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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS)

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LUTHERAN HOUR PROGRAM GUIDE
LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR
SUNDAYS KSOK 1280AM, 95.9PM, 8:00AM

- May 3, 2026
"Planning Is Everything"
Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)
Offer up your plans to God in prayer and see what God does with them. Let your plans become prayers that lead you to praise.
Psalm 146:3-4
- May 10, 2026
"The King Who Reigns"
Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge
If Easter tells us that Jesus the King has won, then Ascension tells us the King is reigning, and His reign is good.
Luke 24:36-53
- May 17, 2026
"Don't Despise Small Beginnings"
Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)
Our small efforts to become the people Jesus saved us to be might seem insignificant, but small efforts compound.
Acts 1:14
- May 24, 2026
- **"Misery Loves Company"**
Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)
It's often said, "Misery loves company." Christ comes to us in our misery with God's love and mercy.
Acts 2:38
- May 31, 2026 TBD

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (3 May 2026)

Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60 1 Peter 2:2–10 John 14:1–14

The Lord Jesus Christ Is the Way, the Truth and the Life

The risen Lord Jesus alone is “the way, and the truth, and the life,” and we come “to the Father” only through Him (John 14:6). God is thus “glorified in the Son,” and those who believe in Him will do the works of Christ because He goes to the Father for us (John 14:12–14). Stephen, “a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 6:5) and “doing great wonders and signs among the people” (Acts 6:8), did the works of Christ. When he was falsely accused and put to death, he “gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God” (Acts 7:55). Fixing his hope there, he commended his spirit to the Lord Jesus and prayed for his murderers. In the same way, all the baptized are called to follow the example of Christ Jesus by faith. Though He was “rejected by men” in the sight of God, He is “chosen and precious” (1 Peter 2:4). He is the chief cornerstone of the Father’s “spiritual house,” and we are built upon Him as “living stones” (1 Peter 2:5).

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (10 May 2026)

Acts 17:16–31 1 Peter 3:13–22 John 14:15–21

The Lord Jesus Comforts Us with the Preaching of His Resurrection

“The God who ... gives to all mankind life and breath and everything” (Acts 17:24–25) wants all people to seek Him that they might “feel their way toward him and find him” (Acts 17:27). But in our sinful ignorance, we humans turn instead to idols “formed by the art and imagination of man” (Acts 17:29). Therefore, God appointed the Man of Righteousness, Jesus Christ, and “has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead” (Acts 17:31). Because He lives, we also live (John 14:19) in His forgiveness, and thus we love Him and keep His commandments (John 14:15). While the risen Lord prepares us for His ascension, He will not leave us “as orphans” (John 14:18), but He gives “another Helper,” the Holy Spirit, to be with us forever (John 14:16) through the preaching of “Jesus and the resurrection” (Acts 17:18). Because He “suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous” (1 Peter 3:18), we “honor Christ the Lord as holy” and are always “prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks” for the reason for our hope (1 Peter 3:15). Our Baptism “now saves” us “as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 3:21).

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD (14 May 2026)

Acts 1:1–11 Ephesians 1:15–23 Luke 24:44–53

The Ascended Lord Jesus Is with Us Always in His Church on Earth

After He rose from the dead, the Lord Jesus presented Himself alive to the apostles, “appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God” (Acts 1:3). When He ascended to the right hand of the Father, He did not orphan His Church, but He fills all things in heaven and on earth and gives gifts to His disciples. Even now, through His Church, He continues “to do and teach” (Acts 1:1), preaching “repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (Luke 24:47) even “to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8). Though the cloud hid Jesus from the sight of His disciples then, and He remains hidden from sight even now, He remains with His people through His Gospel and Sacraments. He comes to us by the Word of His apostles, by the promise of His Father and by the power of the Holy Spirit, whom He pours out upon “the church, which is his body” (Eph. 1:22–23). In this holy Christian Church, we bless God and worship Christ with joy, for in His Church He blesses us with forgiveness, lifts us up in His hands and seats us with Himself “in the heavenly places” (Eph. 1:20).

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (17 May 2026)

Acts 1:12–26

1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11

John 17:1–11

Our Lord Jesus Is with Us in the Upper Room of His Church on Earth

On the night when He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus prayed for His apostles and His Church on earth. “The hour” had come when the Father would glorify His Son by the cross (John 17:1). Through the shedding of His blood, He would bring forgiveness for the sins of the world, and in His resurrection and ascension He would unite all Christians with the Father “that they may be one” with God (John 17:11). He manifested His name to the apostles and gave them the words of the Father to speak in His name. The apostolic witness of His cross and resurrection (Acts 1:21–22) gathers disciples together “with one accord” into the one Body of Christ (Acts 1:14). “Devoting themselves to prayer,” they wait upon the Lord in “the upper room” (Acts 1:13–14), the place of His Holy Supper. Strengthened by the Gospel, Christians bear the cross of Christ in patience and peace, rejoicing to share in His suffering, in order that they “may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed” (1 Peter 4:13).

