



SEPTEMBER 2026

VINEYARD

Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)

Winfield, Kansas

DAILY LECTIONARY

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

1 Sept	1 18:1–19	Eph 1:1–23
2 Sept	1 Kings 18:20–40	Eph 2:1–22
3 Sept	1 Kings 19:1–21	Eph 3:1–21
4 Sept	2 Kings 2:1–18	Eph 4:1–24
5 Sept	2 Kings 2:19–25; 4:1–7	Eph 4:25–5:14
6 Sept	2 Kings 4:8–22, 32–37	Eph 5:15–33
7 Sept	2 Kings 4:38–5:8	Eph 6:1–24
8 Sept	2 Kings 5:9–27	Phil 1:1–20
9 Sept	2 Kings 6:1–23	Phil 1:21–2:11
10 Sept	2 Kings 9:1–13; 10:18–29	Phil 2:12–30
11 Sept	2 Chr 29:1–24	Phil 3:1–21
12 Sept	2 Chr 31:1–21	Phil 4:1–23
13 Sept	2 Chr 32:1–22	Col 1:1–23
14 Sept	2 Chr 33:1–25	Col 1:24–2:7
15 Sept	2 Chr 34:1–4, 8–11, 14–33	Col 2:8–23
16 Sept	2 Chr 35:1–7, 16–25	Col 3:1–25
17 Sept	2 Chr 36:1–23	Col 4:1–18
18 Sept	Neh 1:1–2:10	1 Tim 1:1–20
19 Sept	Neh 2:11–20; 4:1–6	1 Tim 2:1–15
20 Sept	Neh 4:7–23	1 Tim 3:1–16
21 Sept	Neh 5:1–16; 6:1–9, 15–16	1 Tim 4:1–16
22 Sept	Neh 7:1–4; 8:1–18	1 Tim 5:1–16
23 Sept	Neh 9:1–21	1 Tim 5:17–6:2
24 Sept	Neh 9:22–38	1 Tim 6:3–21
25 Sept	Mal 1:1–14	Matt 3:1–17
26 Sept	Mal 2:1–3:5	Matt 4:1–11
27 Sept	Mal 3:6–4:6	Matt 4:12–25
28 Sept	Deut 1:1–18	Matt 5:1–20
29 Sept	Deut 1:19–36	Matt 5:21–48
30 Sept	Deut 1:37–2:15	Matt 6:1–15

"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

Remember lest you fall. Remember when you fall.

ESV Galatians 6:1–2 **Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.**

We have been walking through the ways in which learning by heart is valuable in the life of the Christian. The following article leans into the dangers of forgetting what God's Word has to say while acknowledging the blessing of those who remind us of God's plans and purposes.

"Keep watch on yourselves," the apostle writes to the "foolish" members of the congregations near Galatia. Early in this letter, Paul laments, "I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ." What had happened? "There are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ." Voices of others had distorted the word of God in such a way that they had begun to forget the Gospel itself. "You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?"

Time and again, we must return to God's Word, to hear, to read, to know, to remember, to be shaped, to be prepared, "lest" we forget, lest we stumble in our Christian walk, lest we fall from grace, lest we cause others to sin. "Keep watch on yourselves," Paul also writes to us, who are all too often sure that we have it all figured out. If we are honest, in various moments, this cocksure attitude has led us into blanket denouncing of others, all the while causing us to pridefully ponder, or perhaps even pray, "I thank God that I am not like them..."

Lest we forget, "Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall." Unchecked pride finds us perilously close to slipping into the depths of another's fallenness. Be careful... lest we too fall. Lord, have mercy!

As Paul warns, he also invites the believer, "you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness." This gentleness comes from the Holy Spirit who plants the seeds of faith and forgiveness through the Word and Sacraments. To the Galatians, Paul adds these wonderful words, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law." To be spiritual, therefore, is to be bound to God's faithful Word which is patient, gentle, and controlled in its doling out of truth. It abounds in love for the one "caught in any transgression." Lest we forget, God so loved ME that He sent His Son, who died for ME, my neighbor and my fellow sinner. Thanks be to God!

Godspeed,

Rev Seth A Meyer

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

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

- September 6, 2026

"Come and See"

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

The Book of Nature can open your mind to the possibility that God is real. The Book of Scripture, the Bible, goes further, like a friend who's been there.

- September 13, 2026

"Forgiveness Is a Non-Negotiable"

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

In God's family, forgiveness is non-negotiable. It's not up for debate because forgiveness is what makes us who we are.

Matthew 6:12

- September 20, 2026

"High Bar to Clay Jar"

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

In Jesus, we don't need to compare ourselves to anyone else. Instead, we are free to better appreciate them.

Matthew 20:16

- September 27, 2026

"Teachable"

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

To be a disciple is to be a learner. Jesus loves you enough to make you teachable.

