

The First Word



Pr. Rob O'Berg

*Return to your home,
and declare how much
God has done for you.*
Luke 8:39

Here, Luke records Jesus' final words to the man out of whom he cast many demons. Even though these words are connected to an exorcism in their original context, I think they are appropriate to the life of the church in September. This is the month our young people are returning to school. Our routines are settling back into familiar rhythms after the summer holiday. And, our church life is leaning into the fall and the holidays that come with it.

Return to your home, and declare what God has done for you. Yes! What used to be called Rally Day—when the fall program year got underway after the summer break—is celebrated as Homecoming Sunday nowadays, since we don't take a summer break (mostly). This year, Homecoming Sunday will fall on September 21.

The day will be marked by one service only at 10:00 to be followed by our annual elections meeting followed, in turn, by a community lunch. As we return from all the places we went and

experiences we had over the summer, what better way to celebrate a homecoming than in worship (where we declare what God has done for us in Jesus) and fellowship (where we celebrate the community we have together here at Trinity).

I look forward to seeing you at our September gathering, where we can declare how much God has done for us all!

With you in his service!

Pastor Rob



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday CLOSED
 Tues-Thurs 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.
 Friday 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.
 (559) 229-8581

Check Out Our Website!

Our website is constantly being updated with new photos, sermons, event information and more! Go to tlcfresno.org and share our website with your friends and family.



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PRAYER REQUESTS

Did you know that you can put in a request for prayer on Trinity's website? It's simple and you can do it at any time of day or night. Just go to tlcfresno.com and follow the link to put in your request. You'll be put on our prayer list right away!

Congregation Council

A fundamental human need is to be heard.
 Your Congregation Council is here to listen.

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COUNCIL'S CORNER

It's that time of year again when the Council turns its attention to seating the next year's Council. If you are interested in Council service or are curious what the function of the Council is, please let us know. We have an election on the third Sunday of September, so we're actively looking for people who feel called to Council service. For more information, please contact Pastor Rob or Council President Frank Collins. We thank you!

LUTHER'S LIBATIONS OCTOBER 18

Mark your calendar now and plan on joining us!!!!
 You DO NOT want to miss it!

Featuring Central Coast wines:

Harmony Cellars
Castoro Cellars
Pear Valley Estate Wine
Broken Earth Winery
Claiborne & Churchill Winery

Tickets go on sale September 21.

\$30 wine ticket
 \$30 beer ticket
 \$20 non-alcohol ticket



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sundays

9:00 am-Contemporary Worship Service
9:00 am-Adult Bible Study - Conference Room
9:00am-Chancel Choir - Music Room
10:30 am-Sunday School (K-6) - Multipurpose Room
10:30 am-Traditional Worship Service

Mondays

9:00 am-Exercise Class 11am-12pm (online)
 j3jordan@hotmail.com

Wednesday

6:00pm-Middle & High School Gathering/Worship
9:00 am-Exercise Class 11am-12pm (online)
 j3jordan@hotmail.com

Thursday

7:00 am-Men's Bible Study,
12:00 pm-Bell Practice
1:00 pm-Choir Practice
6:00 pm-Women's Bible Study
 Via Zoom, contact Pastor Rob for link



Lutheran Campus Ministry would like to thank Dennis Donnelly, Shawn Swain and Ed Brewer for installing a new all metal door to provide better security for our chapel building. We are grateful for all of their work as well as the funding from MEF to make this possible.

The Bulldog Pantry would like to thank the following people for helping us in August at our food distributions Nancy Bird, Gillis Gibson, Jan Odahl, Shawn Swain, and Robert Phillips. Thank you also to Linda Riley and WELCA for the donation of hygiene items and toilet paper. We are grateful for those who have shared an Action Plan with us too. Your donations and support allow us to serve an increasing number of households in need in our community.



Special Invitation to women of Trinity!