THE DAY OF PENTECOST (24 May 2026)

Numbers 11:24–30 Acts 2:1–21 John 7:37–39

The Risen Lord Jesus Pours Out the Holy Spirit

The Lord took “some of the Spirit” that was on Moses “and put it on the seventy elders” of Israel (Num. 11:25), and they “prophesied in the camp” (Num. 11:26). In the same way, our risen Lord Jesus poured out His Holy Spirit at the Feast of Pentecost — the 50th day and the “Eighth Sunday” of Easter. When “a sound like a mighty rushing wind” and “tongues as of fire appeared” and rested on each of the 12 apostles, “they were all filled with the Holy Spirit” and proclaimed “the mighty works of God” (Acts 2:2–4, 11). The Lord Jesus grants this same Spirit to His Church on earth to proclaim Him glorified on the cross and risen victorious from the grave for us sinners. From His open heart, our crucified and risen Lord pours out His Holy Spirit in “rivers of living water” (John 7:38) and invites everyone who thirsts to come to Him and drink freely (John 7:37). Through this life-giving work of the Holy Spirit, we hear our pastors “telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God” (Acts 2:11), and “everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Acts 2:21).

THE HOLY TRINITY (31 May 2026)

Genesis 1:1—2:4a Acts 2:14a, 22–36 Matthew 28:16–20

The Holy Triune God Recreates Us in the Image and Likeness of Christ Jesus

The holy Triune God “created the heavens and the earth,” and “behold, it was very good” (Gen. 1:1, 31). However, after Adam and Eve fell into sin and plunged God’s good creation into decay and death, the Son of God would be “delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God” to be “crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men” (Acts 2:23). As Jesus “received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:33), He also raises up all the baptized and pours out the Spirit upon them through the preaching of His Gospel. He sends out His apostles to “make disciples of all nations” by “baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,” and “teaching them to observe all that [He has] commanded” (Matt. 28:19–20). Through such baptizing and teaching — Gospel and Sacraments — the holy Triune God recreates us in the image and likeness of His incarnate Son, Jesus, the Christ, and behold, it is “very good” (Gen. 1:31).



DAKOTA BOYS AND GIRLS RANCH

<https://www.dakotaranch.org>

Trinity members have been donating to the LWML Mite Offering on the last Sunday of each month for several years. One of the recipients of your mite offering is the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. They offer sanctuary for children who are not wanted by anyone, who have been mentally and physically abused, and have nowhere to go and no one to care for them. Dakota Ranch provides a safe place for these children to grow and be nourished and cherished. They receive safe housing, food, clothing, education, counseling and the unconditional love of Jesus.

At the Wichita Zone LWML Spring Event, we collected all manner of items that are needed to support these children. Dennis Aune, pictured above, filled his van to overflowing with items donated by the ladies of LWML. Part of the service project was to create cards of encouragement. Sharlene and Diane G asked if we could take blank cards to have Trinity students create cards. Above you see a small selection that the students created. Thank you, Mr. Dehning and students, for providing a wonderful gift to these children.

Busy Bees Mission Quilting will be making 40-50 quilts this year for Dakota Ranch. That is usually how many children are at Dakota Ranch. Mr. Aune said that many of the children that have graduated from Dakota Ranch tell him that they still have the quilt that they were given when they first came to live there.

All this is shared with you for you to SEE how your MITE OFFERINGS impact so many people in need. The Mission Projects were selected at the Kansas District LWML Convention and \$58,900 will be shared with 12 different agencies. More to come on Mission Projects!

BEAR FRUIT THAT WILL LAST John 15:16



LWML "LADIES NIGHT OUT" MAY 5th @ Pizza Ranch in Arkansas City 5:30. If you want to carpool meet @ the Church parking lot at 5:10pm.

May has 5 Sundays so the congregation will once again be gathering items for the Winfield Food Pantry. This month's items needed are: shampoo, toilet paper, deodorant, women's hygiene items, toothpaste.



Trinity Lutheran Church and School is seeking a friendly and highly organized person to join the office staff as church administrative assistant. Position will be open mid-late summer. Proficiency with Microsoft Office required, familiarity with Church Windows a plus. Excellent organizational skills, ability to work with school age children and greet the public needed. Must have the ability to work with frequent interruptions. Multi-tasking and strong computer skills are required. Experience working in an office environment preferred. Salary of \$12 per hour to start which will increase after a probationary period of 90 days. This position is part-time; 25 hours per week during the school year (M-F 7:30am-12:30pm) and less when school is not in session. Submit current resume, with references, to trinitywinfield@hotmail.com or submit in person at 910 Mound.



