

DAILY LECTIONARY

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

1 Oct	Deut 2:16–37	Matt 6:16–34
2 Oct	Deut 3:1–29	Matt 7:1–12
3 Oct	Deut 4:1–20	Matt 7:13–29
4 Oct	Deut 4:21–40	Matt 8:1–17
5 Oct	Deut 5:1–21	Matt 8:18–34
6 Oct	Deut 5:22–6:9	Matt 9:1–17
7 Oct	Deut 6:10–25	Matt 9:18–38
8 Oct	Deut 7:1–19	Matt 10:1–23
9 Oct	Deut 8:1–20	Matt 10:24–42
10 Oct	Deut 9:1–22	Matt 11:1–19
11 Oct	Deut 9:23–10:22	Matt 11:20–30
12 Oct	Deut 11:1–25	Matt 12:1–21
13 Oct	Deut 11:26–12:12	Matt 12:22–37
14 Oct	Deut 12:13–32	Matt 12:38–50
15 Oct	Deut 13:1–18	Matt 13:1–23
16 Oct	Deut 14:1–2, 22–23, 14:28–15:15	Matt 13:24–43
17 Oct	Deut 15:19–16:22	Matt 13:44–58
18 Oct	Deut 17:1–20	Matt 14:1–21
19 Oct	Deut 18:1–22	Matt 14:22–36
20 Oct	Deut 19:1–20	Matt 15:1–20
21 Oct	Deut 20:1–20	Matt 15:21–39
22 Oct	Deut 21:1–23	Matt 16:1–12
23 Oct	Deut 24:10–25:10	Matt 16:13–28
24 Oct	Deut 25:17–26:19	Matt 17:1–13
25 Oct	Deut 27:1–26	Matt 17:14–27
26 Oct	Deut 28:1–22	Matt 18:1–20
27 Oct	Deut 29:1–29	Matt 18:21–35
28 Oct	Deut 30:1–20	Matt 19:1–15
29 Oct	Deut 31:1–29	Matt 19:16–30
30 Oct	Deut 31:30–32:27	Matt 20:1–16
31 Oct	Deut 32:28–52	Matt 20:17–34

“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

Remember by doing.

Do, so you remember.

ESV James 1:22 **But be doers of the word,
and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.**

Godspeed, Rev Seth A Meyer

Once again, learning by heart is not a mere mental note, but a physical change. God’s Word expressed in the wilderness to the heads of the household’s remains true, “And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.”

Yet, how does the word of God get to the heart? Deuteronomy 6 adds these details, “You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise” (ESV Deuteronomy 6:6-7).

If you are like me, when you read, “you shall teach” you think it means, “you should tell.” And, it does mean, you should tell, talk, and announce. But, look closer and other physical cues are revealed: sit, walk, lie down, and rise. Teaching, then, means a physical investment of talking, walking, etc. We might call these things, muscle memory.

Muscle memory is the automatic movements you make without thinking about them. They’re the result of repetition and practice. Muscle memory is intentionally included in the teaching of Yahweh in Deuteronomy. Similarly, James insists upon it as well saying, “be doers of the word...” You might say that his words are a result of his muscle memory.

It goes without saying then, that the Christian is called upon, not to accidentally hear or occasionally read, but to intentionally exercise our ears and eyes. Yet there is more here. We have other senses, other parts of the body that need exercise and practice. John the beloved says, “Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, ... No one born of God makes a practice of sinning... whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God...” (1 John 3:7-10). Paul notes, “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them” (Ephesians 2:10).

James, whose words began this discussion, lists a few ways in which one begins to exercise and practice the doing of God’s Word. “Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction” (1:27). “My brothers, **show no partiality** as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ” (2:1). Bridle and “guide” your tongues towards blessing, “our Lord and Father,” and away from cursing “people who are made in the likeness of God.” “[**Practice patience**], therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord” (5:7). “Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, (5:14).

And we know, James, John, and Paul all know, ultimately, it is Christ alone who makes perfect. Yet, those who belong to Him, begin to walk in His practices. They seek to exercise His righteousness in their lives too. And, when He finally returns, His perfect practice will be all we know. Until then, let us walk and sit, talk and touch, exercise and practice His righteousness.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 22

(4 October 2026)

Isaiah 5:1–7

Philippians 3:4b–14

Matthew 21:33–46

The True Vine Redeems the Vineyard of the LORD of Hosts

“The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel” (Is. 5:7), which He planted “on a very fertile hill” (Is. 5:1). He did everything for His vineyard, not only clearing it of stones and planting it with “choice vines,” but also building the “watchtower” of His prophets and hewing out the “wine vat” of His priesthood in its midst (Is. 5:2). But when “he looked for it to yield grapes,” there were only “wild grapes” of bloodshed and unrighteousness (Is. 5:2, 7). The Lord Jesus likewise described the unfaithfulness of those who were called to care for His vineyard (Matt. 21:33–35). But in this He also describes His cross and Passion (Matt. 21:38–39), by which He has redeemed the vineyard for Himself. He is the true Vine, planted by death into the ground, and in His resurrection He brings forth “the fruits in their seasons” (Matt. 21:41). Among those good grapes of the true Vine is the apostle Paul. Once a zealous persecutor of the Church, he “suffered the loss of all things” in order to “gain Christ and be found in him,” to “know him and the power of his resurrection” (Phil. 3:8–10).

