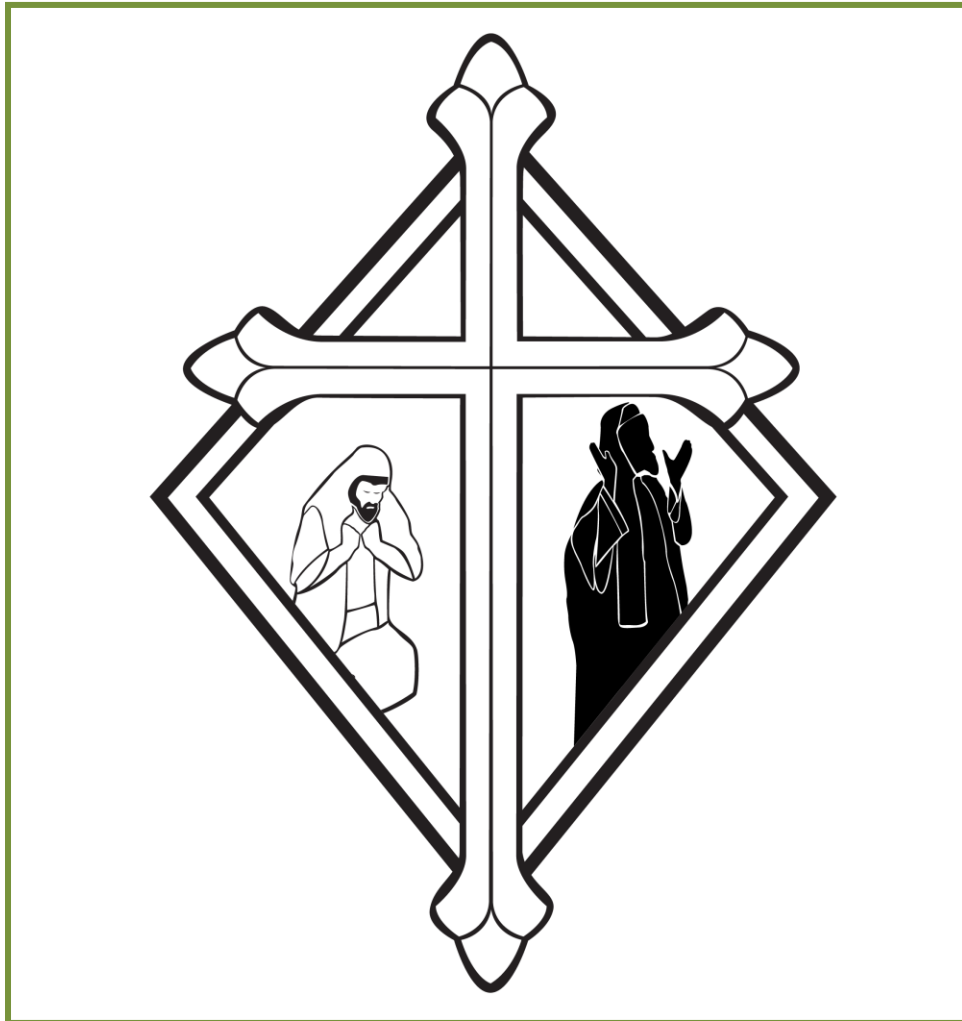

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN TRINITY

August 16, 2026



SERVING THIS WEEK

Pastor Tony Pittenger
Organist Megan Enstad
Acolytes Brernnan/Tristan Monaghan,
Colton Denney, Audrey Pasillas
Ushers Mike Endstad,
Elijah Enstad
Elder on Duty Conrad Plyler

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday

Join with us as we use The Matins Service
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Monday

The Office of Compline, page 128.

HYMNS

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*O Bless the Lord,
My Soul*

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*Out of the Deep I
Call*

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*O Day of Rest and
Gladness*

594

*On What Has Now
Been Sown*

EPISTLE LESSON

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. *1 Corinthians 15:1–10 (ESV)*

GOSPEL LESSON

He told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰ “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ 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. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³ 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!’ ¹⁴ 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.” *Luke 18:9–14 (ESV)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, who raised Your Son from the dead, raise up men and women in Your Church with the humble conviction of St. Paul to labor abundantly for the sake of preaching and teaching Your grace in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Build up the families of Your Church, that they may share Your own love and provide for their own, in Your name and with Your blessing. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be merciful to our land, that those with any authority would exercise it with wisdom and righteousness, and that we would have peaceful days. Be merciful to the nations of the world, that wars would cease and harmony be restored. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Settle the solitary into the family of Your Church, and go before all Your people in their trials [*especially* _____]. Grant them to rejoice in Your goodness and grace. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank You, Lord God, for all Your people who have gone before us and now rest in Your presence. Keep us faithful with them until that day when You make all things new. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**

FAMILY ASSISTANCE FUND

Please keep Rev. Sam and his family in your prayers as he faces a serious medical condition that has prevented him from continuing in the pastoral ministry or maintaining employment. While he undergoes ongoing medical evaluation and awaits assistance, the family is experiencing significant financial hardship.

The Board for Christian Service is asking congregations and individuals to prayerfully consider supporting the family during this difficult season. Gifts will help with ordinary living expenses while they await further medical answers and disability assistance.

Gifts may be sent to:

Evangelical Lutheran Synod
c/o The Family Assistance Fund
6 Browns Court
Mankato, MN 56001

Please see the full letter for additional details and prayer requests, and join us in praying that the Lord would strengthen and sustain Sam and his family during this time.

BEDTIME BOOKS

What an Amazing Six Weeks!

What a wonderful six weeks it has been! **Each week, we served an average of 90 families**, providing children with a nourishing dinner, at least three books to take home, and fun weekly specials. For the Last Bedtime books we supplied backpacks and school supplies for over 150 children!

But the blessings didn't stop there! **Together, we also gathered donations for six local community resources:**

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| • SK Helpline | • Coffee Oasis |
| • KidVantage | • Trillium Women's Center |
| • Friends of the Library | • SKSD Homeless Kids |

Amazing!! What a wonderful way to share Christ's love with our community!

A huge **THANK YOU** to all of our church members and their families who volunteered, donated, and helped make these six weeks possible. Thank you to our outstanding teens who **brought the dinosaurs to life**, to SKSD for providing the food, and Melissa Pittenger who works tirelessly and enthusiastically to make this outreach possible.

What a blessing to see our Bethany family come together to serve others!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

Sunday school resumes after labor day, September 13th. Please see Pastor for more information.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 8/16 Trinity 11

9:00am Worship

MONDAY, 8/17

7:00pm Worship

SUNDAY, 8/23 Trinity Twelve

9:00am Worship

With Communion

*Office hours resumes Monday, August 17. 8:00am-4:00pm,
Monday-Friday*

*Flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God
by Jeff and Diane Sievers in celebration of their 29th anniversary.*

SERVING NEXT WEEK, 8/23-29

Organist: Kelli Gracia

Acolytes: Scott Amiling, Isabel Gracia, Meeah Lucas, Gabriel Gerace

Ushers: Larry Sharrett, Isaac Sharrett

Elder on Duty: Doug Seals

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Worship Schedule: Sunday 9:00am, Monday 7:00pm
