



TLC Grapevine

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A Publication of Trinity Lutheran Church, Bemidji, Minnesota (218) 444-4441

Worship Service

9:00 am, Sunday
6:30 pm, Wednesday
(During Lent & Advent)

Sunday School (Sept - May)

10:30 am - 11:30 am

Weekly Bible Study

Wednesday 1 - 4 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

Confirmation (Sept - May)

Wednesday 4:15 pm



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November

October 'LW' Explores Justification

October 9, 2026 / Reporter / By Rachel Bomberger



Justification by faith is, as the Rev. Dr. Roland Ziegler points out in the October issue of The Lutheran Witness (LW), the chief article of Christian doctrine and the central article of the Lutheran Confessions, as Lutherans will celebrate once again on Reformation Day this Oct. 31.

But what does it actually mean to be justified? Authors including Ziegler, the Rev. Dr. Cameron Mackenzie and the Rev. James Preus explore answers to this crucial question from historical and theological perspectives in the latest LW.

“How can God both remain holy (righteous and fair according to His Law) and forgive sins?” asks Mackenzie. “How is He just when justifying sinners? Because of Jesus Christ. This is the heart of Christianity. It is the center of what we preach. Because of Jesus Christ, God forgives.”

This is, as Preus points out, no new teaching. Rather, it runs not only throughout Scripture but also through the writings of the Early Church Fathers: “When confronted with the reality of sin, guilt, death and damnation, the Fathers were wont to abandon philosophical ponderings, which drew them away from Scripture, and dive deeper into the promises of Christ in the Bible. There they found the comforting doctrine of justification by grace through faith in Christ alone.”

Then and now, justification is at the heart of Lutheran doctrine, and the comfort this teaching gives sets Lutheranism apart from other Christian traditions, including mainstream evangelicalism, as the Rev. Matt Doeblar relates in his article “Lutheranism Has It All.”

“Lutherans trust that God’s promised forgiveness on account of Christ is actually theirs,” Doeblar writes, “not because they believe sincerely enough but because God is faithful to deliver what He promises by His Word and Sacraments.”

Group Meetings

❖ Ladies Guild

Ladies Guild will meet on Thursday, November 5th at 1:00 pm at the Church. Ladies remember to bring Your beans with you as we will be packing beans that day.

❖ Men of Trinity

Will meet on Monday, November 2nd & November 16th at 5:30 pm at the Church.

❖ Hannah Circle

Will meet on Thursday, November 12th at 1:00 pm at the Church.

❖ Ladies Bible Study

Will meet on Thursday, November 12th at 5:30 pm at the Church.

❖ Altar Circle

Will meet on Monday, November 16th at 1:00 pm at the Church.

❖ Eunice Circle

Will meet on Tuesday, November 17th at 9:30 am at the Church.

❖ Christian Singles

The Christian Singles will meet for lunch on Sunday, October 11th.

❖ Happy Quilters

The "Happy Quilters" meet on the 3rd & 4th Thursdays of each month at 9:00am at the church.



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It's Great to be a Saint



The first Sunday in November, we will observe the church festival of All Saints' Day. However, for many, even Christians, this never comes to mind. And I suppose this is the reality of our times that people do not recognize the purpose of recalling what God has done in creating His saints. And why not, as our society places its focus on the rival festival that entails ghosts and goblins, and tricks or treats as a way to enjoy some seasonal fun. And true to following society's norms, Christians often miss out on the point of this special day. But regardless of the emphasis placed on this event, this day is earmarked to explore the real reason why All Saints' Day is observed.

So for Christians it is a time to remember all the saints that our heavenly Father has called into faith through Christ His Son. And so the main point to keep in our hearts and minds is that "saints" are uniquely God's creation, not made by human hands or endeavors, but in the rebirth of the human spirit to new life through the work of Christ upon the Cross. It takes place in the saint through the gift of grace revealed in God's Word and delivered to our hearts by Christ in the precious gift of faith. The apostle John reminds us that we are all called in this way to be saints under our heavenly Father's love; "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 John 3: 1a)

Because of this, Christians can say they are saints and are able to know their Father's love. And they can rejoice in the fact that in Christ's blood their sins are forgiven, quite unlike those who do not claim to be Christ's. Christians are unlike any others, having been freed from the just condemnation of sin when at one time with the world they too rejected all that God's love is.

