

OCTOBER 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
Oct 4 th	Isa 5:1-7	Psa 80:7-19	Php 3:4b-14	Matt 21:33-46
Oct 11 th	Isa 25:6-9	Psa 23	Php 4:4-13	Matt 22:1-14
Oct 18 th	Isa 45:1-7	Psa 96:1-9 1	Ths 1:1-10	Matt 22:15-22
Oct 25 th	Rev 14:6-7	Psa 46	Rom 3:19-28	John 8:31-36

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.



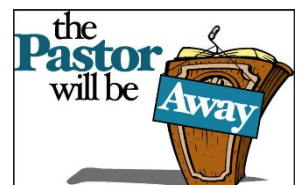
PASTOR SCOTT YOUNT (Sept 24th)

Unfortunately our game was interrupted by the air raid sirens and they had to go to the shelter.

(But I had a great time visiting today)
#ukraine #uno

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/>

NOTE! Pastor Kevin will be at an AALC Pastor's Conference beginning on the afternoon of Oct 11th and returning on the afternoon of Oct 15th. You can call his cell phone in case of questions for and emergency. 701-580-7030.



BOTH CHURCHES

OUR LUTHERAN LITURGY

www.lcms.org/worship/liturgy-parts

The Agnus Dei

Turning again to the Revelation to St. John, at one point John sees a scroll in the right hand of the One who was sitting on the throne. A “strong angel” puts forth the challenge, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?”

Then, between the throne and the elders, the Lamb comes into view. Undoubtedly the most significant feature in John's description of this Lamb is that it is a lamb who appears to have been slain.

When we sing the Agnus Dei, “Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us,” we are preaching and praying all at once. It was, after all, with these very words that John the Baptizer pointed his disciples to Jesus (John 1:29, 36).

As we prepare to feast on the Lamb of our salvation, we do indeed proclaim him who gave his life for us. Here is the Lamb of God! Yet we also pray to him who is now present in his body and blood.

We pray for mercy, mercy from the One who showed the true depths of mercy and compassion as he was silently led to slaughter, dying like a lamb shorn of all its honor.

Returning one more time to the apostle John's vision of heaven, we later hear his description of the saints in white robes.

“Who are they?” John is asked. The answer: “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb” (Rev. 7:13-14).

This is the blood of our redemption, the propitiatory sacrifice that was foreshadowed at the first Passover when the blood of the year-old lambs was sprinkled on the doorpost as a sign that blood had already been shed in that house.

So it is at every celebration of the Lord's Supper. The blood of the Lamb is poured out for our drinking and his flesh for our eating. Clearly, God's mercy is shown, and his peace rests on us.

BIBLE STUDY

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDIES (Formerly “Wed”)

TLC – Oct 7th and 21st at 2 pm

LOC – **Wed, Oct 28th** at 7 pm (**Not the 14th. Pastor Gone!**)

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

LUTHERANISM 101 at LOC – Mon, **Oct 26th** (**Not the 12th**) from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. See the schedule on bulletin board.

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



COMMUNION SERVICES

BOTH CHURCHES – Sun, **Oct 4th** and **18th**

ASSISTED LIVING – Mon, **Oct 5th**

Arbor House at 1 pm; Briarwood at 2 pm

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

TLC – Wed, **Oct 28th** – Classes from 4 to 5:30 pm

LOC – Wed, **7th & Oct 21st** – Classes from 6 to 7:30 pm

BOTH CHURCHES

ANNUAL PASTOR'S CONFERENCE - Pastor Kevin will be in St. Paul Minnesota from the afternoon of Oct 11th to the afternoon of the 15th.

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



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES - Drop Off Week is Nov 16th – 23rd

LOC is an authorized area drop off site for Samaritan's Purse. Please consider making up a gift shoebox for a needy child. You will find shoeboxes at the back of the church and volunteers are needed to help receive and pack the shoeboxes.

CHICKEN TORTILLA SOUP – A Recipe from Peggy Bearce

Ingredients

3 lbs chicken
2 cans Rotel
1 can cream of chicken soup
8 oz cream cheese (very soft)
8 oz American cheese
16 oz Velveeta
Chicken broth
1 stick butter

Directions

1. Season chicken to your preference and add to a crockpot.
2. Cover with chicken broth and cook on high until done.
3. Shred chicken.
4. Add chicken back to broth in crockpot.
5. Add remaining ingredients and cook until well incorporated.