Our women's "circles" begin again in September and **you** are invited! If you are new to these **WELCA** groups, each group meets once a month with threefold purpose: *a time of getting acquainted and renewing friendships - a time of Bible study - and time to discuss the projects and ministries we are involved in.* **Do come!**

Choose date/time. All meet at the church except Ev. Spirit (check with Ann Brewer for that location)

Sep. 9 1:30 p.m. Mary Martha

Sep. 10 9:30 a.m. Priscilla

Sep. 15 6:45 p.m. Evening Spirit

Sep. 16 10:30 a.m. Good Morning

Sep. 24 1:00 p.m. Good News

A three-month study starts the new year:

Lesson 1 - September: **Money: What do we treasure?**

Lesson 2 - October: **Stewardship: How do we tend our treasure?**

Lesson 3 - November: **Generosity: A Wideness in God's mercy**



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Mary Ann Dews; Nancy Waterhouse; Roger Odahl; Gary Caskey; Adriene Keyes; Scott Rowley; Frank Contreras; Yonatan Kumar; Morgan Edgeworth, John & Roni Grove; Barbara Cucuk; Bob and Joan Zoldoske; Carolyn Stahl; Coleen Schwartz; Debbie Zoldoske-Clark; Sebastian Traux; Continued prayers for Reva Chand and Debbie, friends of the Fountinelle's; for the family and friends of Kathy Brown as they mourn her passing; Peace and comfort for Norman Stahl and family as they mourn the passing of his wife Carolyn;; Dr. Stephen & Jodi Swanson for their work in Tanzania; the people of the Holy Land; the people of Ukraine and Russia; all victims of natural disasters, including those affected by the flooding in Texas; victims of violence and terror attacks; our troops, first responders, & their families.

LINKS OF LOVE

Our Links of Love ministry at Trinity reaches out to Trinity members who are homebound or in need of having one of our lay ministers come out and visit, bring Communion, or send cards. Interested or know someone in need,? If so, please call Lisa Collins, at the Church office at 229-8581, and we will make sure to contact you.

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BMAT Puzzle of the Month

(Bible Study Ministry Action Team)

WHO SAID IT WHERE??

"What" is given to you, but you need to pick "Who?" and "Where?" for each action.

1. "I hid two spies from Israel," said _____,
a. Martha b. Jezebel c. Rahab

... when I was living in _____.
a. Jerusalem b. Jericho c. Sodom
2. "My brothers sold me to a troupe of traveling Midianites," said _____,
a. Reuben b. Jesse c. Joseph

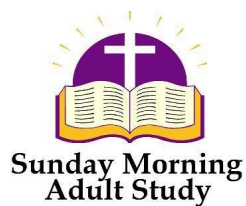
... that's how I ended up in _____.
a. Egypt b. Canaan c. Lebanon
3. A big fish prepared by the Lord swallowed me," said _____,
a. Joseph b. Jonah c. John

... as soon as I found myself delivered to _____.
a. Damascus b. Nazareth c. Nineveh
4. I was blinded by a great light," said _____,
a. Timothy b. Paul c. Silas

... and I was led to the city of _____.
a. Jerusalem b. Damascus c. Ur
5. "I demanded to have my case heard by Caesar," said _____.
a. Paul b. Peter c. Silas

... and so soldiers took me to _____.
a. Caesarea b. Athens c. Rome

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ADULT BIBLE CLASS
Resumes September 7 at 9:00
in the Conference Room

"Ever wonder if there is something more?"

Maybe you know the stories of the Sunday morning sermons ... predominantly New Testament.

But, what do you know about the Old Testament? How do other books of the Bible contribute to a fuller story? What might you be missing?

For 2025 the **Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class** has been looking at the Old Testament Prophets and other writings, as they appear in the **Lectionary**. The **Revised Common Lectionary** (RCL) is widely used:

- 3-year cycle of Bible readings for Christian worship, designed to be used across various denominations and countries
- It follows the Church's liturgical year and provides a structured schedule of readings for each Sunday and major feast days, with the goal of unifying worship experiences and allowing for communal study and planning.
- The RCL's readings generally include a passage from the Old Testament (Hebrew Bible), a Psalm, an Epistle reading, and a Gospel reading.
- The focus shifts to a different Gospel each year (Matthew in Year A, Mark in Year B, and Luke in Year C); we are currently in Year C, studying Luke.

The Gospel reading for each Sunday provides the primary focus for the service, and the other readings are thematically linked to it.

September 7 Deuteronomy 30:15-20

September 14 Exodus 32:7-14

September 21 Amos 8:4-7 <--- **Look! A prophet!!**

September 28 Amos 6:1a, 4-7

We read and learn together!! Bring your Bible and your questions, and maybe a cup of coffee. Join us!!

