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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

(THE LUTHERAN CHURCH--MISSOURI SYNOD)

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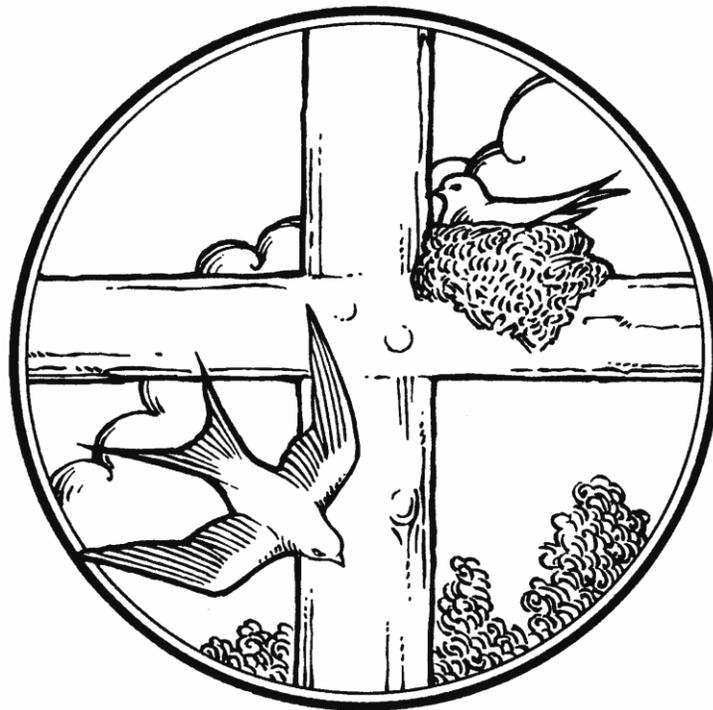
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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY

AFTER TRINITY

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022



September 25 – Trinity XV Matthew 6:25a – “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life.” God is in charge. God is our loving Father. Put those two statements together, and they spell the end of worry and anxiety. Yes, we will have crosses to bear. Yes, we will have difficulties. But, through it all, our loving heavenly Father is in charge, and He will carry us through. It is that simple faith, the faith of a child, that frees us from worry. And in the absence of worry, faith can step forward in bold action and into the kind of generosity that can only operate in an atmosphere of trust.

BASIC LERT TRAINING, King of Kings Lutheran Church, Gardner KS, 10/22/2022 SIGN-UP Oct 22, 2022 9am-3pm Description A registration fee of \$20 per person helps cover the cost of lunch and snacks, training materials, and LERT T-shirt. Please send registrations fees to King of Kings Lutheran Church, 306 E Madison, Gardner, KS 66030 before Oct. 7, 2022. Please note "LERT Training Oct. 22, 2022" on your check. Questions? Please contact Mark Trivilino tma41@yahoo.com. Or contact Brian Mead from First Lutheran at brian.t.mead2@gmail.com

WHAT I WISH MY NON-LUTHERAN FAMILY KNEW ABOUT... Are you looking for a way to explain Biblical Lutheran teachings like Baptism, Closed Communion, The Lord’s Supper, The End Times, Funerals and Worship to non-Lutherans? Issues, Etc., a radio-talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, interviewed Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller about these topics and more. You can listen to the entire series at your convenience at issuesetc.org/whatiwish/.

FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: Trinity XV – Our God Jesus has set us free from sin, death, and the power of the devil. He also gives us the gift of dependence, to depend upon Him in faith and on one another in love and service (Galatians 6:2). Rather than diminishing our humanity, mutual dependence dignifies it. *Lord Jesus, help me to depend upon You with Your people and defend those who depend upon me. Amen.*

TEAHOUSE DEDICATION CEREMONY @ OCT. 8TH AT 10:30 AM The family of LaVeta Brown would like to invite members of the congregation to attend this dedication ceremony in honor of LaVeta. We will be meeting at Sonshine Preschool playground for prayer, song, and installation of a memorial plaque

LWML- Ladies we are having our next bake sale Nov. 12th Saturday at Gardner fairground. All baked goods are welcome! ALL bakers warm up your ovens to help raise money for the mission goals. Also, October 2nd is LWML Sunday so wear your purple!

