



AUGUST 2026

VINEYARD

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS)

WINFIELD, KS

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

August 2, 2026

"Why Jesus Told Parables"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)

Archives August—Effective communicators tell stories to make a point. Hear how Jesus' parables point us to Himself.

Mark 4

August 9, 2026

"Extreme Neighborliness"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Gregory Seltz](#)

Archives August—Jesus is the ultimate "Good Samaritan," the unlikely Rescuer who binds our wounds, carries us to safety, and pays the price through His cross.

Luke 10:25-37

August 16, 2026

"Look at Me"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)

Archives August—God hears our cry for justice, not as an indifferent judge, but as our merciful heavenly Father.

Luke 18:1-8

August 23, 2026

"Real Riches"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Ken Klaus](#)

Archives August—It's not wrong to have possessions, but to love anything in such a way that it takes the place of God is spiritually deadly.

Luke 12:15

August 30, 2026

"Tell Me a Story!"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer](#)

Archives August—God lavishly sows the seed of His Word. Responses vary.

Mark 4:1-20, 26-34

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

08/02 Katherine Seeliger

08/04 Gordon Kaiser

08/05 Maggie Dubberstein

08/05 Ashley Hopkins

08/06 Sherry Alquest

08/06 Emma Knoles

08/07 Diane Glasgow

08/08 Larry Oglesby

08/08 Mike Hawkins

08/11 Doug Swanson

08/12 Sheryl Sheils

08/12 Cameron Dennett

08/13 Finnick Helmer

08/14 Julie Utt

08/14 Sharon Krusemark

08/15 Rolland Ohm

08/16 Christel Sawyer

08/16 Lena Adams

08/17 Jacque Hill

08/18 Isaac East

08/18 Rachel Dehning

08/20 Lorri Greenlee

08/20 Jane Hawkins

08/21 Theodore Lampert

08/22 Christine Logan

08/23 Krys Clift

08/24 Linda Kindt

08/24 Krista Carrillo

08/24 Heather Munn

08/24 Alexis Lampert

08/25 Lucy Dennett

08/25 Amy Vibbert

08/27 Elijah Sturgeon

08/28 Tim Smith

08/29 Jaxon Butters

08/30 Daniel Ray

08/30 Kara Goff

08/31 Jacob Wilson

08/31 Larry Grant



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

08/01 Bryan and Debbie Dennett (34 years)

08/04 Jim and Sheryl Sheils (59 years)

08/04 Larry and Sharlene Book (42 years)

08/04 Ryan and Carrie Helmer (19 years)

08/05 Bill and Bonnie Condit (48 years)

08/06 Terry and Kate Poovey (44 years)

08/06 Gordon and Virginia Kaiser (4 years)

08/07 David and Sally Ray (50 years)

08/09 Andy and Christy Lee (23 years)

08/11 Davis and Savannah Drake (8 years)

08/13 David and Nancy Krusemark (49 years)

08/14 Scott and Michelle Schoon (44 years)

08/15 Dorothy and Bob Sponsel (56 years)

08/18 Erle and Linda Coleman (47 years)

08/18 Jeff and Jill Long (42 years)

08/18 Sherry and Boyd Pugmire (34 years)

08/26 Judy and Cecil Keller (59 years)

08/26 Rita Hensley and Charles Quinn (38 years)

08/31 Danny and Christel Sawyer (47 years)



TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 13

(2 August 2026)

Isaiah 55:1–5

Romans 9:1–5 (6–13)

Matthew 14:13–21

Christ Jesus, the Living Bread from Heaven, Feeds the Children of God

By the Gospel of “the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever” (Rom. 9:5), we are “the children of God” (Rom. 9:8), “not because of works but because of him who calls” (Rom. 9:11). Therefore, “listen diligently” and “hear, that your soul may live.” By His sacrificial death in His flesh and blood, He has made “an everlasting covenant” for us. Since He now calls us to Himself, we come to Him “and eat what is good, and delight ... in rich food” (Is. 55:2–3). He has come with divine compassion to save us from sin and death and to feed us with Himself. As our Lord Jesus once took bread, “said a blessing,” broke the loaves, “and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds” (Matt. 14:18–19), He also now takes bread, blesses it by His Word to be His very body, and distributes it to His Church by the hand of His called and ordained servants. Just as “they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces,” there is more than enough for His whole Church to eat and to be satisfied (Matt. 14:20).

