

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER for LOC and Trinity

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BOTH CHURCHES

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

DATE	1 ST LESSON	PSALM	2 ND LESSON	GOSPEL
Sept 6	Eze 33:7-9	Psa 32:1-7	Rom 13:1-10	Matt 18:1-20
Sept 13	Gen 50:15-21	Psa 103:1-12	Rom 14:1-12	Matt 18:21-35
Sept 20	Isa 55:6-9	Psa 27:1-9	Php 1:12-14, 19-30	Matt 20:1-16
Sept 27	Eze 18:1- 4, 25-32	Psa 25:1-10	Php 2:1-4, 14-18	Matt 21:23-27 (28-32)

IT IS IMPORTANT that the church has your correct contact information, cell phone numbers, home phone, email addresses, birthdays, and anniversary, etc.

MEMBERSHIP – Talk to Pastor Kevin if you are interested in becoming a member of our church. Remember to invite your friends and neighbors to “come and see”.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Prayers for this country, our leaders, law enforcement, military, fire departments, and EMT's around the country. Prayers for our family, friends, and community.

Pray for persecuted Christians in all places.

Prayers for nursing home and assisted living residents as well as shut-ins.



PASTOR SCOTT YOUNT (August 20th)

What a blessing to see Oleksi and Alyona and their daughter Ulyana. I miss the days when we use to gather every Friday for games with Kostya. It was only fitting Kostya happened to be at the same coffee shop where we decided to meet and was able to join us!

If you would like to support Pastor Scott and Lena and their ministry to the handicapped in Ukraine, you can give online by going to the following link.

<https://SONetwork.org/give/>

BOTH CHURCHES

OUR LUTHERAN LITURGY

www.lcms.org/worship/liturgy-parts

The Sermon

Frequently we conclude the reading of Holy Scripture with the phrase, "This is the Word of the Lord!" More than just a "word" from God, this is his revelation in which he makes known to us his will, most specifically, his merciful will that desires our salvation.

Ultimately, this word points us to the Word, the incarnate Son of God. He is God's final and full revelation to us, the mirror of the Father's heart.

That is the point that the writer to the Hebrews makes in the opening verses of his epistle: "In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets, but now in these last days, he has spoken to us by his Son" (Heb. 1:1-2a).

Only through him — God's only Son —
are we able to know the Father's favor and grace.

In the sermon, the Word of God is brought to bear on the lives of the hearers. This is the equivalent of sitting at the feet of Jesus. But it's more than mere instruction.

Through the sermon, God speaks to us with his two-edged sword of condemnation and promise, Law and Gospel. The subject of the sermon is both God and us.

Through the sermon we come to a better understanding of ourselves, especially our need for God's forgiveness. But we also come face to face with God's mercy and love.

Week after week, God's faithful hear the voice of their Good Shepherd, preparing them, in a sense, for that final day when Jesus calls them to their eternal reward.

BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES

TLC — Sept 2nd and 16th at 2 pm

LOC — **Thur**, Sept 10th and **Tues**, Sept 22nd at 7 pm

NOTE FOR LOC: Bible Study dates are going to be a little weird due to a **tight** Confirmation Schedule.

LUTHERANISM 101 at LOC — Mon, Sept 14th and 28th
from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. See the schedule on bulletin board.

COMMUNION SERVICES

BOTH CHURCHES — Sun, Sept 6th and 20th

ASSISTED LIVING — Mon, Sept 7th

Arbor House at 1 pm; Briarwood at 2 pm

OUR LUTHERAN LITURGY

GATHERING:

Prelude Music
Greeting
Announcements
Invocation
Confession and Absolution
Introit
Opening Hymn
Greeting
Kyrie Eleison
Gloria In Excelsis
Salutation
Prayer of the Day

GOD'S WORD:

First Reading
Psalm
Second Reading
Hallelujah
The Creed
Sermon

RESPONSE:

Hymn of the Day:
Prayers of the Church
Offering and Prayer

COMMUNION:

Preface to Communion
Propers
Sanctus
Lord's Prayer
Words of Institution
Agnus Dei
Distribution
Nunc Dimittis
Thanksgiving

SENDING:

Benediction
Sending Hymn

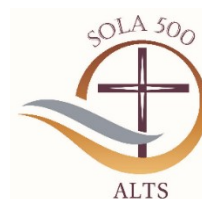
CONFIRMATION CLASSES

TLC – Wed, **Sept 2nd, 16th and 30th** – Classes from 4 to 5:30 pm

LOC – Wed, **Sept 9th and 23rd** – Classes from 6 to 7:30 pm

BOTH CHURCHES

SEMINARY SUPPORT - American Lutheran Theological Seminary (ALTS) is the seminary for the AALC. **SOLA 500** is a fundraising campaign to support their work of training up future pastors. You can support them at www.alts.edu/sola_500



REV. DR. DUANE R. LINDBERG Professor of Biblical Studies Fund

Include in your giving, estate, or final will. This will fund a Professor of Biblical Studies or any other Professorship. Additional uses are funding for the AALC Seminary as deemed necessary. www.lutheranlegacyfoundation.org/fund/rev-dr-duane-r-lindberg-professor-of-biblical-studies-fund/

ND ADULT and TEEN CHALLENGE - "Awesome God" Williston Gala

Fri, **Sept 11th**, 5:30 to 9 pm. LOC has paid for 8 tickets for anyone who would like to go. Talk to Pr. Kevin. Join us to see how NDATC provides drug and alcohol recovery in the region. We will be celebrating what God has been doing in the lives of our students and all of the transformations that have taken place from our students all the way to our leadership! Keynote Speaker, Catered Meal, Freedom Choir & Testimonies, Silent Auction.



TRINITY LUTHERAN

Worship Services, Bible Studies, and Newsletters are online!

TRINITY's Facebook Page:

www.facebook.com/trinitylcalex



BIRTHDAYS

Ashley Rykhus 9/02
Janice Iverson 9/08
Cindy Getzlaff 9/10
Samantha Turnquist 9/20

Stanton Link 9/28
Cora Stahosky 9/29
Leigh Ann Kirkland 9/30
Carroll Paulson 9/30

TLC ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Barb Jacobson 9/17
Brian & Cheril Aamodt 9/18
Chris & Katie Link 9/24

Glenn & Julianne Aamodt 9/18
Brandon & Katie Monson 9/19
Don & Phyllis Link 9/25

If we don't have your birthday or anniversary, let the pastor know.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will start **Sept 13th**. Please pray for our kids and teachers.



LIGHT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN

Worship Services, Bible Studies, and Newsletters are online!

Light Of Christ Website: locw.org

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/lightofchristwilliston

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS – Mon, Wed, Fri from 10 am to noon. (Schedule permitting)
Come and go as you wish. Come for coffee, bring your joys, your troubles, or just to visit.
Individual Confession and Forgiveness should be scheduled with the pastor.

BIRTHDAYS

Josh Olson 9/11
Tommie Giordano 9/25

ANNIVERSARIES

Roger & Jody Bearce 9/08
Dick & Coreen Beard 9/15
Steve & Lisa Peterson 9/30



WOMEN OF L.I.F.E. - Wed, **Sept 2nd** at 2 pm. Bible Study and Meeting.
All women are invited to attend.

1st COMMUNION CELEBRATION: Sun, Sept 6th – We have 5 young ones who have completed their classes and are now ready to receive their 1st Communion. We ask that they invite family and friends to be a part of this important milestone in their lives.
Please keep them in your prayers.

LOC CHURCH COUNCIL meets Tues, **Sept 8th** at 5:30 pm. We start with a light meal followed by the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will start **Sept 13th**. There will be a **POTLUCK DINNER** following the Worship Service. Please pray for our kids and teachers.

LOC CHURCH BREAKFAST – Sat, **Sept 19th**! Please come and invite a friend or two!

STEPHEN MINISTRY CLASSES – Thur, **Sept 17th** and **24th** from 6 to 8:30 pm.

PILL BOTTLE DONATION UPDATE - The empty plastic pill bottles we collect are used in shipments of medical supplies to disaster and less developed parts of the world. Thank you all who have made this LOC church ministry possible!