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 23

(11 October 2026)

Isaiah 25:6–9

Philippians 4:4–13

Matthew 22:1–14

Clothed in the Righteousness of Christ, We Partake of His Wedding Feast

By His cross and resurrection, the Lord has swallowed up death forever, and by His Gospel He “will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth” (Is. 25:8). Therefore, “let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation” (Is. 25:9). On the mountain of the Lord of hosts — in His Church on earth, as in the kingdom of heaven — He has made “for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine” (Is. 25:6). It is the royal “wedding feast” of the Son of God, “and everything is ready” (Matt. 22:1, 4). Thus, His servants are sent into the highways and byways to invite and gather as many as they find, “both good and bad,” to fill the wedding hall with guests (Matt. 22:8–10). In Holy Baptism, He clothes them all in the “wedding garment” of His own perfect righteousness (Matt. 22:11). Therefore, “do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God,” and “rejoice in the Lord always” (Phil. 4:4–6).

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 24

(18 October 2026)

Isaiah 45:1–7

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

Matthew 22:15–22

We Are Recreated in the Image of God by the Cross of Christ

Plotting against Jesus, the Pharisees attempted “to entangle him in his words” by asking about the payment of taxes to Caesar (Matt. 22:15). The Lord pointed to coins required for the tax, and He answered that we should “render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s” (Matt. 22:21). But if coins bearing the image of Caesar should be rendered to him, then man — who is made in the image of God — must be rendered to the Lord. That tax is paid for us by the Lord Jesus, the image of God in the flesh, by His self-offering on the cross. And from His cross, as the Lord’s anointed, He reigns as the true Caesar over all nations “from the rising of the sun and from the west” (Is. 45:6). The Lord once called and anointed Cyrus “to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings” (Is. 45:1). Now by the preaching of the Gospel, “in power and in the Holy Spirit” (1 Thess. 1:5), foreigners from all over the world are “turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God” (1 Thess. 1:9–10).

ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST

(18 October 2026)

Isaiah 35:5–8

2 Timothy 4:5–18

Luke 10:1–9

St. Luke, Evangelist

The Lord bids us to “pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest” (Luke 10:2). The fields look more like deserts, filled with jackals (Is. 35:6–7), and the Lord sends His laborers out “as lambs in the midst of wolves.” But Christ’s Word of “peace” heals the sick and brings the very “kingdom of God ... near” to those who hear it (Is. 35:5; Luke 10:3–9). St. Luke, the beloved physician (Col. 4:14), did “the work of an evangelist” (2 Tim. 4:5). He diligently prepared both a Gospel, the history of Christ’s work in the flesh before His ascension, and the Acts of the Apostles, the history of His continued work among His Church. Luke and his Scriptures are a gift from this ascended Lord (Eph. 4:8–12), written for Theophilus and for “all who have loved his appearing” (2 Tim. 4:5–8). Tradition suggests that Luke was one of the 72 sent out ahead of Jesus, “two by two” (Luke 10:1). Luke proved himself to be a faithful companion throughout St. Paul’s missionary journeys, through many trials and crosses, and even to Rome, where he alone was with Paul.



The LWML Board met on September 16th to work on plans for our coming year. We wanted to share the locations for the October Circle Bible Studies.

Ruth Circle: October 12th, 6:30pm– Hostess and Bible Study Lead: Diane Glasgow 1412 E. 14th Ave. Winfield 620-222-4914

Esther Circle: October 13th 9:00am – Hostess: Sharlene Book 107 E. Elm Oxford, KS 620-218-4429

Co-Hostess: Marilyn Cash

Bible Study Leader: Katie Wilson

We welcome all Trinity ladies who are interested in joining us to please feel welcome!

Another project this Fall will be volunteering at the Orphan Grain Warehouse in Wichita. The date is not set at this time. Stay tuned!

If you have any questions my cell # is 620-218-4429 . My email is SharleBo@aol.com

Sharlene Book, Trinity LWML President 🌻

YOUTH NEWS

Youth group is meeting weekly in the youth room from 4:00 – 5:30pm on Sundays. Use the door by the basketball hoop. The youth room is at the top of the stairs. Regular attendance is preferred, but anyone is welcome at any time! We have started the 30 lesson Bible Overview curriculum series.

Miriam Meyer will attend the Confirmation Retreat on October 2-3 in her role as a KS District YOUTHLEAD representative. We are proud of her nad her leadership skills.

