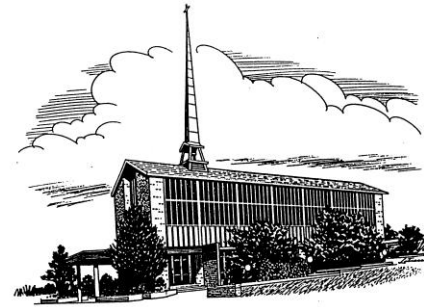


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This October let us thank God for our roots. To be sure, we thank God that, as members of our Lord's church, we have "received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in him, and are rooted and built up in him" (Col 2:6-7). We also thank God for rooting us in a congregation that is rooted in the teaching of Grace alone, Faith alone, and Scripture alone. In short, we thank God for rooting us in Christ alone.

For many people, October 31st is a day to dress up in costumes and travel from door to door asking for candy. In some traditions, it is even required that kids tell a joke before receiving candy! For many Christians, especially those of the Lutheran tradition, October 31st is Reformation Day. On this day we celebrate God's work through his servant, Martin Luther, to preserve the message of the gospel as the free gift of God's grace in Jesus Christ through faith alone.

As many of us likely know, on October 31st, 1517 tradition holds that Martin Luther nailed 95 theses or disputes on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, the location of the University at which he taught. The theses were written against the teachings of indulgences, purgatory, and other beliefs and practices of the church that were inconsistent with the clear teaching of the Bible. As a pastor of Wittenberg's Town Church, Luther was concerned about the large number of believers who no longer came to confession and would justify this with the indulgence that they bought. Indulgences were slips of paper, sold by officials of the church and signed by the pope. These slips of paper granted God's forgiveness of sins and reduced time in purgatory for the purchaser. The church was selling God's gift of forgiveness of sins that was intended to be free!

Luther's resistance to the practice of indulgences and others was seen as a threat by the leaders of the church and led many in the Christian church at the time to disagree with him. The church eventually labeled him as a heretic and excommunicated him. As a result, Luther took his reform movement outside of the church in order to preserve the true teachings of

Scripture. The Reformation movement and indeed the whole Christian church are founded on the following biblical teachings:

Grace alone:

At the center of the Christian faith is the assurance that salvation is based on the unearned free gift of God's grace. Though we are sinners, disobedient children, deserving of God's wrath and anger, we receive the riches of his love and forgiveness.

Faith alone:

God's gift of grace is received through faith in what Jesus has done for us. Our good works and the good things that we do flow out of having a right relationship with God, but these good things do not have the power to make us right with God. In St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians he says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast" (2:8-9). This is the teaching that separates Christianity from all other world religions. Other religions point to what we have to do in order to be made right with God. Christianity points to what Jesus has done for us to make us right with God. Through God's Word, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper, our faith is created and sustained.

Scripture alone:

The Bible is the inspired Word of God. It alone is the source for what we believe and what we practice in the Christian church. All other gifts that God has given to us and to the church such as tradition, experience, and human reason function to serve our understanding of the Holy Scriptures. Moreover, the Scriptures are used to judge the validity of these things, not the other way around.

Christ alone:

Our basis and assurance of salvation is the person of Jesus Christ, his life, death, and resurrection. Christianity is both inclusive and exclusive. The Gospel writer John tells us that, "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (3:16). Jesus is the only way to the Father (John 14:6). During the month of October I encourage you to take some time to remember Reformation Day the core teachings of Christianity that were preserved by God through Martin Luther. Be comforted by the fact that God continues to work through particular people in particular places to turn people from sin and error so that they might flee for refuge and safety in the cleft of the rock of Jesus Christ alone. Take solace in the truth that God continues to curb you from sin and error and preserve your life in Christ alone through his holy Word and Sacraments. As Luther said in stanza two of his famous hymn, A Mighty Fortress Is Our God: "For us fights the valiant one, whom God himself elected. Ask ye, who is this? Jesus Christ it is, of sabaoth Lord. And there's none other God; he holds the field forever."

ALLELUIA! LET PRAISES RING

A BIG THANK YOU to all who have helped to keep our buildings and our grounds clean and maintained.

O SING TO THE LORD

Congratulations to the following people who celebrated their milestone birthday/anniversary in SEPTEMBER

AL & GLORIA ARENDT – 67 – on September 6
DAVID & EILEEN KAHRE – 57 – on September 7

BAPTIZED INTO YOUR NAME MOST HOLY

On September 21, we celebrated the Baptism of **MAGNOLIA ESTHER GLOWINSKI**, who was born on September 10. She is the daughter of **PASTOR JAMES & REBEKAH GLOWINSKI**. Welcome to the Trinity Family.

During the month of September, the following people were in the hospital, had surgery, recovering at home or our shut-ins – **DON FEAGLEY, RAY LAUGHBAUM, ELLJEAN & JERRY NICHOLS, ROGER DENNIS, DON & MEVELYN FEAGLEY, SHIRLEY ZINN, TODD KORFF, RICHARD & MARY DENNIS, WAYNE & KARON WATHEN, NEAL WATHEN, AL & GLORIA**(Heritage room 112) **ARENDT, ARLENE HARTMAN**(North River room 209), **MARGE DAVID**(Envive-Good Samaritan), and **ALICE KECK**(Heritage room 145)

<u>CHURCH ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>BIBLE CLASS/SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS</u>	<u>SARAH BIBLE CLASS</u>
Saturday, September 6.....12			
Sunday, September 7.....57	28	No Class	13
Saturday, September 13....17			
Sunday, September 14.....58	28	17	9
Saturday, September 20....13			
Sunday, September 21.....63	32		

CHURCH SERVICE LIVE STREAM

We now live stream the Sunday church service on YouTube.
YouTube does not require an account to view.