OUR ACTIVITIES FOR CHRIST THIS WEEK

Today	9:00 am	Divine Worship Service
	10:15 am	Bible Study
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	1:00 pm	Confirmation Class
	4:00 pm	101 st Anniversary Service
	5:15 pm	Potluck at the Miami Count Fairgrounds



Next Sunday LWML	9:00 am	Divine Worship Service
	10:15 am	Bible Study
	10:15 am	Sunday School

Nursing Home Devotions

1:30 pm North Point
2:15 pm Medicalodge
1:00 pm Confirmation Class
4:30 pm Roots Class

OUR LOVE FOR CHRIST

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

Attendance:	90
Bible Study:	12
Offering:	\$3418.00
Online Offering:	\$913.25
Totals	\$4331.25
<i>Weekly Budget Needs:</i>	<i>\$7000.00</i>
<i>YTD Budget Performance:</i>	<i>-\$90,292.72</i>

Elder of the month

Curtis Long

BIRTHDAYS:

Tom McMillin	September 25	Sharon Haley	September 26
Philip Ward	September 26	Chris Lohaus-Fast	September 28
Samantha Lyons	September 29	Anita Ward	September 29
Hayden West	September 29		

ANNIVERSARY

Berggren, Preston & Lindsay September 25, 2010

PRAYER FOR GRACE TO USE OUR GIFTS Lord, God Almighty, even as You bless Your servants with various and unique gifts of the Holy Spirit, continue to grant us the grace to use them always to Your honor and glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

First Lutheran's 101st Anniversary

Below you will find a schedule of events for today. Guest preacher for the Anniversary Celebration Service will be the Rev. Dan Galchutt, then following the anniversary service, everyone is invited to the Miami County Fairgrounds for a potluck reception, for storytelling, and for reminiscing. We hope to see you there!

Schedule of events for September 25, 2022

- 9:00 Divine Service @ First Lutheran Church
- 10:15 Bible Study
- 4:00 Anniversary Celebration Service at First Lutheran Church
- 5:15 Anniversary Celebration at Miami County Fair Grounds

LSB 754 Entrust Your Days and Burdens (Trinity 15)

We do not know when or why Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676) wrote this hymn, but the master hymnwriter showed great talent in its construction. The hymn is based on Psalm 37:5, "Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him, and He will act." Each of the original twelve stanzas began with a different word from the psalm. Today, we only sing half of Gerhardt's hymn, but the trust in God's provision still shines. God cares for the birds of the air and the lilies of the field (Matt. 6:24-34). God rules the sky, the sea, the land, the tempests, and every trial you face. Your heavenly Father will care for you till you join the resounding song of endless jubilation.

STAND FOR LIFE OCTOBER 2ND Some Christians take a passive approach to the issue of abortion, figuring that the problem is just too big to fight. Or some Christians don't feel comfortable standing up for their beliefs. Abortion is a big problem, but it is not a fight that we can simply ignore. We must get out of our comfort zones and take a stand for life. October is Respect Life Month so come on out and start the month off right. Come be a part of this event and save a life! There will be a choice of pre-printed signs available on site. Join us as we peacefully and prayerfully STAND FOR LIFE! We will be forming our Life Chain along Baptiste Drive in front of Landmark Bank in Paola at 2 pm on October 3rd.

FLC Time Capsule

The time capsule placed into the church's cornerstone in the northwest corner of the building has been removed. The contents of the capsule will be on display for the anniversary celebration.

After which plans are to add items to it and replace it into the cornerstone. We are providing the chance for congregation members to either provide small items or suggest items to be included.

Bring your items to the church office or contact the church office with your suggestions by the end of October.