High School students only: November 20-22 is the Kansas District Youth Gather at the Drury Plaza Hotel in Wichita. We currently have 9 youth and 3 adults registered to attend.

This is a little early, but mark your calendars for December 3rd, 6:00-8:00pm. The youth will volunteer to work at the entrance to the Isle of Lights.

Serving for Him,

Debbie, Janet, and Amy and Dawn

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## Your “MITE OFFERINGS in ACTION”

Kansas LWML Mission Project – Computers for Disabled Students in Kenya \$10,000. Why do we contribute our “mite offerings” to LWML, why do we encourage you to share your “mite offering”: Abila Ibrahim from Kisumu, Kenya, from the Special School for Handicapped, wrote”:

"I wish to register my sincere thanks to the Kansas LWML for their wonderful support. The new computer lab is in full operation and the learners are really enjoying the teaching they provide. It has become our school policy that teachers are using the computers in virtually all of the learning areas. They create activities that are using computer technology. I am happy to report that the school has been identified as a regional computer hub in Western Kenya by the National Examination Council. The school has become a center where teachers from other schools come to learn new ideas of how to infuse and integrate technology skills in learners with developmental disabilities. The new computer lab is an eye-opener to the teachers and parents of these learners since they have been able to identify some of the benefits which come with the use of computers. They realize that there is enhanced concentration for children with Autism and it improves their motor skills, communication skills, auditory skills as they listen and watch audio visual programs. I wish to attribute to your kind support and may God richly bless you all so much."

## NEW CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Hi, my name is Debbie Lanman and I am the new Church Administrative Assistant. I am a recent widow and have two grown children and 4 grandchildren. Currently I call Arkansas City home. I was born and raised on Vancouver Island, BC Canada. My husband (raised in Nebraska) and I met at a Bible college in Dallas, TX and lived in Canada until the year 2000 when we made the move to the US. The US has become home and I have applied for American Citizenship. I look forward to serving both the church and school!



The Redeemer Lutheran Ladies invite you to a  
**Ladies Bingo Brunch.**

Date: October 17, 2026  
Time: 9:30 am – 11:30 am  
Location: Fellowship Hall at Redeemer Lutheran  
320 W. Central, Arkansas City  
RSVP: to Ann Headrick at [rockjann@cox.net](mailto:rockjann@cox.net) or 620-441-3812 by Thursday, October 15th  
Bring a friend for fun fellowship!



Join us for Pastor Appreciation Sunday on October 18, 2026. There will be a potluck following the service. Please bring a dish to share. A basket will be provided for cards. Thank you, Pastor Meyer, for all you do!!



## Sunday School Volunteers

Parish Life Committee is looking for folks who can teach for a Sunday or two this school year. This is a blessing to the children of the congregation! Many hands makes light work. Please see Becky Reid for more information.



It's time for Trunk or Treat! Please consider hosting a trunk for the event, October 30 from 4:00pm – 6:00pm. A sign up sheet will be available. If you can't host a trunk, please donate candy towards the cause. Any and all participation is appreciated. This is great community outreach!

**Potluck/Voters Meeting Sunday October 25, 2026. Potluck will follow the morning bible class at 11:30am and the Voters Meeting will begin at approx. 12:15pm.**



An event to address common concerns about planning for aging parents and protecting family assets.  
**Guest Speaker:** Eric W. Bilger, FIC Financial Advisor, Thrivent

Date: Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>  
Time: Dinner at 6pm, Presentation at 6:30pm  
Location: Trinity Lutheran Church – Winfield, KS  
RSVP: By October 1<sup>st</sup> to [crystal.abbott@thrivent.com](mailto:crystal.abbott@thrivent.com)  
or 785-833-5085



**Friday morning Bible study has started, meeting at 9:15am. We will be using a 15-part series entitled "Oh Come Let Us Worship Him". All are welcome to attend.**



## Choice Dollars<sup>®</sup> details



Thrivent Choice<sup>®</sup> empowers clients with membership to live generously and help make an impact on the organizations and causes they care about most. By directing Choice Dollars, members have a voice where Thrivent distributes millions in grant funding each year—\$1 of grant funding for each Choice Dollar directed.

### About Choice Dollars

- ✓ Clients with benefit or associate membership are eligible to direct Choice Dollars.
- ✓ Choice Dollars are calculated based on the prior year's premiums paid and contract values (as of December 31) of eligible Thrivent life, health and annuity products.
- ✓ 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.

### 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<sup>®</sup> before they refresh for the new year.



#### Upcoming events:

- October 8- Thrivent Workshop 6:30pm
- October 17- Redeemer Ladies Bingo/Brunch 9:30am-11:30am
- October 18- Pastor Appreciation Sunday
- October 25- Potluck & Voters' Assembly
- November 20-22- Kansas District Youth Gathering