

Trinity Lutheran Church

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

NOVEMBER 2026, TIDINGS



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

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From the Pastor - November 2026

The Lord God said, **"When you come into the land which the Lord your God gives you for an inheritance, and have taken possession of it, and live in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the Lord your God gives you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place which the Lord your God will choose, to make his name dwell there."** Deuteronomy 26:1-11

During the month of November our thoughts begin once again to turn towards the Holiday Season. The first up is Thanksgiving at the end of the month. Thoughts turn to the Pilgrims who came to America and celebrated what we have regarded as the first Thanksgiving. But as the reading above reminds us from Deuteronomy, the first Thanksgiving was really celebrated by the Israelites as they moved into the promised land.

God told them as they came into this land flowing with milk and honey, they were to take the first fruits of the ground, place them in a basket and take it to the priest. There they were to relive through the words of that speech which begins, **"A wandering Aramean was my father; and he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number; and there he became a nation, great, mighty and populous,"** God's deliverance in their lives. Because God had delivered and blessed them, God asked them to return to Him the first fruits of the ground, to give thanksgiving to Him for this act of deliverance in their lives.

For the Israelites, their thanksgiving was seen in the action of God as He delivered them from Egypt and brought them into this land flowing with milk and honey. The Pilgrims gave thanks for the deliverance which came to them during their first year on the North American shore. They were delivered from hunger by a good summer crop, they were delivered from war by peacefully living with the Indians, they were delivered from cold by building strong sturdy homes, we could go on and on. Deliverance brought thanksgiving into their hearts.

Can we think of Thanksgiving as deliverance for us?? Think about that for a moment?? Usually, when we think of this time of Thanksgiving, we list all those things we are thankful for that we have or been blessed with. But what about being thankful for all those things we have been delivered from, that we don't have to experience???

Think about all the food each of us will consume not only on Thanksgiving, but every day of every week, of every month of every year you are alive. Are you thankful you have been delivered from the pain of hunger, the sickness of malnutrition when countless men, women and children around the world are now dying a slow and painful death because of the lack of food ??

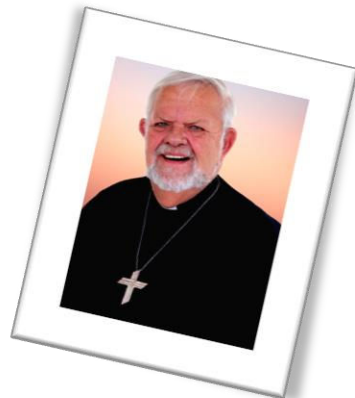
Thankful hearts come as we recall all those acts of deliverance which God brought into our lives. We can and should be thankful for these acts. But I venture to say, most people take their good fortune, their health, their wealth, their warm clothes, and hardy food for granted or see them as their due. They are not thankful but expect this as something owed to them by life or by God. It is not owed but given freely from God. When we realize that everything in life, those things we have been delivered from, and those things we do possess, all come from God, we have a very difficult time being thankful, because we realize we depend on God for everything.

Paul Tillich, a famous theologian of our times, says this about thanks and thanksgiving. ***"The reason most of us do not respond to 'thank you' or do not say 'thank you' is because we instinctively realize that it makes us somehow dependent on that person. If I thank you, I am saying that I am dependent on you, and I am publicly affirming it before God and people. Gratitude is an action that has its roots in grace, the free undeserved love-action of God. When we are truly grateful, we become starkly aware that we are wholly dependent for everything upon God and upon our fellow human beings who are made in His image. When we are truly grateful, we recognize that God has favored us, whether we deserve favoring or not."***

Thanksgiving is our acknowledgement that we are dependent on God for all His acts of deliverance and all His blessings in our lives. Thanksgiving is a twofold time for us. We are "thankful" for being delivered, and we are thankful for the blessings we have. Please remember your first fruit offering as we move through this Thanksgiving and coming Holiday Season.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Pastor Norris





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Donate to Trinity Tots Preschool and help us financially make it through the year!