All Saints' Day therefore is an appropriate way to begin this precious month of thanksgiving. And revisit the change that takes place within the saint because of what God has done in important than its eve, as it focuses hearts on Christ. And this should be so, since even saints still prefer their fondness for sinful old nature over and above God's mercy in their lives. It also reveals the fact that saints are incapable on their own of becoming God's fainted people by their own power or strength.

And since this is true, this day is about glorifying God who brings us out of our sin and into the place of His mercy by the gracious workings of His Son. Even though thus far, it is plain to see that saints still remain a mixture of woeful sin as well as heavenly righteousness, being both deliberately resistant to God's will while rejoicing in the fact that they walk in it.

All the while they are graciously being remade into what is right in the Father's eyes through Christ our Lord! Amazing and wonderful, isn't it, that all the saints who from their labors rest, as well as we, are not left to our own destructive wills but to the creative power of God's love.

Listen to His love and learn that we are indeed the "beloved" saints of God, His very own children: "Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is." (1 John 3:2)

We are forgiven of our sins and changed under the cleansing power of our Lord and Savior who remains steadfast in us. But we also know that we do not always appear that way. Yet inwardly, in the spirit, in a place where we have no sight, God promises us that we are viewed as righteous in His eyes because of Christ. This is why we celebrate All Saint's' Day because it reminds us of where our hope dwells! And in that hope, we may see past the Halloween costumes that sin often dresses us in, and find that the true heart of a saint is purified and recreated inwardly after the beauty of God's.

~ God's blessings! Rev. Les Uhrinak



Trinity *Advent by Candlelight* Luncheon



November 22, 2026

11:30am

Join us the last Sunday of the Church Year as
we prepare for the season of Advent.

- Candlelight Meal
- Advent Wreath Making
- Cocoa & Card Games



Please RSVP to Sarah Lohse or sign up in the Fellowship Hall.



QUILTS SILENT AUCTION

Quilts are on display in the Narthex. Place your bids on sheets provided. The Auction closes on Sunday, November 29th at 10:30 am. Proceeds will support the Happy Quilters!

Bread Painting



When you eat this fun snack,
be thankful for Jesus,
who is our Bread of Life.

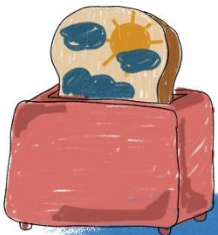
What you need:

- Small cups
- Milk
- Food coloring
- Clean, food-safe brush
- Slice of bread
- Toaster or toaster oven
- Butter, optional



What you do:

1. Set out one small cup for each color you want to use.
2. Pour 1 to 2 tablespoons of milk into each cup.
3. Add a few drops of food coloring to each cup and stir until the color is bright.
4. Using a clean, food-safe brush, gently paint a picture or design on the bread. Be careful not to soak the bread.
5. When you're finished painting, toast the bread. Add a little butter, if desired, and enjoy!



Reminder:

Ask an adult for help
when using a toaster
or toaster oven.

"I am the
bread of life."
John 6:35, NIV

Activity Page



Counting Our Blessings

Thanksgiving is a great opportunity to "count our blessings." God blesses each of us daily in so many ways. Solve the following math problems. Then write the words on the numbered lines below to complete Ephesians 1:3, NIV.

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| 14 - 7 = ____ Father | 10 + 15 = ____ in |
| 10 + 9 = ____ heavenly | 6 - 3 = ____ to |
| 10 + 5 = ____ blessed | 12 - 6 = ____ and |
| 2 - 1 = ____ Praise | 6 + 6 = ____ Christ |
| 7 + 7 = ____ has | 18 - 9 = ____ our |
| 11 + 11 = ____ every | 22 - 11 = ____ Jesus |
| 12 + 12 = ____ blessing | 1 + 1 = ____ be |
| 10 + 10 = ____ realms | 7 + 6 = ____ who |
| 13 + 13 = ____ Christ | 2 + 2 = ____ the |
| 8 + 8 = ____ us | 10 - 5 = ____ God |
| 8 + 9 = ____ in | 4 + 4 = ____ of |
| 5 + 5 = ____ Lord | 9 + 9 = ____ the |
| 10 + 11 = ____ with | 10 + 13 = ____ spiritual |

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1 2 3 4 5 6

_____ 7 8 9 10 11 12 _____

_____ 13 14 15 16 17 18 _____

_____ 19 20 21 22 _____

_____ 23 24 25 26 _____"

Ephesians 1:3, NIV

Answer: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ."

