

Welcome To Worship

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October 4th, 2026

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PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We live in a world that entices us with influence, power, and accolades.
We choose to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call.

Sometimes we find ourselves wishing for heaven without working to bring heaven to earth.

We choose to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call to live righteously here and now.

Other times, we find ourselves exhausted by working for the gospel, wondering if anything we do is making a difference.

We remind one another to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call, leaning on Christ as the source of our perseverance and hope.

Beloved, God calls us not to escape this world but to build the kingdom of God in this place and in this time.

We choose to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call to embody God's mercy and justice as we build God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

OPENING HYMN

#175

"Seek Ye First"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, present and near.

You are beyond our words and our understanding.

Help us to remember that You are at once
infinite, boundless, timeless, and eternal,
but, at the same time, intimately entwined with our lives.
You are with us no matter where we find ourselves.

When we have forgotten You,
Lord, have mercy.

When we have failed to speak words of love,
Lord, have mercy.

When we have neglected the need of another,
Lord, have mercy.

Loving God, present and near,
help us to recognize Your presence and nearness with us
as we worship together.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Moment for silent confession

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends believe the good news of the gospel. We are forgiven and set
free to seek the kingdom of God.

RESPONSE HYMN

#71

“Surely it is God Who Saves Me”

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

As we joyfully celebrate the presence of God in our midst, let us
joyfully greet our neighbors in whom God dwells.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify
you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Reading #1.....Exodus 20: 1-4,7-9,12-20
Reading #2.....Philippians 3: 4b-14
Gospel Reading.....Matthew 21: 33-46

MESSAGE

Pastor Mike Ozaki

moment for silent reflection

HYMN OF REFLECTION **#525** *“Let Us Break Bread Together”*

PRAYERS & GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

LORD’S PRAYER (*forgive us our “sins”*)

COMMUNION

- Invitation
- Prayer of Thanksgiving
- Words of Institution
- Communion of the People
- Prayer



BLESSING AND CHARGE

Lead a life worthy of your calling, giving glory to God in all things. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN **#720** *“Jesus Calls Us” (Vs. 1,3,4)*

BENEDICTION

Disciples of Christ, may God bless you with perseverance, that together we may persist in following the way of Christ toward the heavenly call by embodying God’s mercy and justice here now. Amen.

POSTLUDE (*Please stay seated and enjoy the music from our talented musicians*)

October 4th – October 11th, 2026

Sunday – October 4th, 2026

10:45 am ~ Worship @ First Presbyterian

Message.....Pastor Mike Ozaki
Ushers & Greeters.....Glen & Marlys Finkenbinder
Pianist.....George French
Music Director.....Sandy Perkins
Reader.....Sandy Perkins
Communion Preparer.....Laurie Wilson
Communion Server.....Lori Folkers

Wednesday – October 7th, 2026

6:00pm ~ Bell Choir

Sunday – October 11th, 2026

10:45 am ~ Worship @ First Presbyterian

Message.....Pastor Jim Wilson
Ushers & Greeters.....Dan & Laurie Wilson.
Pianist.....George French
Music Director.....Sandy Perkins
Reader.....Lynne Mullins

Pastor Vern from Trinity is starting a weekly bible study
"Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times"
every Wednesday at 11am at Trinity starting
Oct 1st and going through November 4th



No sign up necessary and all are welcome.

- † Thursday, October 1st @ 11am – “Facing Our Fears”
Numbers 13:25-33; 14:7-9 – Intro into Praying the Scriptures
- † Thursday, October 8th – “Needing a Security System” Psalm 27
- † Thursday, October 15th – “The Inescapable God” Psalm 139
- † Thursday, October 22nd – “Anxiety and Physical Health”
Psalm 146:1-2; Philippians 1:12-13; Matthew 6:27-34
- † Thursday, October 29th – “Is the End of the World Coming”
Revelation 21:1-7
- † Thursday, November 5th – “Living with Fear, Yet Unafraid”
Daniel 3:19-30; Psalm 90:1-6



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Fall Bake Sale

AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
205 S. BROADWAY ~ CROOKSTON, MN

Sunday, October 11th
Following our 9am "Flannel Sunday"
Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall

PLEASE DROP OFF/BRING
YOUR BAKED GOODS
BEFORE 9AM WORSHIP
FOR THE SALE!

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October

Birthdays

October 1st ~ Monica Terpstra

October 4th ~ Wally Hoselton

October 7th ~ Wayne Folkers

October 16th ~ Bruce Hanson

October 30th ~ Ralph Pester