LUTHER'S LIBATIONS - SILENT AUCTION

The Silent Auction is always a fun part of the event. Previous auction items have included homemade cookies, a basket of wine, beautiful latch hook rug, a basket of home-made German noodles, framed paintings, and a couple of hours of work around your house.

Do you have something you can donate? We are looking for new, unused items this year. You can fill your own basket, or you can provide items and the FMAT team will put them together to create a basket of similar items.

If you have a service you would like to donate, let the committee know!
Maybe you're gifted at putting things together, or you are gifted in the wrapping department.

It is fun to bid on an item and fun to watch the other bidders.

Let someone on the FMAT team know how you would like to help. There will be a box in the office for dropping your items off here at church.



WHO WILL YOU INVITE TO LUTHER'S LIBATIONS?

Who do you know that you can invite to join you for a lovely Fall afternoon/evening?

Do you know someone without a church home?

Or someone who doesn't know Jesus?

This is a great non-threatening way to introduce a friend to Trinity. Who doesn't like an event with great food, music, beverages-both alcohol and NON-alcohol.



WILLING HEARTS AND READY HANDS FMAT CAN USE YOUR HELP

If you are available Friday or Saturday, October 17 and 18, we could use you!

In the recent Sunday morning's Buzz, there has been an insert of ways you can help make Luther's Libations more successful. If you have not turned one in, but could help for an hour or two (or as many as you can spare), you can contribute to the success of our event. There are the many aspects of set up and clean up that could use you, as well as helping the fundraiser run smoothly during our time of fun and fellowship.

Contact: Member of our FMAT
Karen Gregory, Shawn Swaim, Kristi Czesinski,
Dennis Donnelly, Nancy Newsome, Kristen O'Berg,
Sharon Rowley
Pastor Rob, or our church office.

September Birthdays & Anniversaries



Frank & Lisa Collins	9/11/1993
Mike & Alice Guffey	9/11/1964
Bill Wendt & Muryel Davis	9/22/2012
Paul & Charlotte Fountinelle	9/23/2000



Anita Frede	9/01
Laura Berry	9/05
Patti Jackson	9/06
Cheryl Hansen-Abshere	9/08
Karla Jackson	9/09
Norman Schumacher	9/12
Nancy Bickner	9/15
Diana Brantley	9/15
Sophia Gibbs	9/16
Sebastian Aburto	9/16
Linda Riley	9/19
Kayla Stuebner	9/19
Barbara Cucuk	9/20
Jan Bailey	9/20
Walt Flanders	9/22
Gordon Oakley	9/23
Rosanne Valenzuela	9/23
Tyler Bardon	9/25
William McCarthy	9/29
Kristi Czeshinski	9/29
Peyton Lindeman	9/30

*Yes, the lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.*
Psalm 85:12

BMAT PUZZLE ANSWER:

1. c, b 2. c, a 3. b, c 4. b, b
5. a, c

September 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 2:30p TKC	2 Church office closed	3 2:30p TKC	4 7a MBS 12p Bells 1p Choir 2:30p TKC 6p WBS	5 2:30p TKC	6 Kathy Brown Memorial @10a.
7 9a Chancel Choir 9a Cont. Worship 10a Coffee Hour 10:30a Trad. Worship 11:30a Coffee Hour	8 2:30p TKC	9 1:30p Mary Martha Cir. 2:30p TKC	10 9a CRTA Luncheon 9:30a Priscilla Cir. 2:30p TKC	11 7a MBS 12p Bells 1p Choir 2:30p TKC 6p WBS	12 9a Warming Fresno 2:30p TKC	13
14 9a Chancel Choir 9a Cont. Worship 10a Coffee Hour 10:30a Trad. Worship 11:30a Coffee Hour	15 2:30p TKC 6:45p Evening Spirit Cir.	16 10:30 Good Morning Cir. 2:30p TKC	17 2:30p TKC	18 7a MBS 12p Bells 1p Choir 2:30p TKC 6p WBS	19 2:30p TKC	20
21 One Service @10a Elections & Lunch	22 2:30p TKC	23 2:30p TKC	24 1p Good News Cir. 2:30p TKC	25 7a MBS 9a WELCA Quilters 12p Bells 1p Choir 2:30p TKC	26 9a Warming Fresno 2:30p TKC	27
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**Our Mission:
To Lead People Into The Life-Changing Love of Jesus Christ**