

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER for LOC and Trinity

If you have anything for the bulletin or our monthly newsletter, please send it to the church email address; kevinrbeard@gmail.com

BOTH CHURCHES

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

DATE	1 ST LESSON	PSALM	2 ND LESSON	GOSPEL
Sept 7	Deu 30:15-20	Psa 1	Phi 1-21	Luke 14:25-35
Sept 14	Eze 34:11-24	Psa 119:169-176	1 Tim 1:(5-11) 12-17	Luke 15:1-10
Sept 21	Amo 8:4-7	Psa 113	1 Tim 2:1-15	Luke 16:1-15
Sept 28	Amo 6:1-7	Psa 146	1 Tim 3:1-13	Luke 16:19-31

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, 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

(08/20/25) I had one more visit with Serhii today before he and his team leave for South Korea on Sunday for the world championship!! I also had a good time visiting with Nadia and Katya, two others who are on the Ukrainian wheelchair fencing team. Please pray for the long travel ahead for them and for lots of Golds, Silvers and Bronzes!! 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

BIBLE STUDY

Trinity Lutheran (Wed, 2 pm) – Sept 3rd and 17th
Light of Christ (Wed, 7 pm) – Sept 10th and 24th

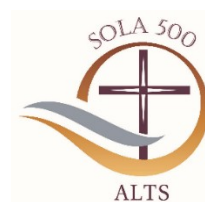
CONFIRMATION

Trinity (Wed, 4:00 – 5:30 pm) – Wed, Sept 3rd and 17th
Light of Christ (Thu, 6:30 – 8:00 pm) – Thur, Sept 11th and 25th

COMMUNION

Both Churches – Sept 7th and 21st.

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



SIDNEY WOMEN'S CLINIC - They provide free pregnancy support and testing, education, and limited ultrasound. All this to help young women to keep and cherish their babies.

TRINITY

Worship Services, Bible Studies, Bulletins, and Newsletters are online!

TRINITY's Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/trinitylcalex

TLC COUNCIL MEETING – Tue, **Sept 9th** at 6 pm. Everyone is welcome.



BIRTHDAYS

Ashley Rykhus 9/02
Janice Iverson 9/08
Cindy Getzlaff 9/10
Monica Abell 9/12
Samantha Turnquist 9/20

Stanton Link 9/28
Carroll Paulson 9/30
Emmit Abell 9/30
Leigh Ann Kirkland 9/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Brian & Cheril Aamodt 9/18
Glenn & Julianne Aamodt 9/18
Jim & Barb Jacobson 9/17

Chris & Katie Link 9/25
Don & Phyllis Link 9/25
Brandon & Katie Monson 9/19

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Light Of Christ Website: locw.org - Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/lightofchristwilliston

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



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WOMEN OF L.I.F.E. – Wed, **Sept 3rd** at 7 pm. Bible Study and Meeting. All women are invited to attend.

STEPHEN MINISTRY CONTINUING ED - Tues, **Sept 4th** from 6 to 7:30 pm
Ministry during Divorce – Part 2.



30th Anniversary of Light of Christ Lutheran: Sun, **Sept 7th** during the Worship Service. There will be a **POTLUCK** afterward in celebration of this day. Please talk to Pr. Kevin or Wendy J. if you would like to help organize this event.

LOC CHURCH BREAKFAST – Sat, **Sept 13th!**
Please come and invite a friend or two!

LOC COUNCIL MEETING – Tues, **Sept 16th** at 5:30 pm. Supper followed by the meeting.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORMS are on the welcome table at the back of the church. If you have children who will be attending Sunday School, please fill a form out for your family and place on the pastor's desk.

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!

LOC SOUP MINISTRY!



You are invited to take a quart of soup to someone you think may need it. The soup is located in the kitchen freezers. THANK YOU to the Women of LIFE for this ministry!

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
Steve and Lisa Peterson
Jerry and Sharon Gardner
Roger and Jody Bearce





LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES DEVOTION from LHM.ORG



Luke 18:9-14 – He [Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax

collector. 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.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

In the Old Testament book of Lamentations, we read this: “Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the LORD!” (Lamentations 3:40) Accordingly, by God’s grace and Holy Spirit, we are enabled to speak the words in Jesus’ parable, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner.” And God assures us of His forgiveness through the apostle John, when He writes, “If we confess our sins, God is indeed faithful and righteous to forgive us all our sins, and to cleanse us from all our unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9).