Go to [Thrivent.com/give](https://thrivent.com/give) on Tuesday, Dec. 1.

Click on the donate button and type in

Trinity Tots Preschool, Lake Placid

for the organization to donate to.

***You do not need to be a Thrivent member or client to participate.
Anyone can give.**

Only online giving will be accepted using a credit/debit card or Apple/Google Pay. Thrivent will pay for the transaction fee so 100% of your donation will go to Trinity Tots!

Thank you for supporting us.

Thrivent will match your donation!!



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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.

Church Upcoming Events



Next Fellowship Hour

November 8, 2026

(Hosted by Mark & Carol Kennedy)

November 22, 2026 - (Hostess needed)

November 29, 2026 (Hostess needed)

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.*



Next Trinity Ladies Meeting,

November 10, 2026 - 1PM

At the TLC

*December's is to be
announced*



*Adult Bible Class has been rescheduled
to start on Sunday, November 15th- 8:30AM*

Next Men's Breakfast

Saturday, November 28, 2026 &

Every LAST Saturday of the month at 8AM

At Oscar's Kitchen, 1979 Placid Lake Blvd.

Lake Placid, FL





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)

***Call Trinity Lutheran Church 863-465-5253
to reserve your tickets**

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7th

4:00 PM

Trinity's annual Christmas Tea has become a popular event among the women and it's just around the corner. Imagine the church sanctuary filled with beautifully set tables of plates, silverware, teacups, and napkins. Add the glow of Christmas candle-lit centerpieces, a beautifully decorated Christmas tree and carols playing in the background, the chatter of friends new and old, the aroma of tea and coffee brewing and the biggest appetizer, dinner and dessert table you have ever seen.

Put that all together
and you have one of the nicest evenings that you'll spend with your friends.

To come to this festive evening, you either need to sign up to be a hostess or be invited as a guest. If you have never been a hostess before, why not give it a try? Invite 3 or 4 friends from your neighborhood or perhaps someone new to our church, bring your candle centerpiece to church before the event and then arrive with your guests on December 7th to spend a few hours sharing a cup of Christmas Tea (or coffee).

Sign up on the bulletin board to be a hostess.

Your invitations for your guests will be put in your mailbox.

We ask that you donate \$5.00 per person to help cover the cost of the food.

***If you would like to come but don't think you'll be able to be a hostess, call the church office and leave your name. We may have some hostesses who need additional guests at their table. LADIES-this is the year of OUTREACH. Why not invite a new member or some people from the office list or maybe a lonely woman in your neighborhood? Just a thought!**



Food Pantry Opportunities To serve!



The Dragon's Den Children

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



Manna Ministry

- **Canned Vegetables, Chili ...**

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

Special Days to Celebrate!!!

November 2026



Happy Anniversary!

10 William & Debra Spiess '72

Happy Birthday



1 Mark Goodrich

9 William J. Spiess

10 Patrick McConachie

14 Charma Wenck

15 Janice Vedernjak

15 Lynne Wendzel

17 Arlene Harman

22 Bruce Lessig

NOVEMBER 2026 CALENDAR



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00am Worship Service with Communion	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 10:00am Worship Service followed by Fellowship Hour	9	10 12:00pm Trinity Ladies Meeting (more activities and information to be announced)	11	12 10:00pm Council Meeting	13 3:30 Trinity Tots CPR/First Aid	14
15 10:00am Worship Service with Communion	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 10:00am Worship Service followed by Fellowship Hour	23 Trinity Tots is closed	24 Trinity Tots is closed	25 Trinity Tots is closed	26 Trinity Tots is closed / Happy Thanksgiving	27 Trinity Tots is closed	28 8:00am Men's Breakfast at Oscar's Kitchen
29 10:00am Worship Service followed by Fellowship Hour	30	1	2	3	4	5