I AM
THANKFUL
FOR...



News & Announcements



Bakers and eaters needed!

Please consider baking a pie or other dessert for a PIE SOCIAL to be held following the Thanksgiving Eve service. Don't bake? No problem, there are lots of pies for you to choose from and eat.



Order your Poinsettias for Christmas!

Cost: \$15.50 each. (Same as last year)

Signup in the Fellowship Hall or by calling Vern & Sandy Holzhrueter at 751-2214.

Make checks payable to Vern Holzhrueter & leave in his mailbox. **DEADLINE: November 8th!**



**WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 25TH 6:30 PM
WITH PIE SOCIAL**

Greeting Cards for Sale!



The Ladies Guild has refreshed the selection of Greeting cards for sale in the Narthex. Please come and take a look. Single cards and boxes are priced as marked.

Check or Cash. You can leave the payment in the container provided. Make checks payable to Trinity Ladies Guild.



The Council requests that everyone help in God's House by: Cleaning up after yourselves; Turning off ALL lights (except the office hallway); Locking ALL the doors before leaving the

church on Sundays and anytime that you have used the building. Thank you!



Join Us for a Hymn Sing at Trinity Sunday, November 1st at 3 pm!

Come enjoy singing some of your favorite hymns including Jesus Loves Me, The Old Rugged Cross, Blessed Assurance, How Great Thou Art, Beautiful Savior and more!

**The Church Office will be
Closed on November 26th & 27th
for Thanksgiving**



Lutheran Island Camp Upcoming Events



Hymn Sing

December 6, 2026

Sunday at 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Begin the Advent season with an evening of peaceful reflection, joyful music, and fellowship at Lutheran Island Camp. Join us in the chapel as we sing beloved Christmas hymns together and prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Afterward, stay for cookies, hot cocoa, and time together. Register in advance at islandcamp.org.

Paint, Sip, and Relax BYOB

December 11, 2026

\$50 Per Person

Slow down, get creative, and enjoy time together at a Lutheran Island Camp Paint & Sip. Led by our resident artist, these relaxed gatherings are a chance to paint, laugh, enjoy refreshments, and connect with others. No artistic experience is needed—just come ready for a little creativity, fellowship, and joy in the beauty God has given us to share.

Christmas Sleigh Ride

December 19, 2026

\$15 Per Person

Rides Leave Every 30 min from 1pm-4pm

Gather your family, youth group, church group, LWML circle, or friends for a memorable seasonal outing at Christ Serve Ranch!

Our one-hour Reformation Day Hay Ride includes a wagon ride to our remote campsite, where guests will enjoy camp songs, hot apple cider, and cookies before riding back together.

In December, the experience becomes a Christmas Sleigh Ride, complete with Christmas carols, hot chocolate, and Christmas cookies along the same scenic route.

These rides are a simple, festive way to spend time together, enjoy the outdoors, and make memories as a group.

Register online or call the office to register your group - 218/583-2905.

NOVEMBER STEWARDSHIP

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart!

Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, by His death for our sins and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water combined with His Word, promise and name, the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

Our true treasure and wealth is that we belong to the most Holy Trinity and everything that is His belongs also to us: righteousness, peace, eternal life. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly, divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as good stewards of His varied grace, we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's Holy Word, as a sacrifice. Thus all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also sacrifices to Him, from which we eat to nourish our bodies and share with our family, neighbors and fellow Christians, with the poor and even our enemies, as holy things given by our holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and bring blessing upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom and the souls that receive them.

Thus we place all that we have into God's hands. He never fails to remember us and pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving celebrations, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all — even for us. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance.



