
We Welcome YOU to Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church ~ Abbotsford September 7, 2025 NEWSLETTER



Holy Communion – The 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

We, Lutherans, believe and teach that in this precious meal we receive is not only the bread and wine, but also Christ's true Body and true Blood given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. Proper spiritual preparation is necessary to rightly receive this sacrament. Please read the Communion policy card in the bookrack of your pew.



Please be attentive to the ushers. They will guide you to come forward to receive the Holy Communion.

Preparing for Sunday Worship

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15–20

EPISTLE READING: Philemon 1–21

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 14:25–35

Reading Epistle to Philemon

A brief account of the story behind this Epistle: there are three main characters in this letter:

- Paul, the prisoner, and his companions (vv 1-2, 23-24)
- Philemon, the leader, and his house church, as well as his family in Colossae
- Onesimus, the runaway slave, returned to his master (vv8-16)

Onesimus, the runaway slave, stole from his master. He stood under the death sentence according to Roman law. In this letter, Paul speaks with remarkable tact in building rapport, persuading the mind, moving the emotions, and even using Wordplay to reach the heart of Philemon (Concordia Self-Study Bible [St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1986], 1870).

In this letter, we read Paul's appeal and offer to Philemon based on Christian faith and love (vv 3-7, 17-21). Through this personal appeal, Onesimus' life can be spared. Paul surely has in mind that Philemon will receive Onesimus back, not as a useless runaway slave but as a useful returning saint.

Likewise, Our Lord Jesus Christ turns us into useful saints in His Church. Luther eloquently writes: "What Christ has done for us with God the Father, that St. Paul does also for Onesimus with Philemon" (LW 53:390).

We Uplift in Prayer:

Faye Ulmer,
Inez Johnson, Loretta Brown,
Tillie Gray, Isak Vaage,
Alice Topnik, Elizabeth Scheier.



ARE YOU a New Visitor to Trinity Lutheran Church? Please sign our “Guest Book” on the Narthex table.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

9:30 am – 2:00 pm
Winkel (Circuit) Meeting, Trinity Lutheran, Richmond BC

Saturday, September 13, 2025

12:30 pm – Elders meeting

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

10:00 am - 12:00 Noon

Workshop: "Final Victory"

Venue: Library/Conference Room

Guest Speakers: Ann Thakkar, Chaplain, Menno Place

Rev. Rex E. Watt, Pastor at Redeemer Lutheran, Bellingham
(Former Funeral Director)

Sew & Sews

Will be starting up again on **SEPTEMBER 17, 2025** from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.

All ladies are welcome to join us in our mission with Samaritan’s Purse to provide hygiene kits for young girls.

Please bring your sewing machine, scissors and a needle if you are able, or just yourself to help us sew these kits for these girls. They are urgently needed in many countries.

Questions? Please contact: Darlene or Lucille.



FALL KICK-OFF FELLOWSHIP CORN ROAST AND LUNCH

Sunday September 21 in the gym after the Divine Service. All food will be provided by the Fellowship Committee.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



LWMLC Inc. Trinity Society

First Meeting

will be on **Wednesday, October 8th**. Please note, there will not be a meeting in September. We meet in the conference room at 10am for coffee and Christian fellowship. All ladies are welcome to join us and we look forward to seeing you.

Rosalind Plumtree



MISSION PRAYERS

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 | CANADA

This week, we pray for **Rev. Seungwoo "Sam" Choi** who serves as pastor of Korean Lutheran Church in Toronto, Ontario.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Choi, asking You to sustain him by Your Spirit and bless his labors for the sake of the Gospel; Lord in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Our Mission:

Proclaiming



Christ

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TLC Regular Office Hours has been extended to Tues – Thurs: 9:00am – 3:00pm

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TLC REGULAR OFFICE HOURS 2025:

Tues – Thurs: 9:00am - 3:00pm ~ Monday, Friday & Holidays-Closed

Please make arrangements in advance should you require access to the church outside of posted hours.