

The Nineth Sunday after Trinity

August 2, 2026



**And I tell you, make friends for
yourselves by means of
unrighteous wealth, so that when
it fails they may receive you into
the eternal dwellings.**

(Luke 16:9 ESV)

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Many members. One body united in Christ.

Welcome to the Divine Service where the risen Christ comes into our midst to bring us the peace of His cross and empty tomb. We pray that the Lord would grant us His Holy Spirit that His Word would bear the fruits of faith in Christ and works of love toward our neighbor.

The Lord's Supper is a confession that we are united in holding to all the doctrines of God's Word. Those who do not know and hold to the doctrinal commitment of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are requested to attend the Adult Instruction Class for membership before communing at Faith Lutheran Church.

The Steward's Shrewdness Sanctified

"The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness" (Luke 16:1–9). The steward's shrewdness is praiseworthy for two reasons. First, he knew the master would be merciful. He trusted that the master would honor the debts he forgave in the master's name. In the same way, though we have squandered our heavenly Father's possessions in selfishness and sin, Jesus is the Steward who has canceled our debt, knowing that His forgiveness will be honored by the Father because of the holy cross. Secondly, the steward was shrewd in using oil and wheat to provide for his earthly welfare. So also do these earthly elements aid us when pressed into heavenly use in the anointing of baptism and the wheat of the Lord's Supper. Those who have the Sacraments will have an eternal home when their earthly home fails. These provide us aid in times of temptation (1 Cor. 10:6–13). For the Lord is our strength and a shield to all who trust in Him (2 Sam. 22:26–34).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please remember to silence your cell phones during the Divine Service.)

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by David and Ellen Horn in thanksgiving for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Missionary offering today to support Rev. Micah Wildauer and Rev. Walter Steele and their families.

Everyone is encouraged to attend this Summer's Family Bible Class (Sundays at 11:15 am)! It's a unique and thought-provoking hour during which Pastor answers your most burning Biblical and theological questions.

The August through November Meditations Daily Devotional is now available to be picked up. Both large print and pocket-sized editions can be found on the long table in the narthex.

We rejoice to begin a new year of Children's Sunday School beginning Sunday, September 13. Everyone is strongly encouraged to avail themselves of this tremendous blessing from God, both adults and children in their own Bible learning. More information to come!

The August issue of *The Lutheran Witness* has arrived and is available one per household. They can be found on the long table in the narthex.

Essential exercise for the Christian mind... Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent show subjects include: Karl Marx's Fascination with the Devil, The Fall of the Great Republics, Reducing Theology to Pithy Slogans, First-Century Jewish Historian Josephus on Jesus and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

OUR LIFE AS CHRISTIAN STEWARDS

Luke 16:8 – “For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.” Money is a tool that can be used for good or wicked purposes. Oftentimes unbelievers

show more shrewdness in this than us Christians. If we really believe all that stuff we say in the Creed every Sunday...won't that affect how we use our money?

UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS

SUNDAY	<i>The Ninth Sunday after Trinity</i>
<i>08/02/26</i>	9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Family Bible Class
MONDAY	<i>Joanna, Mary, and Salome, Myrrhbearers</i>
TUESDAY	9:30 AM – Women's Bible Study
SUNDAY	<i>The Tenth Sunday after Trinity</i>
<i>08/09/26</i>	9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Family Bible Class

Ushers next week: Michael Wueller, Reagan Armstrong
Acolyte: Kyler Mallon

PRAYERS

- All those serving as missionaries around the world, especially Pastor Wildauer and Pastor Steele and their families.
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Michael Null (3), Terri Wildenborg (6), Connie Kimber (7), Criss Purcell (8).
- Baptism birthdays celebrated this week: Patti Ellis (4).
- Wedding anniversaries celebrated this week: David and Ellen Horn (3).
- Emma Cassanova, Ellie Pollex (Alissa Ulmer's cousin), and Leah Savage for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Thanksgiving for healing granted to Ina (Mary Jo Daughtrey's mother).

- Judy Michels, in thanksgiving for successful surgery.
- Reagan Armstrong, in thanksgiving for successful surgery.
- Mike Wright as he undergoes medical testing.
- Thanksgiving for the finalization of Ollie Cholak's adoption this coming week and safe travels for the Ulmers who are travelling to Houston to participate.
- Comfort and peace for Lee Brewer and his family, friends of the Ulmers, as they mourn the sudden passing of Lee's mother.
- Comfort for Cristine Purcell and her family as they mourn the death of Cristine's brother, Doug Drawe.
- Those who are undergoing cancer treatments: Dana Evans, Robin Wildauer, Leigh R., Sandra Zastrow, Kyle, Randy Cooper.
- Those struggling with ongoing health issues: JE Purcell, Dony Reaves, Stephanie, Tibor Kun, Diego Martinez, Joseph Horte, Will, Lance, Mary, Suzie, Julie, Dakota, John Ulmer, Braden, Adeline.
- Those experiencing other types of challenges: Greg Sims, Andrew Fischer, Marc Schwiesow.

Assisting in the Divine Service Today:

Elder – James Rose Altar Duty – Robin Hauth

Music: James Rose

Ushers: Winston Tiro, Open Acolyte: Will Wueller

7/26/26 General Fund Offerings received: \$4,618.50

Restricted Fund Offerings received: \$21.00

Weekly budget needed: \$4,795.46

Budget year to date: surplus: **\$3,095.52**