Monthly Receipts/Expenses

September 2026

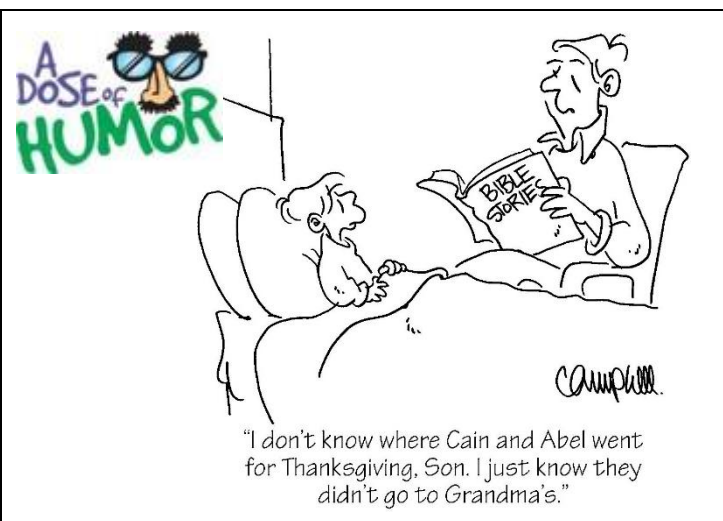
General Fund Deposits	\$23,042.13
Interest Receipts	\$234.78
Adjustments	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 23,276.91

TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$25,905.52
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	Monthly +/-
OVERAGE/SHORTAGE	(-\$2,628.61)

November Birthdays and Anniversaries at Trinity Lutheran Church

1	Sandy Holzhueter	22	Sharatin Blake, Char Manecke, Carol Olson
2	Pam Maatz	23	<i>Paul & Beverly Parobek (47)</i>
5	Vicki Carlson, Bob Rosch	28	Ed Eichstadt
6	<i>Don & Karen Hanson (63)</i>	29	Paul Parobek, Carol Pavik
7	Annabelle Haas	30	De Larson
9	Pat Cloose		
10	<i>Scott & Janet Wilson (8)</i>		
12	Mike Lohse		
13	Gayle Christensen		
20	Ann Egeland, Clara Lohse, Rachel Vander Hoeven <i>Matt & Bonnie Puro (33)</i>		



Altar Flower Volunteers Needed!!



Sign up to sponsor the Altar Flowers for a Sunday, Cost is \$30. If you are interested, contact the Church Office.

Address/Phone



If you address and/or phone number changes, please let the church office know so your information will be correct in the church database.
Thank you



LARGE PRINT bulletins are available for those that have difficulty with the regular bulletin. If you would benefit from having one of these bulletins, please ask an usher for a copy.

If you are interested in being a Greeter or an Usher, please speak with one of the Elders.



WHEN YOU LEAVE GOD'S HOUSE, please turn out ALL the lights (except in the office hallway) and please check that ALL the entrance doors are LOCKED, even if you didn't unlock them.

Portals of Prayer are in the basket at the back of the sanctuary.



Check out our website:
TrinityBemidji.org



ALTAR GUILD

The season after Pentecost begins with Holy Trinity Sunday and continues through the last Sunday of the church year in November. The paraments are green, the color of life, refreshment and regeneration. Throughout this season, the focus is on the Lord's teaching and how it is applied in the life of the Church.



A "Gluten Free" option is available for communion. If you would like to take advantage of this option, please speak with Pastor or Elders.

BEMIDJI AREA FOOD SHELF

Trinity, along with United Methodist Church volunteers the 3rd Monday of each month at the Food Shelf. Nine people are needed from 12:00pm – 3:30pm. The Food Shelf would not function without all of the volunteers that give of their time. Thank you for all you do to help make the Food Shelf run smoothly. ~ June Roxstrom



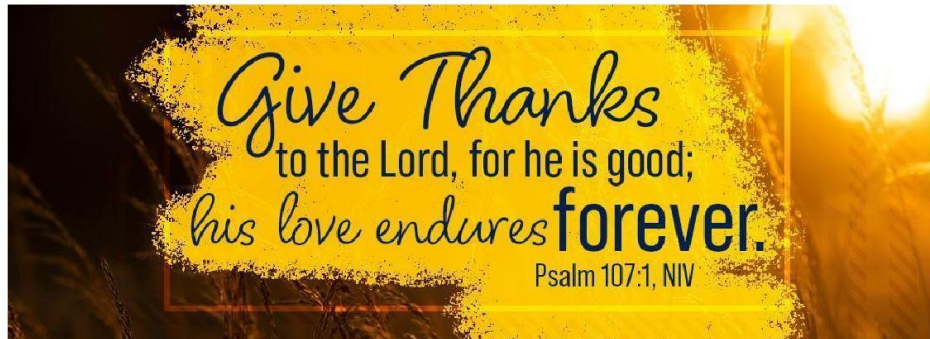
Please check the covered bulletin boards in the Entrance Hall for Letters, Events, Concerts, Meals, Fundraisers, Local Activities and News. Calendars and community resources are on the bulletin boards in the hallway.

