

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

August 16, 2026



[Jesus said] “For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

(Luke 18:14b)

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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 Lord Lifts Up the Lowly

"And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard" (Gen. 4:1–15). For unlike Abel, Cain's offering did not proceed from a heart that revered and trusted in the Lord. Thus, the lowly tax collector who prayed, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" was the one who went down to his house justified before God, not the respectable, outwardly righteous Pharisee who trusted in himself and his own good living (Luke 18:9–14). "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast" (Eph. 2:1–10). The one who penitently despairs of his own righteousness and relies completely on the atoning mercy of God in Christ is the one who is declared righteous. For Christ died for our sins and rose again the third day (1 Cor. 15:1–10). Therefore, "everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Brad and Angela Perry in thanksgiving for Angela's birthday.

Everyone is encouraged to attend Family Bible Class this morning following the Divine Service. It's a special time to answer your most important questions. Ask Pastor your most thought-provoking theological and Biblical question and engage in a unique discussion time with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Fellowship Lunch today! Join us for a celebratory fellowship lunch today as we rejoice in the rich mercy of God shown to our congregation.

Part of the ministry of Faith Wylie is to provide Sunday School for the children as an additional resource to parents teaching their children at home. For classes on Sunday mornings, we do need teachers and are asking anyone who has prayerfully considered teaching to volunteer. If you would like to teach, please contact our Sunday School Superintendent, Amanda Curry.

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 important opportunity from God, both adults and children to grow in their understanding of God's Word. More information to come!

Mites offering today!

The church is in need of a laptop to be used when an organist is unavailable. If you are able to help in obtaining one, please reach out to James Rose and he can give more detail about what is needed.

Truth, goodness, beauty... 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 teachings include: What Is Critical

Theory?, The Reliability of the Bible, The Population Bust, The Term “Flesh” in the Bible 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 18:11–12 – “The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’” The Pharisees got so much right, and so much wrong. It’s a good thing for this Pharisee to be faithful to his wife and faithful in his giving to the Lord’s work, but these things are worthless if they proceed from a prideful heart! After all, what do we have to be proud of? If we have followed the Lord’s ways, we have only done our duty. Better to be thankful (and amazed!) that the Lord has blessed us by making our giving part of His work!

UPCOMING WEEK’S EVENTS

SUNDAY 08/16/25	<i>The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity</i> <i>Isaac</i> <i>Faith Wylie Charter Sunday Anniversary</i> 9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Family Bible Class 12:30 PM – Fellowship Lunch
MONDAY	<i>Johann Gerhard</i>
TUESDAY	9:30 AM – Women’s Bible Study 11:00 PM – Circuit Winkle (Pastor)
WEDNESDAY	<i>Bernard of Clairvaux</i>
THURSDAY	<i>Samuel</i> 9:00 AM – Men’s Bible Study
FRIDAY	9:30 AM – Matins 10:30 AM – Confession and Absolution
SUNDAY 08/23/25	<i>The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity</i> 9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Family Bible Class

Ushers next week: Mitchell Hendon, David Horn

Acolyte: Kyler Mallon

PRAYERS

- Those who are homebound: Judy Michels, Melanie Obenhaus, Vicky Cantrell, Dony Reaves, Connie Kimber, Pete Kun.
- We pray that our Heavenly Father would grant joy and faithfulness to the young adults of our congregation, blessing them as they begin families, continue their studies, and enter the workforce.
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Angela Perry (18), Mike Wright (20).
- Baptism birthdays celebrated this week: Terry Wildenborg (16), William Wueller (18).
- Ken and Gloria Lawrence's sister-in-law, Bonnie, who is preparing for open heart surgery.
- Allan, the Traugott's nephew who recently suffered a major stroke.
- Thanksgiving for the many blessings of God our Father poured out upon our congregation since its establishment in 2002 and its chartering in 2020.
- Emma Cassanova, Ellie Pollex (Alissa Ulmer's cousin), and Leah Savage for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Christina Null in thanksgiving for a diagnosis following testing after suffering recent symptoms; prayers for continued healing.
- 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, Braydon, Addelyn, Mike Wright.
- 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

Organist: Dan Kim

Ushers: Angus Hendon, Jack Cronister Acolyte: Will Wueller

8/9/26 General Fund Offerings received: \$3,502.50

Restricted Fund Offerings received: \$37.00

Weekly budget needed: \$4,795.46

Budget year to date: surplus: **\$5,171.10**