

Trinity Lutheran Church

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- Sunday Worship Services 10AM
 - Holy Communion
- 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month

SEPTEMBER 2026 TIDINGS



*Our Mission and
Ministry Statement is:
“To Know Christ and
Make Him known”*

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Trinity Tots Staff*
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Beginning the first Sunday of September I will be starting a series on the “Fruit That Is Always In Season” a look at the Fruit of the Spirit. I do not have enough Sundays between the start of September and Reformation Day, so I will not be able to preach on Self-Control. Here is a portion of the sermon I would have preached on **Self-Control**.

Has this ever happened to you? You find a bowl full of delicious looking cherries sitting on the table. They’re clearly meant for eating so you grab a couple. They’re sweet and delicious so you have a few more. You sit down, get out your phone to check messages while you absent-mindedly continue to consume those cherries. Before you know it, you’ve eaten most of them, and now your poor stomach is protesting, **“Too many cherries!”** If only you could have exerted self-control and stopped after a handful.

Why is self-control even necessary? Let’s find out as we turn to our sermon text from 1 Peter 5. You are like one member who responded, **“I don’t have any problem with self, it’s the control that’s tricky.”** Wouldn’t you agree? I don’t have any problem with myself and its desires, the problem arises when others don’t give me what I want! That’s why I become impatient, unkind, and grumpy.

Do you see how self-control is related to those other characteristics? It takes self-control to patiently bear with others instead of condemning them. It takes self-control to be gentle instead of giving vent to your anger and flying off the handle about something. It takes self-control to maintain peace and being willing to be wronged instead of loudly insisting on your rights.

Why should we practice self-control if it takes so much restraint? The Apostle Peter tells us why in our text. He said: **“Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour”** (1 Peter 5:8). Satan is waiting for you to lose control. Satan often operates in the background, wanting us to believe that losing self-control isn’t really all that dangerous. He’s luring you more and more out into the open – away from your Savior so that when he finally does pounce, you’ll be an easy score. Isn’t that what happened to Judas? He failed to curb his greed so that although he may have only taken small sums from the disciples’ treasury at first, he became more and more care-less until he didn’t think much of selling his savior to make a few bucks!

Friends, what part of your life needs more self-control? What sins do you repeatedly give in to so that you've even stopped feeling guilty for them? Satan is a real enemy who seeks to do you real harm. Don't take this threat lightly.

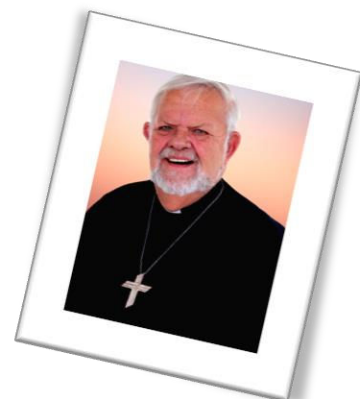
Thankfully, we have an ally in this fight: God himself. Peter wrote: **“Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you”** (1 Peter 5:6, 7). We resist the devil by submitting to God. Submitting to God like ducking inside a building when there is a hailstorm raging outside. But do you find that you rely more often on your own smarts and power to get you through difficulties? Do you find easy solutions to your problems, or do you end up frustrated? There is no need to get frustrated, not when God has invited you to take all those frustrations and all of those concerns and cast them upon him.

Satan loves it when we're distracted with our concerns. That's when he throws his roadblocks in our way to trip us up. Then he accuses God of not loving us when it's really our own fault that we get ourselves into trouble. Are you getting the message here? Remain alert for Satan's tricks and attacks, just as you remain alert when walking in a dangerous part of town.

But of course, we don't have to walk through life afraid. Peter assures us, **“Resist [the devil], standing firm in the faith... 10 And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast”** (1 Peter 5:8-10). Your gracious God has already lifted you up in the person of Jesus. When Jesus was lifted up on to the cross it was to suffer the punishment for our lack of self-control.

If you're having a hard time doing this, reach out to a fellow believer who can hold you accountable so that together you practice self-control. Self-control is a divine attribute cultivated through a relationship with God. This means that true self-control arises from spiritual growth and reliance on God's guidance rather than human willpower alone.

Respectfully In Christ,
Pastor Norris



MEET OUR 2026-2027 TRINITY TOTS STAFF



Susan Norris
Director



Ali Pepper
Assist. Director
3-yr. old Teacher



Desiree Escobar
4-yr. old Teacher



Sarah Harris
3-yr old Teacher



Ashley Godwin
4-yr old Teacher



Dazie Clutter
Teacher's Assist.

