



**TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL
(The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod)**

FORT MORGAN, COLORADO

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Divine Service - Saturday 6pm

Divine Service - Sunday 9:00 am

Divine Service - Sunday 11am

Sharing Hope and Peace through the Word of Christ!

September 6, 2020

The shepherd of Matthew 18 is out of his mind. Who leaves the 99 on the mountain in search of the one who went astray? Doesn't he realize that the 99 are more valuable than the one lamb, ewe, or ram that took off in search of greener pastures, clearer waters, or a better view? He is leaving the 99 vulnerable to attack! When he returns with the one what will he find?

Its easy for us to take this parable too far, but we must remember that this is not a parable. This is real life. This is life in the kingdom of God. The Lord's sheep, the little lambs of his flock, wander. Our eyes are enticed at the greener grass on the other side of the fence. We balk at the call to follow Jesus when it means serving others and instead turn to our own way. Some wander further than others; for a longer time. But God's grace is unending. He loves His sheep, even those that are not a part of His flock yet. His love for us is shown in that while we were yet sinners the shepherd died for the sheep. Talk about ridiculousness! But that is how much Jesus loves you and loves your neighbor. The Shepherd gives up everything to make you and them His. So take some time this week and write down two names, two friends or family members that you have been meaning to share Jesus with. First, pray for them. Second, invite them to Church. Let them know that you care. But most importantly, let them know that Jesus cares.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is a member congregation of the Lutheran-Church Missouri Synod and so practices close communion. For those that have not been confirmed in an LCMS congregation or have not previously spoken with Pastor about the communion practice at Trinity we kindly ask that you refrain from receiving the Sacrament of the Altar until you have spoken with Pastor or one of the elders.

Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds

LSB 867



1 Let chil - dren hear the might - y deeds Which God per -
 2 So make to them His glo - ries known, His works of
 3 Our sons and daugh - ters we shall tell And they a -
 4 O teach them with all dil - i - gence The truths of
 5 To learn that in our God a - lone Their hope se -



formed of old, Which in our youn - ger
 pow'r and grace; And we'll con - vey His
 gain to theirs That gen - er - a - tions
 God's own Word, To place in Him their
 cure - ly stands, That they may nev - er



days we saw, And which our par - ents told.
 won - ders down Through ev - 'ry ris - ing race.
 yet un - born May teach them to their heirs.
 con - fi - dence, To fear and trust their Lord,
 doubt His love But walk in His com - mands.

Confession and Absolution

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Exhortation

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Confession of Sins

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit for Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

How great are your works, O LORD!

Your thoughts are very deep!

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

and your faithfulness by night,

to the music of the lute and the harp,

to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;

at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

How great are your works, O LORD!

Your thoughts are very deep!

Kyrie

C Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

P Glory be to God on High,

C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect for the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C

Amen.

Old Testament

Ezekiel 33:7-9

7"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. 8If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. 9But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Confession

What is Confession?

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

What sins should we confess?

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

Epistle

Romans 13:1–10

1Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. 2Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. 3For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, 4for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. 5Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. 6For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. 7Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

8Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 10Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia

G **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:1-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

G **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

1At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" 2And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them 3and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

5"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, 6but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

7“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! 8And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. 9And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

10“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. 12What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? 13And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. 14So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

15“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. 16But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 18Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. 19Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

G **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.

Children of the Heavenly Father

LSB 725



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Sermon

"Another Lesson on Greatness?"

Offertory

C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

G It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

G Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

P 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.

G For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it

to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.

Amen.

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

LSB 637



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

LSB 618



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and
2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners
3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my
5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -
may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in -
have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -
bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lon - e art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:
ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

Nunc Dimittis

**☩ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all
people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Thanksgiving

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

G and His mercy endureth forever.

Post-Communion Collect

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.

G And with thy spirit.

A Bless we the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

G Amen, Amen, Amen.

Praise to You and Adoration

LSB 692



1 Praise to You and ad - o - ra - tion, Bless - ed Je - sus,
2 Hold me ev - er in Your keep - ing; Com - fort me in



Son of God, Who, to serve Your own cre - a - tion, Came to
pain and strife. In my laugh - ter and my weep - ing Be with



share our flesh and blood. Guide me that I nev - er may
me through - out my life. Give me great - er love for You,



From Your fold or pas - tures stray, But with zeal and
And my faith and hope re - new In Your birth, Your



joy ex - ceed - ing Fol - low where Your steps are lead - ing.
life, and pas - sion, In Your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

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The flowers on the altar are given by Mr. and Mrs. Ron Yetter in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.

