 10:23-31

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	<u>8:00 Service</u>	<u>10:30 Service</u>
Readers:	David King	Lillie Gleichauf
Acolytes:	Lucy Veith	Brennan Rathert
A/V Assistant:	Mckenzie Eversoll	A.J. Zirbel
Nursery Attendant all morning:	Tina Hansen	

PARISH NOTES

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to our worship service today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please submit announcements to the Church Office by Wednesdays by e-mailing, calling, or dropping a note in the offering plate on Sundays.

IN A MEDICAL FACILITY LAST WEEK WAS...Judy Sikes.

We pray the Great Physician will continue to bring her healing and strength.

ONLINE GIVING: Please try our online giving option, the easy, safe and convenient way for you to make your donation. Text HTLCgive to 833-828-5880 or go to the church website (www.holytrinity-lc.org/) and click the "Give" button.

LWML NEWS

1. **LWML SUNDAY - TODAY, October 10** will be our 'special day' at church because it has been designated "LWML Sunday". The focus will be on the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, and its aim and purpose, which is:

"AS LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others."

2. **LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILTERS** - We have been busy tying quilt tops again. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month (October 19) at 1:00 pm. in EO-202.

We usually quilt for two hours or less. Please park in the lot closest to the church office (where the flag pole is located). For more information about LWR quilting, please contact Jean Nehm at 270-991-8856, Claudine Stirn at 270-793-9991, or Myrna Neff at 270-773-5192.

3. **His Helping Hands** - Thank you all for the generous response to our school supply drive! We reached our goal, and will be assembling the kits for shipment overseas at our next meeting on October 23.

4. **MITE BOX SUNDAY - OCTOBER 31**

When there are five Sundays in a month, we designate the fifth Sunday as "Mite Box Sunday". We take a special offering collection after church for LWML special mission projects in this country and abroad that are not funded by the regular Synod budget. Here are examples of three such mission projects recently approved for 2021-2023:

- "Sharing Jesus' Love in India"
- "Ministry Vehicle Fund for Ethiopia and Sierra Leone"
- "Light of Christ in Eastern Europe"

Hand-made mite boxes are available in the Narthex to save your loose change for this month's offering, or for the next Mite Box Sunday offering in January. Thank you for your faithful participation in Mite Box Sunday!

St. Joseph Catholic Church is presenting another **STAIN GLASS MUSICAL SERIES** on TODAY, October 10 at 6:00 p.m. This is the public's first opportunity to see the newly renovated church interior. Organist, Ken Stein, will be featured with collaborative artists. The event is FREE and open to the public, masks are optional.

OCTOBER NEWSLETTERS: The newsletter has been distributed via e-mail and the narthex boxes. If we have an e-mail address for you then hopefully you have already received it.

If you would like to receive newsletters by e-mail please contact the church office at 843-9595. Printed copies are also available in the bottom row of the narthex boxes.

The **DEADLINE** for articles for the November newsletter is Friday, October 15.

SMITHS GROVE OUTREACH

You are invited to attend worship services of Holy Trinity's Smiths Grove site every **Saturday at 5:00 p.m.** at the First Christian Church in Smiths Grove (427 College St, corner of 5th). Bible class is being held **Saturday at 4:00 p.m.**

Our prayer is that this new worship site will enable the Word to have impact on more people in the surrounding community. Your prayers and your support are vital to this outreach ministry.

SMITHS GROVE PLANNING MEETING on Monday, October 18 at 6:30 p.m.
Contact Pastor Press if you have any questions.

Sharing the Faith Workshop - God has called all laypeople to be powerful witnesses for Christ to their families and communities. As society has changed, most of us have become more uncomfortable talking with people about our faith. We are reluctant conversationalists. The reality is that many of our churches and communities are shrinking instead of growing. What can we do about this?

A training called **The Eager Conversationalist** shows us how these conversations can actually be a delight! Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will be presenting this video training workshop on Saturday, October 16, at 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

The training forms a foundation that serves as a catalyst to equip and encourage laypeople to be missionaries in their communities by developing resources that lay members can use in their daily lives. Unpacking what God's Word says about spiritual conversations and digging into the habits of eager conversationalists, In this training we can learn from Christians who are still talking about their faith and gain confidence and learn strategies for how to have more meaningful spiritual interaction.

Please join us as we follow Jesus' command to "Go Therefore and Make Disciples of All Nations". Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is located at 4095 Highway 31W/Cottontown, TN 37048. We are located two miles north of White House on 31-W. For further information, please contact Bob Allen, 270-535-7370.

YOUTH WORK

1. **High School Ablaze** meets on Sundays at 11:45 a.m. in the Fireside room.
2. **Food With Friends** meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in EO-110.
Come enjoy some time with your friends before Confirmation Class.
3. **JUNIOR CONFIRMATION CLASS** - We meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Contact Pastor Toopes if you have any questions.
4. **DRIVE THRU TRICK-OR-TREAT** on Sunday, October 31. We will celebrate the nailing of the 95 theses! With plenty of candy and costumes galore, come join us for this free event! If you would like to donate, our high school students will be collecting to help fundraise their National Youth Gathering trip!



Grace strikes us when we are in great pain and restlessness. It strikes us when we walk through the dark valley of a meaningless and empty life. It strikes us when our disgust for our own being, our indifference, our weakness, our hostility, and our lack of direction and composure have become intolerable to us. It strikes us when, year after year, the longed-for perfection of life does not appear, when the old compulsions reign within us as they have for decades, when despair destroys all joy and courage.

Sometimes at that moment a wave of light breaks into our darkness, and it is as though a voice were saying: "You are accepted."

—Paul Tillich

SERMON NOTES

Our Ministry This Week

Sunday
October 10

8:00am

Worship

9:15am

Ignite! & Bible Classes

10:30am

Worship

LWML SUNDAY

11:45am

High School Ablaze (EO-201)

11:00am-3:00pm

Zion Pentecostal service (FH/EO-110)

12:30pm

Mara (Burmese) service (S)

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