

**Sermon Topic**

**Relentless**

Amos 8:4-7, 1 Timothy 2:1-15, Luke 16:1-15

The youngest of the eight sons of Jesse, David was not considered very important. When the prophet Samuel came to find the next king for Israel, he came to Jesse's household. Jesse put forth each of the seven sons ahead of David, but none were destined to be the future king. When Samuel asked if these were all the sons, Jesse replied that there was one more, but he was out tending sheep.

David was so unimportant that he wasn't even included by his own father when his sons were being evaluated as potential kings for Israel. They left him out with the sheep so the others could be judged. Samuel asks to see David and upon seeing him, immediately the LORD says, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he." (1 Samuel 16:13)

David would go on to do many great things. He killed the giant Goliath. He expanded the Kingdom of Israel through many battles. He composed great worship songs, now found throughout the book of Psalms. Luke would write about David in Acts 13:

*God raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, "I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will." Acts 13:22*

David is revered as someone who was pursuing the heart of God. He was everything you should be as a follower of God. He is who we want to be in our walk with Jesus. But there was a darker side to David as well. He slept with another man's wife (Bathsheba) and had the man (Uriah) killed in battle. David's sin led to many hardships and strained his relationship with God. There were consequences for David's kingship and personal life because of his sin.

In reality, David's story is less about his pursuit of God and more about God's relentless pursuit of him—and us. Despite your disobedience and many sins, Jesus is relentlessly pursuing you! He is out to destroy your sinful heart and give you a new one: a heart after His own heart.

*Vicar Jason Christ, Director of Attract and Middle School Ministry*



**FIRST TRINITY**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Welcome!**

If you are a guest with us today, we are so glad you are here! We invite you to fill out a yellow card from the pew rack and put it in the offering plate during worship.

You will find all of the words in the worship service projected at the front of the church. If you require a printed copy, they are available from the ushers in the back of the church.

If you have something you would like us to pray about this week, you can write it on the back of the yellow card. Our staff and prayer team will pray for the requests during the week. If you so choose, we will post your request online at our online prayer wall as well.

First Trinity is a Bible-based church. We believe God's Word is the sole authority for this life. We are imperfect people loving imperfect people.

Our prayer for you today is that you would connect to God and grow closer and closer to Him each day.

**FT Kids & Youth Sunday School**

**Education Hour Sunday 10-11 a.m.**

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| <b>Children</b>   | <b>Just Us - Adults</b>  |
| <b>Childcare</b> Infants - Age 2<br><i>Meets in Upper Preschool 2</i> | With Developmental Disabilities<br><i>Meets in Gym</i>                 |
| <b>Preschool</b> - Ages 3 & 4<br><i>Meets in Upper Preschool 3</i>    | <b>Youth</b>   |
| <b>Kindergarten</b> - Age 5<br><i>Meets in Upper Preschool 3</i>      | <b>Middle School</b> Grades 6 - 8<br><i>Meets on Lower Level</i>       |
| <b>FT Kids</b> - Grades 1-5<br><i>Meets in Gym</i>                    | <b>High School</b> Grades 9 - 12<br><i>Meets on Lower Level Lounge</i> |

**Adult Education Classes**

**Sunday, Until September 29 at 10 a.m.**

**Leviticus: What in the World?**  
*Led by Pastor Whited (Lower Level)*  
Leviticus is an Old Testament book that sometimes feels daunting. It is filled with Old Testament laws...come to this class to explore what in the world is in the book of Leviticus and what difference it makes to your spiritual life. There are some great surprises in store for you!

**A SOAP Approach to the Study of Philippians**  
*Led by Karen Cassidy (Upper Level East)*  
Gradually let your Bible study lapse this summer? Need to reenergize your time with the Lord? Looking for a simple routine that will enhance your daily walk with God? This course is for you! Philippians 1:6 provides our focus: "be who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." With this in mind, we will work our way through Philippians using the S.O.A.P approach (Scripture, Objective/Observation, Application, Prayer) finding new ways to hear His voice, grow to spiritual maturity, and enhance our daily walk with the Lord.

**Psalm 23 Led by Sue Steege (Library)**  
Many people are familiar with Psalm 23. But because we all know it, we often breeze through the psalm without slowing down long enough to rest in the assurance it offers. In this 4-part series on Psalm 23, we will be introduced to the great shepherd, the Lord, who promises to provide for every need of His flock. Though only six verses long, this psalm teaches us profound truths about our loving and protective God. By studying Psalm 23, we'll encounter a life-transforming question: Do you trust the Lord to care for your needs?

**NEW Expressing Pro-Life Views in Winsome Ways**  
*Led by Susan Whited (Upper Level West)* By Jim Daly (Focus on the Family) and Scott Klusendorf (Life Training Institute). Why are we, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, pro-life? Come find the answer and, as the title suggests, learn how to share the pro-life position in a logical, compassionate, and non-confrontational way. *This is also a great way to prepare for the 40 Days for Life!*



**Altar Flowers**  
**Presented to the Glory of God**  
In Loving Memory of John D. Miller  
By Martha Miller

**Worship Helpers**

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please find a replacement & inform the office.