BLUE SERVICE GROUP (Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec)

Kevin and Marilee Beard
Marilyn Bell
Dwight and Luane Ebel
Gary Hansen
Wendy Hansen
Matt and Amy Haugen
Holter Family

Mayo Miller
Dwight and Shelli Patch
Kim Oyloe
Tex Alton
Steve and Lisa Peterson
Jerry and Sharon Gardner
Roger and Jody Bearce



New Church Directory!

It's hard to believe but it's time to start thinking about a new Church Directory for LOC (and possibly TLC?). Photo's will begin in September so the new book can be out in time for Christmas. As always, it is important that we have all of your correct information at the church.

Family photo's will be taken all during the month of September.
You can have them taken from 10:30 to noon, or after church until 12:30 pm



LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES DEVOTION from LHM.ORG



[The Lord said,] “So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from My mouth, you shall give them warning from Me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the

wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.” (Ezekiel 33:7-9)

This is one passage of the Bible that I really don't like. Not because there's anything wrong about it! I don't like it because it scares me—because it asks me to do something really hard, to confront someone else about a serious mess in their life. And I hate doing that. I mean, they're almost certain to get angry with me, and I don't know how that's going to affect our relationship going forward. And so I wish I could chicken out.

But I can't. Because the Lord has made every Christian a watchman of sorts for other Christians around us. Not that we're required to keep tabs on every single minor thing they do wrong! But when we see some major sin that has the potential to pull them away from Jesus, and it looks like they aren't doing a thing to avoid that danger, well ... we have to say something. If we love them, we have to speak up.

I'm glad Jesus has given us the Holy Spirit to help us in times like those. Otherwise I'd never find the courage to say or do a single thing. But the Spirit can give us the right words to say (see Matthew 10:19-20), and help us to say those words in love.

And it *is* love that motivates us when we have to do this very painful thing—not outrage, not a desire to protect the reputation of the family or the church, not even a desire to meddle in someone else's private affairs. It's the love of Jesus living in us, reaching out to protect and save, just as He did when He went to the cross for us—taking all our sin and shame upon Himself. He did that so that we could be set free from all of it—so that we could experience the wonderful freedom of the children of God (see Galatians 5:13-14). And now that Jesus has risen from the dead, He gives us life, peace, and forgiveness. And that forgiveness is for all of us, no matter what sin we've fallen into. Jesus wants us home and reconciled to God. And He wants all of us—including our brothers and sisters who might be going astray.

WE PRAY: Dear Lord, it's super hard to talk to people about something so personal as sin. When You want me to do that, please give me Your courage, humility, and love, and speak through me. Amen.

This Daily Devotion was written by Dr. Kari Vo.

Reflection Questions:

1. Why is it an act of love to speak to a fellow Christian about some dangerous sin they're involved in?
2. Have you ever had to do this? Where did you find the courage?
3. Has anyone ever done this for you? What feelings did you have about it, and why?



Today's Gospel Lesson

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026

The Greatest

Find the 35 **bold** words from Matthew 18:1-6, 10 (ESV)

M A A S F E N R G R J F E V S
W I E N L A E V R M F A W P T
H N L T G C C D E N E T S A F
O M T L E E S E A E S H V D Q
A I O I S E L H T D S E A T S
L D V D L T E S E E E R G I Q
E E R B G A O D S S S T N Y E
S M M O V N N N T P U S I M N
A U O E W N I E E I A D L E T
H J N C G N R K V S C I L M E
B E L I E V E U V E J M A A R
D L I H C B M D T E R O C N X
D I S C I P L E S B E T T E R
S S E L N U A U T R U L Y L K
H T P E D Q S N E C K L U V C

At that time the **disciples** came to **Jesus**, saying, "**Who** is the **greatest** in the **kingdom of heaven**?" And **calling** to him a **child**, he put him in the **midst** of them and said, "**Truly**, I say to you, **unless** you **turn** and **become** like children, you will **never** **enter** the kingdom of heaven. Whoever **humbles** himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever **receives** one such child in my **name** receives me, but whoever **causes** one of these **little ones** who **believe** in me to **sin**, it would be **better** for him to have a great **millstone fastened** around his **neck** and to be **drowned** in the **depth** of the sea. See that you do not **despise** one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their **angels** always **see** the **face** of my **Father** who is in heaven."

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Jesus wanted his followers to be humble like little children.