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**We Welcome YOU to Worship at
Trinity Lutheran Church ~ Abbotsford
October 13, 2024 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.



AS WE GATHER ~ Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 23B)

Psalm 136:1 “Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. *His love endures forever.*”

What else is there for us to do than “Thank and praise, serve and obey the Lord?” For we have been richly blessed. Thanksgiving has become for us a way of life in response to the God who created us, the Son who redeemed us, and the Holy Spirit who sanctified/s us. So, let's say to the God together: “Thank You, Lord...for your preservation and protection.”

We Praise God for Sustaining Life in and through His Word

The nation resounds with thanksgiving for the earth's bountiful harvest, crops of wheat and grains, all beneath the canopy of God's almighty care. But “*man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord*” (Deut. 8:1–10). The Church is the vessel through which the Word of God penetrates the world with its Law and Gospel. It is this divine Word that proclaims Jesus as the sole source of life, health and wholeness. It is Jesus who heals lepers with His Word: “*Go and show yourselves to the priests*” (Luke 17:11–19). Of the 10 cleansed, only one expresses thanksgiving back to Jesus. But true gratitude proceeds from a heart sustained by faith. Jesus bids this one Samaritan to “*rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.*” So also, we are sent from the Divine Service, bolstered in our faith by baptismal and Eucharist blessings to be thankful in our circumstances of plenty and hunger, abundance and need (Phil. 4:6–20).

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

thank you
FOR JOINING US

Family Harvest Festival!

TLC is partnering with Saint Paul's Lutheran Church in Chilliwack: 8871 School Street, on October 25, from 4:30 to 7pm.

Would you like to attend? Please register before October 22, by calling the church at [\(604\) 853-3227](tel:6048533227) or texting Hella Beckmann at 604-832-7198.

If you need a ride, please let Hella know and meet her at TLC on Friday, October 25 at 3:30 pm.

Announcements:

Sew and Sews October 16 and 30 at 10am.

Bible Study October 15 at 11am.

LWML-C Meeting October 9 at 10am.

Voters' Meeting immediately following the service on October 27.



DO YOU KNOW???

We will have a THANKSGIVING DISPLAY AND FOOD BANK COLLECTION again this year at Trinity!

Thanksgiving Sunday is on Oct 13 and we will be setting up the display on Thursday Oct 10.

Please bring items for the Food Bank, canned or boxed or fresh produce on Thursday Oct. 10, or Sunday Oct.13, so we can incorporate the items you bring into our Thanksgiving display.

Phone Lucille or Darlene if you have any questions.



Christmas joy in a Shoe Box Kick Off ~ October 27th!



The best Christmas gifts are the ones that come from the heart. And sometimes, they come from a Shoe Box!

The Canada-wide 2024 Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box collection season has begun, and thousands of individuals, families, churches, businesses, and community groups will be filling Shoe Boxes with gifts for less fortunate kids around the world.

These Shoe Boxes bring joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world, regardless of gender, race, religion or age.

Literature on the procedure of the project is included in each Shoe Box. Please fill a Shoe Box or two or even three and help bring the joy of Christmas to children around the world.

****The return date for gift-filled Shoe Boxes is November 17th**



REMINDER:

There will be a **Voter's Meeting** after the church service **October 27th**.



Prayer for: Day of National Thanksgiving

Dear Father in heaven, thank You for leading explorers and missionaries to the world. Thank You for establishing us in a nation where we now have freedom to worship You in peace. Thank You for the opportunity to remember this day. Please help us always be thankful for opportunities to worship You and never take this freedom for granted. In Jesus' name. Amen.

©October-December 2022 Portals of Prayer

Pastor's Corner:

A blessed Thanksgiving to you and your loved ones. May God keep you safe in His care and give you a time of rest before the busy activities of the Advent season begins.

Pastor Henock

Our Mission:

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TLC REGULAR OFFICE HOURS 2024:

Tues – Thurs: 9:00am - 2:00pm ~ Monday, Friday & Holidays-Closed

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