Read Through The Bible In A Year - November

1	Exodus 15:1-18 Hosea 8-10	9	Psalm 129 Nahum	17	Psalm 137 Matthew 1-2	25	Psalm 145 Matthew 17-18
2	Psalm 122 Hosea 11-14	10	Psalm 130 Habakkuk	18	Psalm 138 Matthew 3-4	26	Psalm 146 Matthew 19-20
3	Psalm 123 Joel	11	Psalm 131 Zephaniah	19	Psalm 139 Matthew 5-6	27	Psalm 147 Matthew 21-22
4	Psalm 124 Amos 1-5	12	Psalm 132 Haggai	20	Psalm 140 Matthew 7-8	28	Psalm 148 Matthew 23-24
5	Psalm 125 Amos 6-9	13	Psalm 133 Zechariah 1-5	21	Psalm 141 Matthew 9-10	29	Psalm 149-150 Matthew 25-26
6	Psalm 126 Obadiah, Jonah	14	Psalm 134 Zechariah 6-10	22	Psalm 142 Matthew 11-12	30	Exodus 15:1-18 Matthew 27-28
7	Psalm 127 Micah 1-3	15	Psalm 135 Zechariah 11-14	23	Psalm 143 Matthew 13-14		
8	Psalm 128 Micah 4-7	16	16 Psalm 136 Malachi	24	Psalm 144 Matthew 15-16		

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Trinity Lutheran Church - 444-4441

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 AM Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Sunday School  <i>ACF Serves</i>	2 5:30 PM Men of Trinity	3 6:00 PM Bell Choir	4 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Bible Study 4:15 PM Confirmation	5 1:00 PM Ladies Guild 5:30 PM Board of Elders	6	7
8 9:00 AM Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM Christian Singles <i>Youth Groups Serve</i>	9	10 6:00 PM Bell Choir	11 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Bible Study 4:15 PM Confirmation  VETERANS DAY	12 1:00 PM Hannah Circle 5:30 PM Ladies Bible Study	13	14
15 9:00 AM Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Sunday School <i>Men Serve</i>	16 1:00 PM Altar Circle 5:30 PM Men of Trinity	17 9:30 AM Eunice Circle 6:00 PM Bell Choir	18 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Bible Study 4:15 PM Confirmation	19 9:00 AM "Happy Quilters" 6:00 PM Church Boards 7:00 PM Church Council	20	21
22 9:00 AM Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Sunday School 11:30 am Advent by Candlelight Luncheon <i>Ladies Guild Serves</i>	23	24 6:00 PM Bell Choir	25 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Bible Study 4:15 PM Confirmation Thanksgiving Eve Service & Pie Social 6:30 PM	26  OFFICE CLOSED	27	28
29 9:00 AM Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Sunday School 10:00 am Decorate the Church for Christmas <i>Altar Circle</i>	30					

Join us in our holiday tradition!

You can participate in the "REVERSE Advent Calendar" by collecting food items for the Bemidji Area Food Shelf. Each day in Advent, collect the item on the REVERSE Advent Calendar and place in a box. You can bring in your own box once it is filled, or you can drop off your donation to the box in the Fellowship Hall during Advent.

All items will be delivered the Bemidji Area Food Shelf to help those in need.



1 CEREAL	2 JELLY	3 STUFFING MIX	4 BOXED POTATOES	5 CANNED FRUIT
6 PANCAKE MIX	7 CANNED TOMATO	8 CANNED TUNA	9 SYRUP	10 APPLE SAUCE
11 CANNED YAMS	12 CRANBERRY SAUCE	13 CANNED BEANS	14 BOXED CRACKERS	15 BOX MEALS
16 OATMEAL	17 BAG OF PASTA	18 SPAGHETTI SAUCE	19 CHICKEN SOUP	20 PACKAGED COOKIES
21 CANNED CORN	22 CANNED MIXED VEG	23 CANNED CARROTS	24 CANNED GREEN BEANS	25