Prelude: Organ

O God Beyond All Praising

by Miller

Handbell Choir

Great Is the Lord

By Douglas E. Wagner

725 CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of

Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**☩ Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.
Amen.**

☩ Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

☩ Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

**Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.**

**Be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you do I cry all the day.**

**Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.**

**Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
listen to my plea for grace.**

**But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious;
turn to me and be gracious to me;**

**give your strength to your servant,
and save the son of your maidservant.**

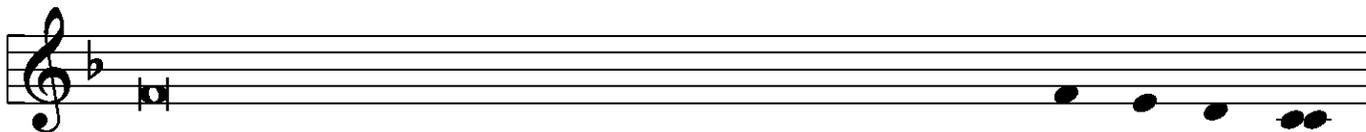
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.**

**Be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you do I cry all the day.**

KYRIE



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: 1 KINGS 17:8–16

Then the word of the LORD came to him, “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

**It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in man.**

**It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in princes.**

Handbell Choir

Be Thou My Vision
by Cathy Moglebust

EPISTLE: GALATIANS 5:25–6:10

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

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. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. For each will have to bear his own load.

One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 6:24–34

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

754 ENTRUST YOUR DAYS AND BURDENS

All
Lect.
Pulp.
Lect.



1 En - trust your days and bur - dens To God's most lov - ing
2 Re - ly on God your Sav - ior And find your life se -
3 Take heart, have hope, my spir - it, And do not be dis -
4 Leave all to His di - rec - tion; His wis - dom rules for



hand; He cares for you while rul - ing The
cure. Make His work your foun - da - tion That
maged; God helps in ev - 'ry tri - al And
you In ways to rouse your won - der At



sky, the sea, the land. For He who guides the
your work may en - dure. No anx - ious thought, no
makes you un - a - fraid. A - wait His time with
all His love can do. Soon He, His prom - ise



tem - pests A - long their thun - d'rous ways Will
wor - ry, No self - tor - ment - ing care Can
pa - tience Through dark - est hours of night Un -
keep - ing, With won - der - work - ing pow'rs Will



find for you a path - way And guide you all your days.
win your Fa - ther's fa - vor; His heart is moved by prayer.
til the sun you hoped for De - lights your ea - ger sight.
ban - ish from your spir - it What gave you trou - bled hours.

5 O blessèd heir of heaven,
You'll hear the song resound
Of endless jubilation
When you with life are crowned.
In your right hand your maker
Will place the victor's palm,
And you will thank Him gladly
With heaven's joyful psalm.

Pulp.

6 Our hands and feet, Lord, strengthen;

All With joy our spirits bless

Until we see the ending

Of all our life's distress.

And so throughout our lifetime

Keep us within Your care

And at our end then bring us

To heav'n to praise You there.

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SERMON

+ SHARING THE PEACE +

OFFERING

956 CREATE IN ME



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new



a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way



from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;



and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

797 PRAISE THE ALMIGHTY



1 Praise the Al - might - y, my soul, a - dore Him!
 2 Trust not in rul - ers; they are but mor - tal;
 3 Bless - ed, oh, bless - ed are they for - ev - er
 4 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,



Yes, I will laud Him un - til death; With songs and
 Earth - born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their
 Whose help is from the Lord Most High, Whom from sal -
 Par - don and peace from Him ob - tain; Ev - er the



an - thems I come be - fore Him As long as
 coun - sels at life's last por - tal, When the dark
 va - tion can noth - ing sev - er, And who in
 wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful



He al - lows me breath. From Him my life and
 grave en - gulfs its prey. Since mor - tals can no
 hope to Christ draw nigh. To all who trust in
 God He will re - main. He helps His chil - dren



all things came; Bless, O my soul, His ho - ly name.
 help af - ford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.
 Him, our Lord Will aid and coun - sel now af - ford.
 in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther - less.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

- 5  Praise, all you people, the name so holy
Of Him who does such wondrous things!
All that has being, to praise Him solely,
With happy heart its amen sings.
Children of God, with angel host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Alleluia, alleluia!

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