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 14

(9 August 2026)

Job 38:4–18

Romans 10:5–17

Matthew 14:22–33

Christ the Crucified Comes to Save Us by the Word of Faith

The Lord who “laid the foundation of the earth” (Job 38:4) is the Author and Giver of life who governs all things by His Word. His wisdom and power are beyond our understanding, except as He reveals Himself in the incarnate Word, Christ Jesus. He has “entered into the springs of the sea” and “walked in the recesses of the deep” (Job 38:16), and He draws near to us in mercy. We have been “a long way from the land, beaten by the waves” and tossed about by hostile winds (Matt. 14:24). In our mortality and sinful unbelief, we do not always recognize the Lord Jesus. But as we cry out in fear, He speaks tenderly to us, “Do not be afraid,” and He reaches out His hand to save us (Matt. 14:27, 31). “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Rom. 10:13), and now we call upon Him in faith, because we have heard “through the word of Christ” (Rom. 10:17). “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (Rom. 10:8).

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 15

(16 August 2026)

Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32

Matthew 15:21–28

The Church Lives Under the Cross of Christ and Prays in the Hope of His Mercy

By her persistent prayer that Jesus would have mercy and help her (Matt. 15:22, 24), and even in the face of His initial silence and apparent rejection (Matt. 15:23–26), the Canaanite woman boldly confessed her faith in Him (Matt. 15:27–28). Her beautiful example encourages us to cling to the words and promises of the Gospel, even in the face of the Law that accuses and condemns us. “For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable” (Rom. 11:29), and His Law “has consigned all to disobedience” for the very purpose “that he may have mercy on all” (Rom. 11:32). Hence, the woman’s faith and hope were not disappointed, but her prayers

were answered in the mercy of Christ. Not only does He grant us the crumbs from His table, but He also feeds us with “the children’s bread” in the house of His Father (Matt. 15:26–27). He has brought us to His “holy mountain,” and He makes us joyful in His house, where He hears our prayers and accepts our sacrifice of praise upon the altar of His cross (Is. 56:7).

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 16

(23 August 2026)

Isaiah 51:1–6

Romans 11:33–12:8

Matthew 16:13–20

The Lord Jesus Christ Is the Son of the Living God

Jesus asked His disciples: “But who do you say that I am?” (Matt. 16:15). The question is also put to us: Who do you say that He is? Flesh and blood do not reveal this to us, but by the ministry of the Gospel, the Father in heaven reveals His Son to us on earth, who has become flesh and suffered death for our salvation. Thus, we believe and confess that He is “the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Matt. 16:16). As He died for our transgressions and was raised for our justification, He looses us from all our sins and preserves our life within His Church, against which even “the gates of hell shall not prevail” (Matt. 16:18–19). His salvation is forever, and His righteousness “will never be dismayed” (Is. 51:6). He comforts us with the Gospel in His Church, so that “joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song” (Is. 51:3). Therefore, “according to the measure of faith that God has assigned” (Rom. 12:3), we also offer ourselves “as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God” (Rom. 12:1) through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 17

(30 August 2026)

Jeremiah 15:15–21

Romans 12:9–21

Matthew 16:21–28

The Glory of God Is the Passion and Cross of Christ Jesus

After St. Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, our Lord “began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised” (Matt. 16:21). Upon hearing this “theology of the cross,” Simon Peter stumbled into a satanic “theology of glory.” But the glory of God is revealed in the Passion and cross of His incarnate Son. The faithful prophets, such as Jeremiah, suffered persecution and rejection in anticipation of Jesus’ cross. Yet the Lord did not abandon them; He remembered them, and He was with them to deliver them (Jer. 15:15–20). By His cross, Jesus has redeemed the world, and in His resurrection, He has vindicated all who trust in Him. Thus, the Christian life is a discipleship of self-sacrificing love. Since Christ Jesus has reconciled us to God, we “live peaceably with all” (Rom. 12:18). By the certainty of His cross and resurrection, we “rejoice in hope,” and we are “patient in tribulation” and “constant in prayer” (Rom. 12:12).