We want to thank everyone who donated to the Candelabra's. We raised enough money and ordered them this past Tuesday. They will be here in a couple of weeks. We hope everyone will enjoy our new additions.



Prayers for this week:

Sandy Baker, home with daughter to regain her strength.

Marvella Emerick, recovering from a broken hip.

Harvey Walter, currently dealing with a cardiac issue.

Dorleen Probasco, she is still recovering very slowly and can not walk yet but her arm is healing.

Lamont Wilch, grandfather of David Roseboom, who suffered a small stroke and is struggling with his recovery.

Merle Schulz, brother of Sandra Pope, who suffered a stroke and is recovering in a rehabilitation facility.

For Trinity Lutheran School Staff: Carrie Brown, Barbara Bass, Andra Godin, Johanna Walter, and Joanna Skovgaard, the students and families as we have begun a new school year.



Let us keep Pastor Storck and Sarah in our prayers as they prepare for the move to Michigan. Our prayers are for a swift and successful sale of their home and for a safe journey to their new home. Our prayers are also for his new parsonage in Chesterfield and the congregation there. Our prayers are for our own congregation as we begin this new chapter with a new Pastor. We pray that this change will go well and that we will find a new Pastor quickly.



Baby Bottles are due on Monday September 7th. If you still have a baby bottle please return it to the church office by Wednesday September 9th. We have raised a small amount of money but could always use donations for the Caring Pregnancy Resource Center.

Teacher Needed

Little Lambs is looking for a qualified Lead Teacher for the Preschool. If you know anyone who would be interested in leading one of our preschool classes please have them contact the school. You can call Trinity Lutheran School at 970-867-4931 and speak to Barb Bass or Carrie Brown.

Bells

Bells will begin again on Thursdays at 7pm starting on September 10th. We would welcome back all those that participated last season and any new comers that are interested in learning to play. Please come out and join us in making some music.

Save The Date

Bethesda Craft Fair

We are excited to announce that we have set the date of October 17, 2020 for the Bethesda Craft Fair. It will be held in the Parish Hall and will run from 9am –12pm. We will have breakfast, craft items, and baked goods for sale. We will not be doing white elephant or garage sale items this year. We are ready to collect any craft items you have made for the fair and would like to have them as soon as possible.

Please contact Brenda Hofman at 970-768-7427 to make arrangements.

The need for Bethesda is great, and we appreciate the support you can give with donated items, monetary donations, or attendance at the fair.

There will be an LWML meeting on Thursday September 10th at 1:00pm in the Parish Hall. The meeting is being moved from the Library to the Parish Hall to maintain the 6 foot distancing required. Masks are not required to be worn in the church but we wish you to do what makes you comfortable and safe. There will be hand sanitizer, gloves and masks available.



A special prayer request for Evalu Underwood.

She was recently diagnosed with Leukemia. She will enter the University of Colorado Hospital in Aurora on September 3rd for additional chemo and will have a stem cell transplant on September 8.

Evalu will not be returning home till early December. John and the family will need our prayers and support through this difficult time.

FOR THE LORD'S WORK



Daily Bible Readings

September 6

2 Kings 4:8-22, 32-37
Eph. 5:15-33

September 7

2 Kings 4:38-5:8
Eph. 6:1-24

September 8

2 Kings 5:9-27
Phil. 1:1-20

September 9

2 Kings 6:1-23
Phil. 1:21-2:11

September 10

2 Kings 9:1-13; 10:18-29
Phil. 2:12-30

September 11

2 Chron.29:1-24
Phil. 3:1-21

September 12

2 Chron. 31:1-21
Phil. 4:1-23

ATTENDANCE

			K-5	\$3,165.00
6:00pm	23	(*19)	Little Lambs	\$3,435.00
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9:00am	45	(*42)	Total	\$6,600
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11:00am	27	(*21)		
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		* Communed		

Bank Balance: \$64,533.63

Bills Due: <\$16,732.43>

Payroll: <~\$22,000.00>

Trinity Lutheran School Happenings



School Chapel is held each Wednesday morning at 8:15am in the Chapel room. Little Lambs Chapel follows at 9:00am. All are welcome to attend!

Chapel Offering

The first quarter Chapel offering for 2020/21 will be going to support the rebuilding of Central Lutheran School of Newhall, IA. Severely damaged by the derecho the roof on the small gym is gone and there is plenty of water damage around the rest of the building. If you are so moved to contribute to the chapel offerings and help us meet our first quarter goal of \$500.00 please leave a specially marked offering in the church plate, at school, or in the office.

September 7th: No School and No Little Lambs.



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