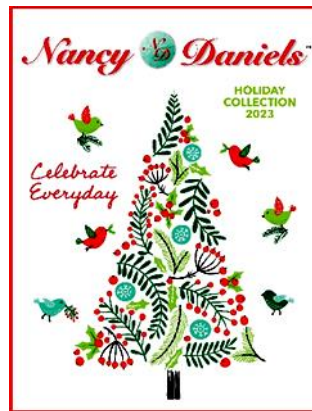


Judy Heroux
Teacher's Assistant



Marsha Taylor
Teacher's Assistant

IT'S COOKIE TIME!



Support Trinity Tots and your stomach,
all at the same time.

You can either order from the catalog
at the back of the church or order online at

www.fundsrus.net

Click on Families & Friends

Type the code or friend # **00004821**

Start ordering!

THANK YOU!

Church Upcoming Events



*Adult Bible Class will resume
On Sunday, September 6 – 8:30AM*

*Next Trinity Ladies Meeting
Is on September 8, 2026 – 12PM*

*More Activities & Information
To be announced*



Next Men's Breakfast

*Saturday, September 26, 2026 &
Every LAST Saturday of the month at 8AM
At Oscar's Kitchen, 1979 Placid Lake Blvd.
Lake Placid, FL*





FELLOWSHIP HOUR



September 13, 2026 - Hostess needed
September 27, 2026 - Susan Norris

WISH TO HOST ANY EVENT?

*Please see the Sign-Up Sheet for upcoming dates
in the Narthex to pick a day.*

All events will follow the services.





Christmas Bus Trip

Thursday, Dec. 3

4:10 pm-11:45 pm

(Travel & Show time)

**Central Florida Community Arts Choir & Orchestra
Concert**

Northland Church- Longwood, Florida

Travel by Annett Bus Lines

Tickets- \$40 (include bus and show ticket)

***Sign up on bulletin board**

Food Pantry Opportunities To serve!

The Dragon's Den & Manna Ministry
(Both will be collecting
the same type of items for children)

Children items are:

- *Individual food cups &**
- *Individual Microwavable cups**



(All items may be placed in the Narthex at any time.)



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Are you a Thrivent member? Do you know a Thrivent member? Would you like more information about Thrivent life insurance and investment products? Our Thrivent representative is Mr. Brian Heipp and he will come here to the church to meet with you.

Have you checked your Thrivent Choice Dollar balance lately? Thrivent has changed its Choice Dollar policy and now anyone with any Thrivent product receives Choice Dollars to give away. You don't have to wait until the end of the year. They are now available at the start of the year.

Trinity Tots could really use some of those free Choice Dollars this year. We have 8 empty 3-yr. old spots due to a low birth year across the country and that adds up to a minimum loss of **\$32,000**.

The church also has some opportunities to help others in our community such as Manna Ministries and LP Middle School Food Pantry. Your Choice Dollars will also go to those needs.

So check your Choice Dollar balance and if you feel so moved, direct those dollars to either Trinity Tots Preschool or Trinity Lutheran Church. Thanks for your willingness to help.

Have questions? Susan Norris can try to answer them for you or get you to the person who can.

Special Days to Celebrate!!!

September 2026



Happy Anniversary!

11 Bob & Wanda Leech '99

14 Kenneth & Janice Vedernjak '12

28 Don & Carol Pollman '63

1 Debra K. Gregory

3 Sally Louise Kline

6 Leslie McConachie

8 Carol Pollman

11 Daisy Caraballo

11 Jean Harrison

13 Mike Nicklaus

17 Klaire Pepper

19 Warren Nesler

20 Edward Bartusch

26 Mason Robert Harris

30 Wanda Lang

Happy Birthday



SEPTEMBER 2026 CALENDAR



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 10:00am Worship Service followed by Fellowship Hour	31	1	2	3	4	5
6 8:30am Adult Bible Class 10:00am Worship Service with Communion	7 Trinity Tots Pre-School is closed for Labor Day	8 12:00pm Trinity Ladies Meeting (more activities and information to be announce)	9	10	11	12
13 8:30am Adult Bible Class 10:00am Worship Service followed by Fellowship Hour	14	15 9:00am Trinity Tots School Board Meeting	16	17 Trinity Tots Picture Day	18	19
20 8:30am Adult Bible Class 10:00am Worship Service with Communion	21	22	23	24	25	26 8:00am Men's Breakfast at Oscar's Kitchen
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