TRINITY LUTHERAN

Worship Services, Bible Studies, and Newsletters are online!

TRINITY's Facebook Page:

www.facebook.com/trinitylcalex



BIRTHDAYS

Don Croy 10/02
Clay Getzlaff 10/07
Ellen Croy 10/08
Teddi Dwyer 10/12
Barb Jacobson 10/12
Orville Mjelstad 10/15

June Lesmann 10/16
Hazel Schmidt 10/16
Joanna Pederson 10/17
Tori Dwyer 10/19
Joel Grieger 10/27

TLC ANNIVERSARIES

Brian & Darcy Delaney 10/02
Carroll & Linda Paulson 10/28

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

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

Aaron Holter 10/05
Gary Quale 10/06
Elliana Haugen 10/11
Kevin Beard 10/13
Dianne Cummings 10/13
Evangeline Soiseth 10/14
Linda Tofte 10/14

Lisa Peterson 10/14
Maggie Holter 10/17
Ainsley Holter 10/21
Wendy Hansen 10/22
Marlys Hoff 10/23
Hoyt Byman 10/26
Jessica Quale 10/26

ANNIVERSARIES

Brian & Misty Beard 10/05
Steve & Renee Ginther 10/20



WOMEN OF L.I.F.E. - Wed, **Oct 7th** at 2 pm. Bible Study and Meeting. All women are invited.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is running each week before Worship Services.

Please pray for our kids and their teachers and music leaders.

LOC CHURCH BREAKFAST – Sat, **Oct 10th**! Please come and invite a friend or two!

STEPHEN MINISTRY CLASSES – Thur, **Oct 15th** and **22nd** 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!

GREEN SERVICE GROUP (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)

Brian and Misty Beard
Clint Chamberlin
Bob and Dianne Cummings
Wendy Johnson
Josh and Erin Olson
Lois Redka

Rick and Linda Tofte
Garry Tveter
Al and Amanda Lake Family
Carl and Rebecca Karvonen Family
Steven and Carley Torola Family
Brady & Vanessa Byman

New Church Directory!

We are coming to an end on our work on a new Church Directory for LOC. Family photo's will be taken by the pastor's amateurish camera after church until 12:30 pm.





LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES DEVOTION from LHM.ORG



*For no one can lay a
foundation other than that which is laid,
which is Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 3:11)*

Saint Paul, Christ's energetic apostle, claims to have the answer to the question: "And what shall a man build for absolute security?" The whole Bible supports him in his answer, as does all history. With the full authority of divine inspiration, Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 3:11, "For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

Every Christian minister who is true to his calling must build on Christ. All Christians place their hope of heaven on Christ. The center of all true Christian teaching is Christ. Without Christ, a person has no true security in life and no security whatsoever in eternity. The truth of this is all around us. The world has pretty well forgotten Christ or at least has ignored Him—and look at the state it's in now!

But do we know what Paul means when he calls Jesus Christ the only foundation? Some say Christ was the greatest teacher who ever lived. He certainly was that—an infinitely more. Some say Christ was the most brilliant example of right living the world has ever seen. His teaching and example are matchless, but that does not mean I will be able to follow them. So what is Paul thinking of when he calls Christ the only foundation?

Christ is the foundation because "He is the image of the invisible God, the Firstborn of all creation" (Colossians 1:15). God Himself came down the stairway of heaven with His Son in His arms to place Him into humanity that all men might have a foundation for life. From His richly abundant treasures, God gave His best. He gave Himself. He went right to the source of man's trouble: He picked up sin in all its horror and took it to Calvary. There, the Son of God suffered and died, bearing the weight of mankind's sin, all of it (see Isaiah 53:6).

That's exactly what the apostle Paul was thinking of when he wrote, "For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ." And how could it be otherwise? It was God Himself who left the glories of heaven, suffering the pangs of hell for you and me, dying magnificently, rising majestically, promising to each of us, "I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20b).