The YouTube channel
<https://www.youtube.com/@TrinityLutheranDarmstadt>



Trunk or Treat

Friday, October 31 from 4 - 6 pm. Weather permitting, it will be outside, but as can happen, plan also to be inside. Let Sue Laughbaum know if you will be having a "trunk."

PRESCHOOL

Thank you to everyone that donated to our Donate the Date Fundraiser. We will be able to host a few fun events for our students thanks to the donations.

Fall Break for the Preschool is October 13-17

The preschool is now enrolling for the 2025-2026 school year.

We have openings for Jr. Preschool only.

Visit www.trinitylutheranpreschooldarmstadt.com for more information. Schedule a tour today! Please help us spread the word.

God's Blessings,
Breenna Smith, Director
Trinity Lutheran Preschool

WHAT'S COMING UP

NEW ADDRESSES: If you or someone you know from the church has a new address or phone number, please let the church office know. Thanks Trisha

CALENDAR IN THE OFFICE: There is a calendar in the office for all the events that are happening at the church this year. If you know when things are happening during the year, they need to be put on that calendar.

LOYALTY / COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Mark your calendars to join us Sunday, October 19th for our annual Loyalty & Commitment Sunday. We will enjoy a meal and fellowship as we celebrate the blessings of 2025. We will also look forward to 2026. Additionally, we will have the opportunity to learn more about LERT-The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's Disaster Response ministry that responds to immediate and long-term needs following natural and man-made disasters.

JOINT REFORMATION SERVICE: Save the date – The Joint Reformation Service will be held here at Trinity on October 26th beginning at 3:00 PM. Set-up will be on Saturday, October 25th beginning at 1:00 PM. We are asked to provide Desserts, Drinks and Tableware.

THE LUTHERAN CEMETERY The Lutheran Cemetery Association is having its annual Fall Fundraiser. We rely on your donations to help with general grounds maintenance & upkeep. Please prayerfully consider making a donation this year. Make checks payable to "Lutheran Cemetery Association" & mail to PO Box 23281, Evansville, In. 47724

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH: Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Tell City IN invites everyone to their Annual Soup Supper on October 11. Serving is carry-out only and will begin at 11:00 AM. We will serve our Classic Soup by the gallon and BBQ Chicken Dinners. The chicken Dinners include half chicken, creek fried potatoes and homemade slaw. Emmanuel's Women's Guild will host their Bake Sale. For more information call/text Randy Lautner at 812/608-0492 or email emmanuel@psci.net.

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH: Concordia Lutheran Church invites everyone to join them on October 18 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM for "the Benefits of Storytelling in the Christian Community". Registration is \$15 and by emailing to concordiaevansville@gmail.org. Speakers will include Rev. Daniel Broaddus, Rev. Bryan Stecker and Rev. David Wiist. Breakfast Treats and Lunch will be provided. There will also be a book giveaway of some of the speakers' favorite books.

FOR SARAH'S AND ALL SARAH-ELIGIBLE LADIES: The Sarah Bible Class meets on Thursday 4 at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The topic will be on the Book of Isaiah. Fellowship, Coffee and Treats begin at 10:00 AM. All Ladies are invited to attend. Bring a Friend.



Can watch on DirectTV Channel 377 Sunday Mornings at 10:30 AM

October 5

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. William Mueller

Sermon Text: 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Readings: Psalm 62; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:1-10

Featured Choirs: St. John Lutheran School, Plymouth, Wis.; Holy Cross Lutheran School, Fort Wayne, Ind. Featured Art and Architecture: St. John's Lutheran Church, Lexington, Ky.

October 12

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Paul Shoemaker

Sermon Text: Luke 17:11-19 Readings: Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2:1-13; Luke 17:11-19

Featured Choir: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Ind. Featured Art and Architecture: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hamler, Ohio

October 19

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Scott Zeckzer

Sermon Text: Luke 18:1 Readings: Psalm 121; Genesis 32:22-30; Luke 18:1-8

Featured Choirs: Lincoln Lutheran High School, Lincoln, Neb.; St. Peter's Lutheran School, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Featured Art and Architecture: St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.

October 26

Reformation Day "observed"

Rev. Dr. Daniel Brege

Sermon Text: John 8:31-32 Readings: Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

Featured Choir: Choir of the Council of Presidents of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
Featured Art and Architecture: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.



BIRTHDAYS

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| 1- JUSTIN JOHNSON | 18- GLORIA CLARK
REX NICHOLSON |
| 2- AYDEN CASHEN
LUKA SMITH | 19- BAILEY FRANKLIN |
| 14- ALAN LETTERMAN | 21- GLENNA REININGA |
| 15- KULA WATHEN | 27- HAZEL ENGLISH |
| 17- BARBARA FENDRICH | 28- CLEORAMAE STUNKEL |

LWML EVANSVILLE EAST/WEST ZONE GATHERING

LWML Evansville East/West Gathering will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Saturday, October 4 beginning at 9:00 AM. Pastor Horstmeyer will have a short Bible Study and we will be discussing the LWML Indiana District Convention that will be June 26-28 at the 4-H Fair Grounds. If you plan to attend, please call Bev Racine at 812/867-2306 or email to jsbracine@aol.com.