Our LWML Board members met on July 22 to plan our year ahead. Our Bible Verse for this year is based on Isaiah 6:8 b. "Here am I. Send Me" The National Theme for Lutheran Women In Mission "LWML" continues with "Seek, Pray, Serve." for 2025-2027. There will be LWML sign up forms in August to sign up for LWML Circle groups. The forms will be on the table in the back of the Sanctuary. These Circles have Bible Study meetings in October, November, February, March and April. We have "Gatherings" in the Fall, Winter and Spring in which we have all the LWML members

meet together. Our first Gathering is planned for Monday September 28th at 6pm in the basement. The Winter Gathering is in January and the Spring Gathering is in May. We encourage the Ladies of Trinity to become members as we serve in many ways locally, Nationally, Kansas LWML District and Internationally. Our two Circle Chairs are Diane Glasgow/Ruth Circle (meets 2nd Monday) at 6:30 and Sharlene Book/Esther Circle (meets 2nd Tuesday). at 9am. Meeting places for Bible Study will be based on volunteers from the membership forms. Officers this year are Sharlene Book-President, Beth Smith Secretary, and Katie Wilson Treasurer. We hope you will join us and enjoy the fellowship! The forms to join and fill out your preferences are due back by September 6th so that we can compile our booklets to be handed out to our members. Sharlene Book 620-218 4429 SharleBo@aol.com If you have questions don't hesitate to contact me or one of the other LWML Board members mentioned above.

Youth will continue an abbreviated schedule during August.

Aug 2	No youth
Aug 9	Yes
Aug 16	No youth
Aug 23	Bowling Party!
Aug 30	Yes
Sept 6	No youth (Labor Day weekend)
Sept 13	Yes



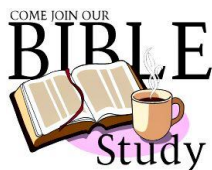
Youth Bowling Party on August 23rd! We will leave promptly at 11:30am. Youth are expected to attend the worship service and Sunday School prior to leaving. Bring appropriate socks! We have a youth whose parents have generously offered to pay the fee and shoe rental for all in attendance, so there is no bowling cost for youth to attend! Youth should bring money for a fast-food lunch on the way to Derby. We will return to the church parking lot at approximately 3:30pm. Redeemer Ark City is invited. Friends are welcome. Please RSVP to Debbie 620-229-1991 by August 16 so that we can plan for enough transportation.

All incoming 6th graders are welcome to participate in the bowling party and should plan to attend youth group regularly after that. **Youth group will resume meeting weekly in the youth room on September 13th, 4:00-5:30pm.** A new snack schedule will be emailed to parents. Thank you for sharing your treats with the group.

We thank Mandy Maples for her many years of serving as a leader for the youth group! She has been a blessing to many youth and youth leaders! We wish her the best as she finds way to serve the Lord in her new town.

Serving for Him,

Debbie, Janet, and Amy



Bible Study during the week will end its summer session August 6th at 9:00am and begin again on Fridays at 9:15am after Labor Day.



Sunday School kick off –

Fall Sunday School Kick Off is September 13th after church. Parish Life is asking for donations of baked goods for everyone to eat that morning. Please Sara Deepe know if you can donate something. Thanks!



August has a 5th Sunday, so it's time to donate to the food pantry again! 😊 Please bring non perishable food items for collection on August 30th.



Please join us in celebrating the 50th wedding anniversary of David and Sally Ray on Sunday, August 9 from 2-4pm at Kellogg Hall (3391 152nd Rd. Oxford, KS 67119). No gifts, please.



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- ✓ Members receive their full annual Choice Dollars amount at the beginning of January. If a member's calculated amount is less than 25 Choice Dollars, they will be designated 25 Choice Dollars.
- ✓ New Thrivent members will receive 25 "Welcome to Membership" Choice Dollars within one month of joining.



It's time to renew subscriptions for the Lutheran Witness. If you currently have a subscription and want to renew, please make payment in the office. If you are interested in receiving the Lutheran Witness, please let the office know. Yearly subscriptions are \$35 a year. Please let the office know by August 13th.

Minimum and maximum Choice Dollars designations

Members will be designated a minimum of 25 Choice Dollars, up to a maximum of 5,000 Choice Dollars per calendar year.

Choice Dollars expiration date

Members have until December 31st to direct Choice Dollars® before they refresh for the new year.



Trinity Lutheran School will have their first day of school on Thursday, August 13th. Office hours will return to their normal time of Monday through Friday, 8:00am-3:00pm.