In this world so full of false and deceiving promises, it's easy to think the foundations we lay are of lasting and permanent value. They are not. As the old hymn tells us, "On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand." May the Holy Spirit lead you to a faith that clings to God's Son as the true foundation for your life.

WE PRAY: Heavenly Father, teach us to build on Your Son, Jesus, our firmest foundation. Amen.

Reflection Questions:

1. What can happen when there are cracks in a building's foundation?
2. How has Jesus laid the perfect foundation for each of us?
3. What kind of foundation are you building on? What are its most important elements?



Today's Gospel Lesson

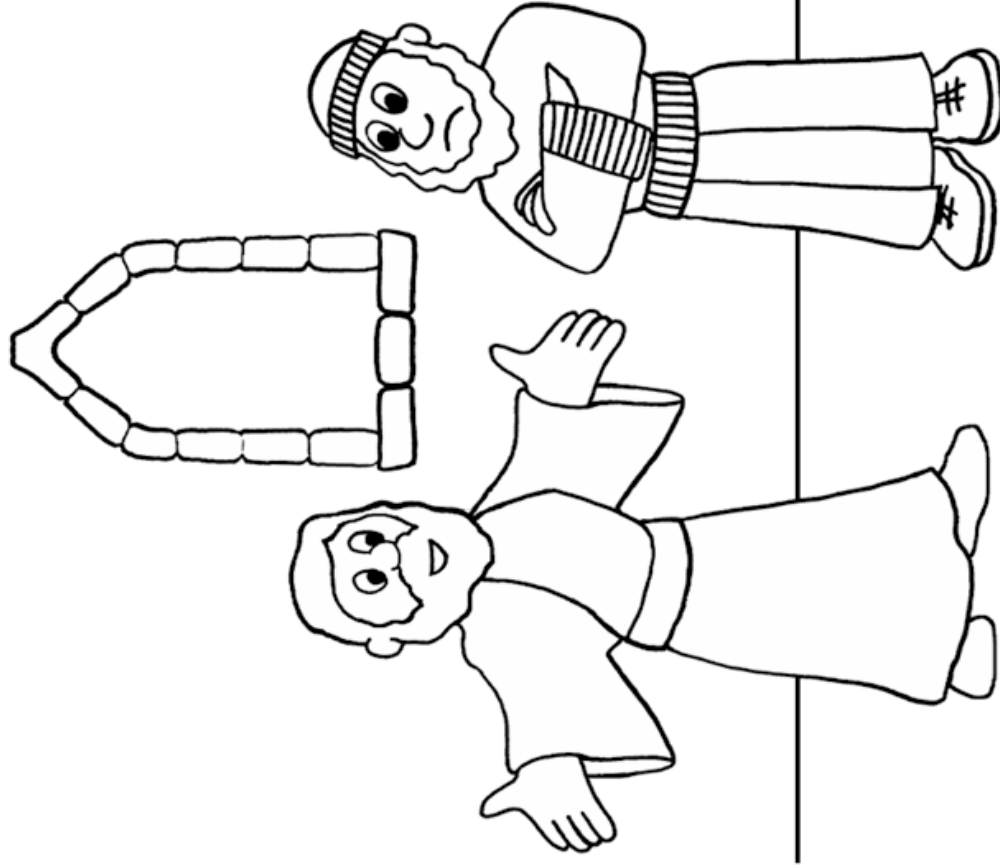
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 2026

One Question

Find the 29 **bold** words from Matthew 21:23-27 (ESV)

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And when he **entered** the **temple**, the **chief priests** and the **elders** of the people came up to him as he was **teaching**, and said, "By what **authority** are you doing these things, and who **gave** you this authority?" **Jesus answered** them, "I also will **ask** you **one question**, and if you **tell** me the **answer**, then I also will **tell** you by what authority I do these things. The **baptism** of **John**, from where did it come? From **heaven** or from **man**?" And they **discussed** it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From **heaven**,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not **believe** him?' But if we say, 'From **man**,' we are **afraid** of the **crowd**, for they all **hold** that John was a **prophet**." So they answered Jesus, "We do **not know**." And he said to them, "**Neither** will I tell you by what authority I do these things."



God gave Jesus the authority to preach, teach and heal.
But not everyone accepted this.