Trinity Lutheran Church

21 Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2026

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Welcome

Invocation:

P: We are here to worship as we live, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
C: We are here to worship. Amen.

***Confession of Sin and Forgiveness:**

P: Heavenly Father, draw us to humble honesty as we examine ourselves before Your throne of holiness, justice, mercy and grace. (silence)
P: Lord God,
C: I confess that I am a sinner both by nature and in thought, word and deed. I have sinned against You and against my neighbour, falling short every day in loving as You call me to love and forgiving as I have been forgiven. I am sorry for my sin and do not deserve Your gracious mercy yet in faith and trust I come now and pray Your forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your dear Son. Amen.
P: Jesus Christ has died for the sin of the world, for your sins and mine, making the way home for us. As a called and ordained servant in the church of Christ and by Christ's authority (John 20) I speak these words of life to you – I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen. Thanks be to God!

Hymn: "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him" Sing! 75

God's Word: Psalm 148

P: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
Left: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!
Right: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!
P: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!
L: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.
R: He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.
P: Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,
L: fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!
R: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
P: Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!
L: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
R: Young men and women alike, old and young together!
P: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.
L: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Children will go to Sunday School

God's Word: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.
2We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly 3remembering before
our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.
4For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, 5because our message of the
gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you
know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake.
6And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy
inspired by the Holy Spirit, 7so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.
8For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your
faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. 9For the people of those regions
report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a
living and true God, 10and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues
us from the wrath that is coming.

Hymn: "Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me"

Holy Gospel Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. 16So they sent their disciples to him, along
with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance
with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. 17Tell us, then, what you
think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" 18But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you
putting me to the test, you hypocrites? 19Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius.
20Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" 21They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said
to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's."
22When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Message

Offertory:

Offering will be received at this time

Prayers of the People:

Lord's Prayer: pg 71

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Communion Hymns: "Christus Victor"
"I am Not My Own"

Post Communion Prayer

Benediction:

Sending Hymn: "Our God Will Go Before Us"

Dismissal

P: Go in the peace of Christ, you are loved and sent.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*written by Pastor Maggie Theiss 2026

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