Busy Bee Mission Quilting will not meet in May. They will start up again in June.



To recognize all of our special ladies, assorted corsages or single stem carnations will be available on Mother's Day, Sunday May 10th. These are a free will offering with all proceeds to go to the American Cancer Society. Thank you for your support in our fight against cancer!



Final numbers are in from the PTL Live & Silent Auction and Dinner held February 14th! The event raised \$16,596 for the school! When combined with the nut fundraiser last fall, PTL has raised \$21,803 this year! A huge THANK YOU to all parents/families that participated in our fundraisers, auction donors, and auction attendees! PTL will be purchasing new computers, classroom furniture, and playground equipment soon!



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Youth group is meeting on Sundays: 4:00-5:30pm. Join us! Friends are welcome!

The Branson Trip is June 12-13th (Fri/Sat). Permission slips and details were sent to parent emails and distributed to youth. Forms and money are due May 3rd!

We welcome Amy Vibbert! She was elected to join the youth board and we have enjoyed her participation.

Youth will serve the St John's reunion dinner at Baden Square on June 6th.

Congratulations to our Confirmands!

Astor Brown, Allie Clasen, Rylea Davidson, Hans Helmer, Payton Ray

Congratulations to our 2026 High School Graduates!

Thomas Lee- also graduating from Cowley Co Community College

Jonathan Owens – also graduating from Cowley Co Community College

Addison Skaggs

Kayden Tarver

Youth will meet twice a month during the summer months.

May 3	Yes! (We realize this is Confirmation Sunday)
May 10	Yes
May 17	No youth: WHS Graduation
May 24	No youth: Memorial Day weekend
May 31	Yes
June 7	Yes: Pre-Branson Bible study about David
June 14	No youth
June 21	No youth
June 28	Yes
July 5	No youth: 4th of July weekend
July 12	Yes
July 19	No youth
July 26	Yes

Serving for Him,
Debbie, Savannah, Mandy, Janet and Amy



Summer is here! Office hours starting May 14th are Monday through Thursday, 9am-1pm. If you need anything after hours, please call during regular hours and make an appointment.



By James Baneck

“How many grandchildren do you have?”

This is a question we grandparents often ask of one another. When it is asked of me, I beam as I announce, “I have 10! So far.”

Solomon understood the honor and joy of being a grandparent when he wrote, “Grandchildren are the crown of the aged” (Prov. 17:6). We love our grandchildren, and rightfully so! It is such a blessing to be called “Grandpa” or “Grandma.”

I wonder if our grandchildren know

we pray for them. We pray that they are doing well in school, that they have good friends, and that they make good choices. But mostly, we pray they know Jesus. We pray they believe that Jesus died on the cross for their sins and rose from the dead for their eternal life. We pray our grandchildren go to church to hear the Word through which the Holy Spirit creates and nourishes their saving faith.

We pray that our children and grandchildren believe in Jesus Christ and that we will all be together in heaven on the Last Day. This is good and pleasing to God, as David wrote, “One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts” (Psalm 145:4).

This is why we pray for our pastors and commissioned church workers — and why we pray for more of them. We want our children, our grandchildren and their children to have good and faithful pastors who will feed them with the Word of Christ. We want our grandchildren to have pastors who will faithfully preach God’s Word to them, baptize their babies, instruct them for the Lord’s Supper, and give compassionate pastoral care through all the trials and troubles of their lives.

We want our grandchildren to be taught by faithful Lutheran teachers and instructed by faithful DCEs and deaconesses. We want our grandchildren to hear the Word proclaimed in song led by Lutheran musicians and cantors. Why? So that they may know Jesus and have eternal life!

Grandma and Grandpa, you have a major role in forming and recruiting future pastors, teachers, DCEs, deaconesses and other full-time church workers. Here are a few ideas:

- Pray that your children and grandchildren hear God’s Word faithfully preached.
- Talk to your grandchildren about why it is important for you that they know Jesus. Talk to them about the faith while going fishing, riding in the car, baking cookies or sitting at the dinner table. Recount Bible stories, sing hymns with them, memorize catechism passages together and pray together: the Lord’s Prayer and Luther’s Morning and Evening Prayers.
- Encourage your grandchildren to consider being a pastor, a Lutheran school teacher, a DCE, a deaconess, a director of parish music or another full-time church worker. Have this conversation with them throughout their childhood years.
- Offer to help them with their church work tuition or living expenses if you are able.

Whether or not you have grandchildren of your own, you can be a grandparent to the children in your congregation. Go out of your comfort zone and strike up a conversation with a young person in your congregation. Ask them to tell you about their favorite food, their sport or music study, and what they want to be when they grow up. Young people love hearing adults tell stories of their childhood, sports adventures or hobbies.