David knew well of the life-giving, soul-nourishing power of confession. “For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,’ and You forgave the iniquity of my sin” (Psalm 32:3-5).

With the psalmist’s confession is also a rejoicing in what God promises and gives to all who humbly acknowledge their sins before Him. Confession is the God-pleasing act of emptying ourselves of our self-righteousness so that our Heavenly Father can fill us up with the perfect righteousness of Jesus who was crucified and raised again for our justification.

In truth, the confession of our sins should always be near to our lips. As we recognize our guilt before God, we turn to His matchless grace and mercy for our redemption, knowing that He—and He alone—can bring restoration and peace to our lives. Today, just as in ancient times, He will do this for us. “If My people who are called by My Name humble themselves, and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land” (2 Chronicles 7:14).

WE PRAY: Heavenly Father, lead us by Your Holy Spirit to confess our sins and so be healed by the salvation won for us by Jesus. In His Name we pray. Amen.

Based on “A Wrong Comparison,” a sermon by Rev. Dr. Wallace Schulz, former Speaker of The Lutheran Hour

Reflection Questions:

1. Why is it so easy to compare ourselves—favorably—against others?
2. How can we take a more realistic view of ourselves—like the tax collector in Jesus’ parable?
3. Do you ever think of our country as humbling itself before God? How might this take place?

Light of Christ Lutheran Church
Council **SPECIAL Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, July 29th, 2025**

These minutes are abbreviated. If you would like the full minutes, ask a council member.

A special meeting about water in the Light of Christ Church basement and Amys' Angel's daycare was called to order by President, Dwight Ebel.

The following members were in attendance: Dwight Ebel, Kayla Fenster, Wendy Johnson, Gary Hansen, Matt Haugen and Pastor Beard.

Around the weekend of July 18th to 20th during a storm, water entered the South side of the church into the daycare and caused issues with 3 rooms. This caused issues with some furniture, a few boxes along with other items. Amy and her employees were attempting to clean up the water with a carpet shampooer and disinfect as best as they could.

An email was sent approximately July 22nd by Amy to several members of the Light of Christ Church Council requesting assistance. Pastor Beard sent it out to the entire council shortly after. A special council meeting was scheduled for July 29th. Rick Tofte was also in attendance to explain the issues.

Prior to the meeting, Service First was contacted and came to check on the damages. They cleaned up some water and put in industrial dehumidifiers to assist with the humidity problem.

During the meeting it was brought to the council's attention that a downspout on the South side of the building may have not been put back into place by the lawn care company. Rick Tofte advised the council that during the renovation to have the daycare, sump pumps were put in on the North side of the church, but on the South side, the water drained to the sewage system.

The following possible remedies were brought up by Rick:

- Short term the gutters could be re-aligned and the South side could be re-graded.
- 6" gutters with bigger downspouts could be installed and the South side downspout relocated to the South East corner and also one by the sanctuary.
- Fill dirt and window well covers could be added to the South side of the church.

Rick informed the council that he spoke with Badlands Gutters and was advised that it would cost \$9,200 to replace the current gutters with 6" gutters and larger downspouts. He advised that there was a "hump" in the middle of the gutters on the South side that was preventing the water from moving to the downspout. A temporary fix for the "hump" would be around \$500.

The council was informed that there was no date yet for the new flooring for the daycare kitchen area.

Pastor Beard will look into what the entire bid would be from Service First to take out/replace/install new flooring in water affected rooms and tape texture and paint would be.

A quote from Service First was presented for cleanup. The bill would be approximately \$14,000.

A motion to go ahead with Service First to start the clean up was made. Motion passed.

A motion to have Badlands Gutters install 6" gutters, new larger downspouts, and if necessary, install the \$500 temporary fix if the new system cannot be installed soon. Motion passed.

Amys' Angels presented Pastor with a quote for approximately \$2,300 for employee's time assisting with clean up and lost materials. A motion was made by Wendy to reimburse Amy. Motion passed.