Matthew 21:31

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 18

(6 September 2026)

Ezekiel 33:7–9

Romans 13:1–10

Matthew 18:1–20

Living as Humble Little Children of the Father

True greatness is not self-sufficient strength, but humility like that of a little child. The greatness of childlike faith receives all good things as gracious gifts from our Father in heaven. Apart from such faith, “you will never enter the kingdom of heaven,” but whoever is humbled like a little child will be “the greatest in the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 18:3–4). Though in our sin we deserve to be “drowned in the depth of the sea” (Matt. 18:6), we have instead been drowned (“buried”) with Christ in Baptism and then raised to the new, humble life of a child of God. The Lord sends His watchman to warn us with a word from His mouth, in order that we may not die in our iniquity but be turned from our pride and selfishness to live (Ezek. 33:7–9). Thus, we live in humility and faith before God as well as in love for our neighbor, which “is the fulfilling of the law” (Rom. 13:10). In the reverent fear of God, we do no harm to our neighbor, but we “pay to all what is owed to them” (Rom. 13:7) and we “owe no one anything, except to love each other” (Rom. 13:8).

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 19

(13 September 2026)

Genesis 50:15–21

Romans 14:1–12

Matthew 18:21–35

Forgiving as the Lord Forgives Us

In settling His accounts with us, our Lord acts not with anger, but with compassion. He does not imprison us as we deserve, but He forgives all our debts and releases us (Matt. 18:23–27). Therefore, our Lord bids each of us to have “mercy on your fellow servant” and “forgive your brother from your heart” (Matt. 18:33, 35). By the Lord’s forgiveness of our sins, we are free to forgive those who sin against us, because He has been handed over to the jailers in our stead and He has paid our entire debt with His lifeblood. Whether we live or die, we “are the Lord’s” (Rom. 14:8). Since we all will “stand before the judgment seat of God,” we are not to despise our brother (Rom. 14:10), but gladly forgive him. By the grace of God, our brother also “will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand” (Rom. 14:4). Though we daily sin against each other, the Lord intends “to bring it about that many people should be kept alive” (Gen. 50:20). Jesus speaks kindly by His Gospel and promises: “I will provide for you and your little ones” (Gen. 50:21).

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 20

(20 September 2026)

Isaiah 55:6–9

Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

Matthew 20:1–16

Disciples Live in Their Vocations by Grace through Faith in Christ

Those who are sent as “laborers for his vineyard” (Matt. 20:1) depict the wide diversity of vocations to which the disciples of Christ Jesus are called. Whatever our particular stations in life may be, we are called to live and serve by faith in His promises. Our labors do not merit anything before Him, for He is already generous to one and all without partiality. In mercy, He has chosen to bear “the burden of the day and the scorching heat” on our behalf, to make us equal to Himself and to give us what belongs to Him, that is, the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 20:12–15). This way of the Lord is foolishness to the world and foreign to our thoughts, but He draws near, so that “he may be found” (Is. 55:6), “have compassion” and “abundantly pardon” (Is. 55:7). So it is that we are found in Christ Jesus, and He is honored in our bodies, “whether by life or by death” (Phil. 1:20), by “fruitful labor” (Phil. 1:22) or by suffering. It is by faith in His forgiveness that our works are “worthy of the gospel” (Phil. 1:27).

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 21

(27 September 2026)

Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

Philippians 2:1–4 (5–13) 14–18

Matthew 21:23–27 (28–32)

The Cross of Christ Opens to Us the Way of Repentance to Life with God

The way of the Lord is righteous and just: “The soul who sins shall die” (Ezek. 18:4). However, because the Lord has “no pleasure in the death of anyone” (Ezek. 18:32), He calls sinners to repentance and faith in His gracious forgiveness of sins. The man who is thus turned away from his wickedness, who henceforth lives by the grace of God, “shall surely live; he shall not die” (Ezek. 18:28). This way of repentance has been opened for us by the cross of Christ. In the righteousness of faith and love, “he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death” (Phil. 2:8), and He was vindicated in His resurrection from the dead. Indeed, “God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name” (Phil. 2:9). He has given us this name in our Baptism into Christ, in whom we now “shine as lights in the world” (Phil. 2:15). He uses the authority that He has received from His Father (Matt. 21:23–27) to preach a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, by which even “the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God” (Matt. 21:31–32).



Just a few reminders and updates for the 2026-2027 sign-up. The LWML membership forms can now be found on the table as you come in to the church by the stairs. Thank you for those of you that have returned your forms to the LWML Bulletin Board manilla envelope.

We hope they can be returned by Sept. 6th so that we can get our yearly LWML Booklet assembled and distributed.