THANK YOU



Thank you so much to all that contributed to making our VBS week such a "WILD" SUCCESS. We asked for donations, and you completely stepped up, and for that we are forever grateful!! Our VBS brought in an average of 55 students per day and 30 adult/youth helpers. You are all so generous with your time, donations and leadership!! Rachel and I appreciate you for HELPING US. The theme for this week was "Tropical Trek". Tropical Trek was anchored in Luke 19:10 and centers around how God not only saves us but seeks us. By studying the stories of Moses, Ruth and Naomi, Zacchaeus, and more, kids will see where God shows up in big ways—offering hope to the hopeless, strength to the fearful, and love to the lost. Through these daily lessons, kids will see that God's rescue plan includes them and that Jesus is always pursuing their hearts with grace and truth. Our offering for the week was designated to help the Orphan Grain Train and their mission. We encouraged the students to "give" as the Lord as given and by day THREE they had already surpassed our weekly goal!! Thank you to the generous donor family that volunteered to match our offering. We also collected non-perishable items for the Food Pantry all week long. We had wonderful Bible Story Helpers, Craft Leaders, Snack Leaders, Music Leaders, Game Leaders, Grade Leaders and YOUTH helpers. VBS would **not** have happened without the volunteers that took their time to make our week such an ADVENTURE!!! God's Blessings, Janet Clasen and Rachel McNow

Confirmation (membership) at Trinity

Adult Inquirers (New Members class)

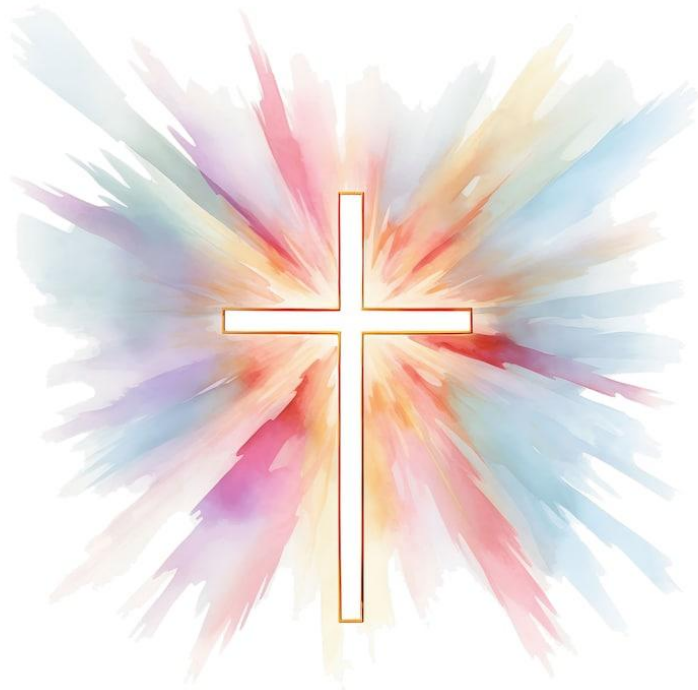
The Fall session of Adult Inquirers, also called New members class, begins on Saturday, August 15, immediately after evening worship ends (approx. 6:20pm). Classes continue in the overflow (rear of the worship space) each of the following Saturdays, August 15, 22, September 05, 19, 26, October 03, 17, 24, November 07, 21.

This class is geared towards three groups:

1. Inquiring minds who simply want to know what Lutherans believe, teach, and confess.
2. Adults wanting to refresh their basics of the faith.
3. Adults who wish to be confirmed into membership at Trinity.

Each class is scheduled to last roughly one hour and utilizes selections from the Bible and Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation (CPH 2017ed.) to focus on topics related to the Ten Commandments, Apostles Creed, Lord's Prayer, The Sacrament of Holy Baptism, The Office of the Keys and Confession, The Sacrament of the Altar, as well as membership at Trinity. If you are interested or you know of someone who may be interested, please call the office, send me an email, or just join us for one or more of the sessions.

Youth confirmation... resumes on Sunday September 06 at 3pm (the time for classes) with a meeting and brief introduction to Luther's Small Catechism. This class is geared towards those of middle school age (often grades 7-8 although younger or older students are welcome). It is a two-year course which journeys through the Catechism materials twice. Memory work, projects, sermon notes, and other expectations will be discussed at the meeting.



