

We Welcome YOU to Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church ~ Abbotsford September 20, 2026 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.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



This week's Bible Readings

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Isaiah 55:6–9

EPISTLE – Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 20:1–16

Disciples Live in Their Vocations by Grace through Faith in Christ

Those who are sent as “*laborers for his vineyard*” (Matt. 20:1) depict the wide diversity of vocations to which the disciples of Christ Jesus are called. Whatever our particular stations in life may be, we are called to live and serve by faith in His promises. Our labors do not merit anything before Him, for He is already generous to one and all without partiality. In mercy, He has chosen to bear “*the burden of the day and the scorching heat*” on our behalf, to make us equal to Himself and to give us what belongs to Him, that is, the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 20:12–15).

This way of the Lord is foolishness to the world and foreign to our thoughts, but He draws near, so that “*he may be found*” (Is. 55:6), “*have compassion*” and “*abundantly pardon*” (Is. 55:7). So it is that we are found in Christ Jesus, and He is honored in our bodies, “*whether by life or by death*” (Phil. 1:20), by “*fruitful labor*” (Phil. 1:22) or by suffering. It is by faith in His forgiveness that our works are “*worthy of the gospel*” (Phil. 1:27).

Free Copies of “PORTAL OF PRAYERS” are available in the Narthex.

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

thank you
FOR JOINING US

We Uplift in Prayer:

Inez Johnson,
Loretta Brown,
Elizabeth Scheier,
Carol & Cliff Baker



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

9:30 am – 10:30 am:

Bible Study



Congregational Meeting



Congregational Meeting

On Sunday September 20, after the service, the congregation is invited to hear an update on our plans for certain roof repairs. The informational session will be held in the Sanctuary”

Sew & Sews SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

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

Sunday September 27, in the gym after the Divine Service. All food will be provided by the Fellowship Committee.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

TLC’S UPCOMING SCHEDULE & EVENTS

September 2026

September 19 th	11:30 am Elders Meeting
September 20 th	10:00 am Divine / Communion Service Congregational Meeting
September 22 nd	9:30 am Bible Study
September 23 rd	10:00 am Sew and Sews
September 26 th	9:00 am Fellowship Team Meeting
September 27 th	10:00 am Divine Service/Vajda – Ministry Presentation-Youth Unlimited Presenter: Dave Wiebe Fall Kick-Off Fellowship Corn Roast
September 29 th	9:30 am Bible Study
September 30 th	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

Endorsement of Pastor Farah Julla

I wanted to officially introduce you, Pastor Farah Julla Haida. He and his family have been attending our church since May 2026. The first time I visited with Pastor Farah and his family in June, he told me he found our church, Trinity Lutheran Church, on the Internet. He said he was looking for a Lutheran church that is affiliated with LCMS. After a couple of days of my visit with Pastor Farah, I got an email from Pastor Shaune Tramp, the Regional Director for Africa for the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's Office of International Mission. The full content of Pastor Tramp is below.

Dear Pastor Henock,
Greetings in Christ from Lodwar, Kenya. I am Rev. Shauen Tramp, the Regional Director for Africa for the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's Office of International Mission. My family and I live in Nairobi, Kenya. We have served the church as LCMS missionaries in East Africa for 17 years. I was recently very happy to reconnect with Rev. Farah Julla Haidar of Sudan. I first met Pastor Farah in Kakuma Refugee Camp here in northeastern Kenya over a decade ago (as it happens, I'll be visiting that camp again tomorrow). For many years, the LCMS had supported Word and Sacrament ministry in the refugee camps by sending local Kenyan pastors and missionaries up to the Lutheran congregations of the various language groups. Eventually, we recognized that the people we were working with were much less transient than we had believed - some had lived in the camps for decades. We pivoted from sending pastors up to administer the sacraments to soliciting pastoral candidates from the communities in the camps.

Pastor Farah was recognized by his community in the camp as fit for the office of pastoral ministry, and he was among the first students we sent from the camp to seminary studies. The students we send from the camps attend the seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK), an altar and pulpit fellowship partner of the LCMS and a member of the International Lutheran Council. The ELCK Seminary, Matongo Lutheran Theological College at Neema Lutheran College, is a magnet seminary to which we send students from as many as a dozen countries in the greater Eastern Africa area. The students we sent from the refugee camps fit right in with the rest of the international students and studied in the same standard diploma program, which is modeled on the gold standard of pastoral formation - three years of studies, Greek and Hebrew, and a supervised vicarage.

Pastor Farah completed his studies and served well throughout his vicarage. He was ordained by the ELCK Archbishop Joseph Ochola Omolo, along with several of his colleagues from the camps who were able to attend and celebrate the ordination of his

own candidate from South Sudan. I was also in attendance along with other witnesses - it was a truly joyful celebration.

Although I never directly ministered alongside Pastor Farah, I can assure you that he was selected by his congregation for seminary studies, performed well in a robust and academically rigorous conservative Lutheran seminary, received an endorsement for ordination by the seminary, and served faithfully in both Kakuma refugee camp and during Word and Sacrament ministry visits to Sudan, which the LCMS supported with financial resources and books.

Perhaps a colloquy process could be considered if you are interested in supporting him in engaging in ministry as a pastor recognized formally by the LCC.

I endorse Pastor Farah to you as a support in whatever way you see fit. If you have questions, I am certainly available to you - feel free to write or give me a call at your convenience.

Thank you, Pastor Henock, for your good work in Canada and beyond.

-Pastor Shauen Trump



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TLC Mission Statement ~

"Proclaiming Christ in Word and Deed"

1st Day of Autumn: September 22, 2026

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TLC Office Regular Hours 2026

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