The youth at my congregation in North Dakota loved hearing one of our elderly women talk about her years as a basketball star on her high school team. They also loved hearing the stories one of our men told about his sharp-shooter events and awards.

Invite the youth at your congregation into your stories and make them a part of the conversation. As the relationship grows, have a conversation with them about considering full-time church work. Even if it feels unnatural at first — I promise great blessings will come from these conversations.

Grandma and Grandpa, you are honored and esteemed in the church. Your wisdom is a gift to all of us, and you are loved by so many. You have been a pillar in the congregation by your word and example. Thank you for praying that the Lord send out laborers into His harvest.

DAILY LECTIONARY

See pages 299-304 of Lutheran Service book
Or The Treasury of Daily Prayer

01 May	Lev 18:1-7, 20-19:8	Luke 11:1-13
02 May	Lev 19:9-18, 26-37	Luke 11:14-36
03 May	Lev 20:1-16, 22-27	Luke 11:37-54
04 May	Lev 21:1-24	Luke 12:1-12
05 May	Lev 23:1-22	Luke 12:13-34
06 May	Lev 23:23-44	Luke 12:35-53
07 May	Lev 24:1-23	Luke 12:54-13:17
08 May	Lev 26:1-20	Luke 13:18-35
09 May	Lev 26:21-33, 39-44	Luke 14:1-24
10 May	Num 3:1-16, 39-48	Luke 14:25-15:10
11 May	Num 8:5-26	Luke 15:11-32
12 May	Num 9:1-23	Luke 16:1-18
13 May	Num 10:11-36	Luke 16:19-31
14 May	Num 11:1-23, 31-35	Luke 17:1-19
15 May	Num 11:24-29; 12:1-16	Luke 17:20-37
16 May	Num 13:1-3, 17-33	Luke 18:1-17
17 May	Num 14:1-25	Luke 18:18-34
18 May	Num 14:26-45	Luke 18:35-19:10
19 May	Num 16:1-22	Luke 19:11-28
20 May	Num 16:23-40	Luke 19:29-48
21 May	Num 16:41-17:13	Luke 20:1-18
22 May	Num 20:1-21	Luke 20:19-44
23 May	Num 20:22-21:9	Luke 20:45-21:19
24 May	Num 21:10-35	Luke 21:20-38
25 May	Num 22:1-20	Luke 22:1-23
26 May	Num 22:21-23:3	Luke 22:24-46
27 May	Num 23:4-28	Luke 22:47-71
28 May	Num 24:1-25	Luke 23:1-25
29 May	Num 27:12-23	Luke 23:26-56
30 May	Num 32:1-6, 16-27	Luke 24:1-27
31 May	Num 35:9-30	Luke 24:28-53

"You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me..." - John 5:39

Life in the wilderness

The LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai... -Numbers 1:1
And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. - John 3:14-15

The first five books of the Bible are often called the Pentateuch (5 books), the Torah (Hebrew for law, knowledge, the will of God), or the books of Moses due to his efforts in writing down the oral history of Genesis as well as the other books of which he played a major role as a participant and historian. Each book has a role to play spelled out by its name. Genesis, literally means beginning. Exodus is a story of leaving. Leviticus focuses in on the duties of a specially set apart tribe, the Levites, in particular the role of priests (all priests were Levites but not all Levites were priests) in regards to the tabernacle and later temple as well as the feasts, festivals, prayers, and sacrificial system. Deuteronomy (Second Law) summarizes what has taken place and what will happen when Moses departs and the people enter the land of promise.

This month, the daily lectionary leads us into the book you likely learned as "Numbers," due to the early census and its numbers. In Hebrew it is known as **במדבר** (ba-mid-bar) or "In the Wilderness." This title, taken from its opening line, gives us a better sense of what follows. Yes, a census was taken by God's command which fills the first four chapters, yet, at the heart of the book is the wilderness wanderings.

In the wilderness: the people grumbled, Aaron and Miriam rumble, spies are sent to survey the land of promise only to have 10 of the 12 **despair** of ever being able to take possession of it, rebellions resulting in the death of many by sword and fiery serpents occur. Also, in the wilderness: God provides order from the chaos, intercession for their sins, a bronze serpent to look to and live, Caleb, Joshua, Moses and at least a few faithful Levites.

The wilderness that we live in is mingled with trials, temptations, and travesty too. Death is always near. My missteps are without number. Yet, each day in the wilderness is one filled with wonder and excitement. Each day, Our Father faithfully feeds, protects, and forgives. Every moment he draws us one step closer to the revealing of His lasting promised land. Soon, very soon, the wilderness, will be transformed. The current ground of grumbling and dust of death, will become, "like Eden" (Is 51:3). On that day, all who look to Jesus, one lifted up like the serpent in the wilderness, will be saved. Thanks be to God... in the wilderness.

Godspeed, Rev Seth A Meyer