We also are planning our first LWML Gathering on September 28th for all our members. It will be at 6pm in the basement. It will be potluck style. Bring a friend too. A sign-up sheet will be posted in September on the LWML Bulletin Board.

We are excited to have Ann Jedele as our Mission Speaker on Sept. 28th. Ann is a member of Ascension Lutheran Church in Wichita. It will be good to see her again for sure!

Ascension Lutheran will be hosting the Fall LWML Rally for the Wichita Zone on September 26th. More details will be available later.

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 was on an abbreviated schedule through the summer months.

Aug 30 Yes

Sept 6 No youth (Labor Day weekend)

Youth group will resume meeting weekly in the youth room on **September 13th, 4:00-5:30pm**. Use the door by the basketball goal. The youth room is at the top of the stairs. A new snack schedule will be emailed to parents. Thank you for sharing your treats with the group.

Youth Bowling Party on August 23rd was well attended. Thank you to the parents that generously offered to pay the fee and shoe rental for all in attendance!

All 6th graders are now welcome to participate in youth group regularly!

High School students only: Mark your calendar for November 20-22. District Youth Gathering at the Drury Plaza Hotel in Wichita. Early registration was due by Aug 30th. Regular registration is due by Sept 28th. Turn forms and \$115 in to Debbie Dennett or the church office.

We welcome Dawn Schmidt as our new youth leader. She was appointed by Ad Council to fill an unexpired term.

Debbie, Janet, and Amy

Fall Sunday School kick-off is September 13. Parish Life is asking for donations of baked goods for everyone to partake in following the worship service. Please contact Sara Deepe if you are able to donate something. A free will offering will be taken to go towards the Scholarship Fund, which is available to Trinity members attending LCMS universities and seminaries.





Bible Study will begin on September 18 at 9:15am in the overflow. We will be using the 15-part series formerly published in The Lutheran witness entitled "Oh Come Let Us Worship Him". All are welcome to attend.



TRINITY CHOIR BEGINS SEPTEMBER 23! Bring your best voice and meet us in the choir loft on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. All singers and all ages are welcome. As you enjoy these final weeks of summer you might want to start warming up those vocal cords. Most importantly, come ready to have fun, sing, worship and enjoy making music together. Thank you for your time, talent, and enthusiasm you bring to our choir. Your music is a wonderful gift to our congregation.

Fall Trinity Triangle Gatherings

Want to get to know others at Trinity? Sign up to join our Fall Trinity Triangle Gatherings! From late-September-November, you'll be matched with 1-3 other households to meet for a meal or activity. Over three months, you'll connect with different households.

Each group member hosts once and is a guest twice. Hosts coordinate the time and activity and provide the main dish if it's a meal; guests bring sides or dessert. You may also use the church by arranging space with the office. A food gathering is optional - groups have played games, etc.

Please sign up by September 13. For more information, contact Becky Reid at 620-218-5871 or bkreid@ksu.edu.



Bell Choir will begin practicing on October 6 at 6pm. If you can read music and would like to learn to ring bells, please feel free to join us in the balcony.



Sunday School Volunteers

Parish Life Committee is recruiting volunteers to teach Sunday School (PreK and older elementary) youth. Please speak with Becky Reid for more information.



The LCMS Kansas District SAA55 (Saints Alive After 55) Conference will be held September 20-21, 2026 at Christ the King Lutheran, Salina. The theme is "Fruit Bearing Christians." The keynote speakers are Rev. David Beauchamp from Church Ambassador Network of Kansas and Brittany Jones, President of Kansas Family Voice. The Bible Study leader is Rev. CJ Luttinen, lead pastor at Risen Savior Lutheran, Wichita.

Registration is \$50 for each participant. Details can be found at:

<https://lcmskansasdistrict.regfox.com/saa55-retreat-2026>

As of August 18, 2026, we only have five (5) registered participants. Please help us to announce this event in any way possible that you communicate with your congregation. Older adult ministry is a vital part of our Kansas District congregations.

The Older Adult Ministry Committee is developing a master list of our congregations' older adult ministry contact persons. Which layperson in your congregation already serves, or would willingly serve, as such a "point person" or "advocate" for this vital aspect of your congregational life? Please email the name and email address of your contact person to District staff person Tami Lierz at tami@kslcms.org as soon as possible.

Thank you!

Confirmation (membership) at Trinity

Adult Inquirers (New Members class)

The Fall session of **Adult Inquirers**, also called **New members class**, began on Saturday, August 15, immediately after evening worship (approx. 6:20pm). Classes continue in the overflow (rear of the worship space) each of the following Saturdays: 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 13 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.





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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.



Upcoming events:

October 8- Thrivent Workshop 6:30pm

October 17- Redeemer Ladies Bingo/Brunch 9:30am-11:30am

October 18- Pastor Appreciation Sunday

Voters' Assembly- to be announced