◆ September Birthdays: (29) Jason Remm October Birthdays: (2) Rene Sykes, (3) David Lano, (11) Isaac Hooton 2008, (14) Joe Barber, Josiah Holl 1995, (15) Karen Salyer, (22) David Beach, (25) Deb Elliott, Bethany Remm, (28) Ana Beerman, (29) Ahren Goodbrake 2018, (30) Mary Parish, (31) David Salyer

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- ◆That God would bring people in need of a church family to Trinity, and that we would minister to them in love.
- ◆ Presbytery: Grace Chapel in Lincoln Pastors Ben Loos, Stu Kerns, Isaac Terwilliger; Redeemer Church in Lincoln - Pastor Matt Odum; Lincoln Church Plant - Pastor Adam Odell.
- ♦ Missions: Collage Center.

STAFF

Pastor: David Salyer

Church Admin: Sarah Salyer | Youth: Eric Wood | Custodian: Charlotte Hajda Elders: Michael Freitag, David Holl, Tory Hooton, Jordan Hughett, David Lano Deacons: Josh Goodbrake (Offering and Service), Josiah Holl (Mercy), Micah

Holl (Facilities), Doug Sykes (Chair)

WIC: Kacia Hughett (President), Lisa Hajda/Julie LeFeber (Christian Growth), Karen Salyer (Kitchen), Kristin Holl (Women's Events), Megan Holl (Servant Support), Carol Holl (Church Fellowship), Sarah Salyer (Nursery)

WORSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Why do we have an Offering? And what is a "tithe"?

From the very beginning, God's people brought offerings to Him (Gen. 4:3-4; 14:21; 28:22). In doing so, they were confessing that all they had ultimately came from God and actually belonged to Him. Offering a portion was a way of showing gratitude. It was also a way of paying tribute, of giving honor to God as the Sovereign Lord of All.

As we see in the stories of Abraham and Jacob, it was common to give God a tenth (or "tithe") of one's income. This principle was later codified in the Law given to Moses. God told the people of Israel to give a tenth to provide for the livelihood of His priests, to maintain the work of the Tabernacle/Temple, and to provide for the poor (Deut. 14:28-29).

These principles were carried over into the New Covenant. The Early Church was known for sacrificial generosity (Acts 4:32-37). Recognizing that God had offered His own Son for them, they gladly gave all they had to Him.

It is not simply a way for the church to keep the lights on. Nor is it payment for spiritual services rendered or dues for a holy club. When we drop our tithes into the plate, we must remember that we are offering our very selves to God. He accepts our tribute, not because of anything within us, but because we are united to His Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. In Christ our lives and our work have been made pleasing to God and useful for the advancement of His Kingdom in our community and throughout the world.



September 28, 2025

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Announcements

GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship Psalm 100

†Congregational Singing #8 "Praise To The Lord, The Almighty"

†Responsive Scriptures

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Our help is in the name of the Lord

Who made heaven and earth.

†Collect

O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†Congregational Singing

"Nothing But The Blood"

GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

1 John 1:5-7

Silent Confession

Corporate Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may

delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

†Assurance of Forgiveness

†Congregational Singing "His Mercy Is More"

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading
Epistle Reading
Hebrews 9:11-14
tGospel Reading
Throfession of Faith
Ephesians 1:3-10
Sermon
Pastor David Salyer

"Saved by Sacrifice"

Sermon Series: Biblical Worship

Offertory

†Doxology #625 (a cappella)

†Prayer of the Church

...let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

...through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†The Lord's Prayer

Taught by Our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

Our Father who art in Heaven...

GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE

All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ are invited to share the Lord's Supper. Baptized children are welcomed to the Supper once they have been admitted by the Elders.

If you do not trust in Jesus, please allow the bread and cup to pass you by. If you desire to follow Jesus and share in His Feast, please speak with one of our pastors after the service.

The outer ring contains wine. All other cups contain grape juice. Take your portion, pass the rest to your neighbor, then eat and drink as soon as you desire.

During the passing of the cup, we encourage you to offer words of blessing to your neighbors such as: "May the Peace of Christ be with you" (Jn. 14:27), and the response: "And also with you."

Declaration of God's Invitation and Promises

Prayers and Distribution

†Congregational Singing "Let Thy Blood In Mercy Poured"

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

†Commission and Benediction

†Congregational Response #628 IV "Threefold Amen"

Postlude

Worship Leader: Pastor David Salyer **Nursery Volunteers:** Rachel Goodbrake

CHURCH LIFE

Sunday, September 28th - The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. . . . Sunday School 10:30 a.m. . . . Worship Service 3:00 p.m.... Youth Group Monday, September 29

6:00 p.m.... WIC Meeting

Wednesday, October 1

6:30 p.m... One Another in Psalms (Trinity)/Devotional Classics (LeFeber's home)

Sunday, October 4th - The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. . . . Sunday School 10:30 a.m. . . . Worship Service

- ◆ Fall Study Options | There will be two options for adults on Sundays, and the same classes will be offered again on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in hopes of providing multiple opportunities to attend. We will have a study on the book Devotional Classics (led by Julie Lefeber) and a study called One Another in Psalms (led by Pastor Dave). Childcare will be provided on Wednesdays at Trinity, and the Devotional classics study will meet at the LeFeber's home on Wednesdays.
- ◆ Partner Connect | This evening, September 28, at 6:00 p.m., here at Trinity, there will be a Partner Connect event with Wade and Bea Preston (daughter of Joe and Xan Barber). They will be sharing about their ministry in Côte d'Ivoire and what is on the horizon–including the potential for Business as Mission and Agribusiness opportunities. Come pray and learn more about the needs in West Africa.
- ◆ Life Chain 2025 | Join the community on Sunday, October 5, from 2:00—3:00 pm as we stand together for life along 2nd Avenue (beginning at 25th Street, heading north). Pick up signs at the Shelter Insurance parking lot (2802 2nd Ave) starting at 1:45 pm. Please stay back from the road (no standing on medians). Bring your family, along with water, lawn chairs, umbrellas, and strollers—rain or shine! For questions, contact Susan Wheeler, the Life Chain 2025 Coordinator, at (308) 224-4135.
- ◆ Art Show | Come enjoy Beth Cole's artwork at her studio open house in Merna. It has been decided that a group will carpool on Saturday, October 11, for the 10 a.m.–2 p.m. event. Please let Rene Sykes or Carol Holl know if you are interested in joining them.
- ◆ Financial Report: Budgeted need each week: \$4,392.91. Budgeted need year-to-date: \$171,323.49. Received 9/14: \$3992.12. Received year-to-date: \$151,136.88.