DAILY LECTIONARY

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

1 Aug	1 Sam 17:1-19	Acts 26:1-23
2 Aug	1 Sam 17:20-47	Acts 26:24-27:8
3 Aug	1 Sam 17:48-18:9	Acts 27:9-26
4 Aug	1 Sam 18:10-30	Acts 27:27-44
5 Aug	1 Sam 19:1-24	Acts 28:1-15
6 Aug	1 Sam 20:1-23	Acts 28:16-31
7 Aug	1 Sam 20:24-42	1 Cor 1:1-25
8 Aug	1 Sam 24:1-22	1 Cor 1:26-2:16
9 Aug	1 Sam 25:1-22	1 Cor 3:1-23
10 Aug	1 Sam 25:23-44	1 Cor 4:1-21
11 Aug	1 Sam 26:1-25	1 Cor 5:1-13
12 Aug	1 Sam 28:3-25	1 Cor 6:1-20
13 Aug	1 Sam 31:1-13	1 Cor 7:1-24
14 Aug	2 Sam 1:1-27	1 Cor 7:25-40
15 Aug	2 Sam 5:1-25	1 Cor 8:1-13
16 Aug	2 Sam 6:1-19	1 Cor 9:1-23
17 Aug	2 Sam 7:1-17	1 Cor 9:24-10:22
18 Aug	2 Sam 7:18-29	1 Cor 10:23-11:16
19 Aug	2 Sam 11:1-27	1 Cor 11:17-34
20 Aug	2 Sam 12:1-25	1 Cor 12:1-13
21 Aug	1 <u>King</u> 1:1-4, 15-35	1 Cor 12:14-31
22 Aug	1 <u>King</u> 2:1-27	1 Cor 13:1-13
23 Aug	1 <u>King</u> 3:1-15	2 Cor 1:1-22
24 Aug	1 <u>King</u> 5:1-18	2 Cor 1:23-2:17
25 Aug	1 <u>King</u> 7:51-8:21	2 Cor 3:1-18
26 Aug	1 <u>King</u> 8:22-30, 46-63	2 Cor 4:1-18
27 Aug	1 <u>King</u> 9:1-9; 10:1-13	2 Cor 5:1-21
28 Aug	1 <u>King</u> 11:1-26	2 Cor 6:1-18
29 Aug	1 <u>King</u> 11:42-12:19	2 Cor 7:1-16
30 Aug	1 <u>King</u> 12:20-13:5, 33-34	2 Cor 8:1-24
31 Aug	1 <u>King</u> 16:29-17:24	2 Cor 9:1-15

"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

Godspeed, Rev Seth A Meyer

Memorable Stories

²⁵ Matthew 13:3 "And he told them many things in parables..."

One day Jesus left his residence to sit beside the Sea of Galilee. A short time later great crowds gathered. Jesus, responding to the numbers and His perception of their need, got into a boat, sat down, and told them many things in parables, beginning with one about a sower of seed.

Finishing this parable, His disciples pondered, "Why do you speak to **them** in parables?" Jesus' answer is interesting. "This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand." Yet, as to why he spoke in parables to His disciples as well, "To **you** it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven..."

Now, I fully realize that at first glance, the responses of Jesus might seem like less than helpful responses to their questions. But look again with eyes of faith and things become clearer. For one group, "THEM," parables represent unusual children's stories, mere myths, with confounding life lessons. They "hear but never understand, ... see but never perceive." To them, the secrets of the kingdom of heaven remain unattainable secrets.

Yet, for the other group, "YOU," the parables of Jesus present insight into the reign of heaven. These kingdom parables invite faith which trusts God's plans in times of uncertainty for all disciples of Christ.

Parables present believers with stories that teach about, sin, Satan, God's generous rule, His steadfast love, and His plans and purposes to invite, seek, and save. Stories are more easily remembered than, a service manual. Look at Sunday School Curriculum and you will find that they include both the real-life accounts of Abraham, the Judges, the Prophet, and others, as well as the teaching stories known as parables.

Even before Jesus taught these parables, others had already employed them. Think of the events of David and Bathsheba and you will likely remember the Nathan's parable about a stolen and sacrificed Ewe lamb. The dreams of Joseph and Daniel also serve as parabolic truth.

Among the great pleasures of the parables is that they are memorable. We don't have to, "memorize" them. We hear the story and it gets into the hearts and minds of believers. We read them for sheer pleasure, and in time, we retell the story by heart. Looking to memorize scripture? Maybe just begin by revisiting the parables.