Rick will get some dirt filled in on the South side of the church in the low spot by the windows.

On July 31st, Dwight emailed the council with an invoice from Flooring First, Inc. about replacing the flooring in the water affected areas of the South side of the church/daycare. The bid was \$6,824.07 to replace the flooring with LVP as it was shown to have water damage several other times prior to the most recent incident. A conversation was had with the council by text, and a motion to replace this flooring was made.



Today's Gospel Lesson

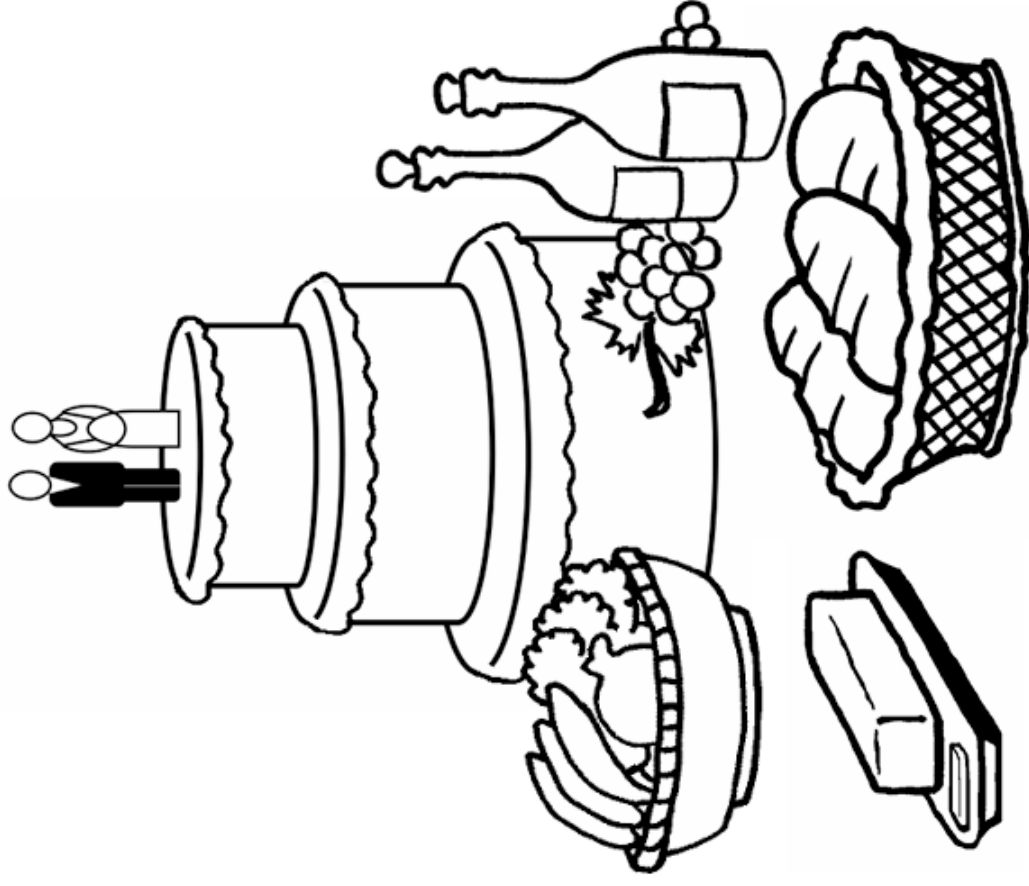
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 31, 2025

The Humble Seat

Find the 23 **bold** words from Luke 14:7-11 (ESV)

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C H Y L S R E N U H E P N E E
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Now he told a **parable** to those who were **invited**, when he **noticed** how they **chose** the **places of honor**, saying to them, "When you are invited by someone to a **wedding feast**, do not **sit** down in a place of honor, lest someone more **distinguished** than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with **shame** to take the **lowest** place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your **host** comes he may say to you, 'Friend, **move up higher**.' Then you will be honored in the **presence** of all who sit at **table** with you. For everyone who **exalts** himself will be **humiliated**, and he who **humbles** himself will be **exalted**."



It is always wise to be humble--even at a feast.