	<b>Sept 21/22</b>	<b>Sept 28/29</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b> .....	Pauline Shotwell Laura Zimberg	Pauline Shotwell Laura Zimberg
<b>Saturday, 5:30 p.m.</b>		
<b>Greeter</b> .....	Martha Miller	Evelyn Schleidt
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Tony D'Amico Steve Puscheck	Tony D'Amico Randy Wert
<b>Reader</b> .....	Bob Strassburg	Susan DePlato
<b>Prayers</b> .....	Bob Strassburg	Susan DePlato
<b>Projection</b> .....	Bill Wood	Jim Brese
<b>Sunday, 8:45 a.m.</b>		
<b>Acolyte</b> .....	Peter Cross	Noah Schiferle
<b>Greeter</b> .....	Debbie & Tom Knapp	Paul Gerlach
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Gerry Schrembs Ginny Schrembs David Gettman MaryAnn HarhiGettman	Ray Voit Erhard Moosmann
<b>Reader</b> .....	Anne Miller	Fern Innes
<b>Prayers</b> .....	Ron Opferbeck	Dorothy Rothrock
<b>Projection</b> .....	Marlene Carr	Bill Wood
<b>Sunday, 11:15 a.m.</b>		
<b>Worship Assistant</b> .....	Pat Canfield	Vicar Jason Christ
<b>Acolyte</b> .....	Paris Adams	Jennifer Pritchard
<b>Greeter</b> .....		Paul Gerlach
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Dick McKie Rachel Bissell Natalie Cook Nikki Warner	Derek Pulver Zelda Pulver Adam Kaczmarowski One Fabian
<b>Reader</b> .....	Gordon Tresch	Pam Jones
<b>Prayers</b> .....	Marsha Peth Marsha Phillips	Brian Bunny Marsha Phillips
<b>Projection</b> .....	David Phillips	Edu Obot



**The Lutheran Hour**  
Sundays 9:30 a.m.  
WXRL 1300AM [LutheranHour.org](http://LutheranHour.org)

**Announcements Deadline - Thursday at 9 a.m.**  
[KFigini@FirstTrinity.com](mailto:KFigini@FirstTrinity.com)

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**Worship Times**  
Saturday 5:30 p.m. Sunday 8:45 & 11:15 a.m.

**Give Thanks to God For Loved Ones All Saints Service November 2/3, 2019**

If you have a loved one who has passed away since January 2018 and you would like them remembered at our next *All Saints Service*, please email a photo (or give us one to scan) with name and date of death to: **Kathy Figini** ([kfigini@FirstTrinity.com](mailto:kfigini@FirstTrinity.com)).

**2019 All-Church Study: "Anxious For Nothing" By Max Lucado Starts the week of October 6 through week of November 3**

*God has a cure for your worries.* Do you feel weighted down with worry? Does the uncertainty and chaos of life keep you up at night? Are irrational fears your constant companion? Could you use some calm?

**Take a class at First Trinity!**  
We are offering the All-Church Study at:  
4:15 p.m. on Saturdays  
10 a.m. on Sundays at Education Hour

**Host your own!** Got a few friends or neighbors that want to do it? Already in a Life Group? We are ready to equip you to participate in the study in whatever way works for you.

**Sue Steege** ([ssteege@FirstTrinity.com](mailto:ssteege@FirstTrinity.com)) can get you trained and started.

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## Calendar for September 22-29, 2019

For calendar details, visit our website: [FirstTrinity.com/calendar](http://FirstTrinity.com/calendar)

<b>Sunday 9/22</b>	8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship 10 a.m. Education Hour 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship	<b>Thursday 9/26</b>	7 p.m. All-Church Study Training
<b>Monday 9/23</b>	10 a.m. Morning Glory Bible Study 6 p.m. Process Basketball 7 p.m. Chinese Checkers Tournament	<b>Friday 9/27</b>	9 a.m. LWML Caring For Women
<b>Tuesday 9/24</b>	10 a.m. GriefShare Mornings 12:30 p.m. Staff Prayer Time 6:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Prayer Time 7 p.m. Band Rehearsal	<b>Saturday 9/28</b>	8 a.m. Youth BBall Clinic 9 a.m. Men's Basketball All-Church Study Training 5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship
<b>Wednesday 9/25</b>	9:30 a.m. Women's AA 10 a.m. Executive Ministry Team 12 p.m. Lunch with the Staff 1 p.m. Senior Life Group 6 p.m. Mandarin Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Future's Meeting Men's Bible Study— <i>Into the Game</i> 7 p.m. GriefShare Evenings 7:30 p.m. Volleyball	<b>Sunday 9/29</b>	8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship 10 a.m. Education Hour 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship

## Upcoming Sermons

Sept 28/29 Amos 6:1-7, 1 Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31

Listen to past sermons at [FirstTrinity.com/Listen](http://FirstTrinity.com/Listen)

## New Comfy Seats in Our Lobby

The Aesthetics Committee is happy to announce that new comfortable furniture has been purchased for our Lobby to enhance fellowship! We hope you relax and enjoy talking with friends and family today and in the months to follow as more chairs arrive. Thanks to **Dan Chamberland** and **Marty Doster** for picking up and delivering the couch and love seat and saving our church \$130.

## Portals of Prayer—Daily Devotions

*Portals of Prayer* is great for personal devotions featuring a Bible reading, meditation, and prayer in an easy-to-read format. It can be picked up near the Welcome Center. If you know someone who would be blessed by a copy, please take an extra one to share.

## Honor Our Military Personnel

### November 10, Veterans' Day Slide Show

If you or your family members are in the military or a veteran, we would love to have a picture, in uniform. Please let us know the name, branch of service and years served.



Deadline for pictures is October 28.

Email pictures to **Kathy Figini** ([kfigini@FirstTrinity.com](mailto:kfigini@FirstTrinity.com))

or we can scan a picture in the office.

## High School Prayer Partner Sign-Up

We are looking for prayer partners for our high school students! If you are interested in sending cards and saying hello to our students please contact **Jen Florio** ([jflorio@firsttrinity.com](mailto:jflorio@firsttrinity.com)).

## College Prayer Partner Sign-Up

We are looking for people who would like to be a part of our College Prayer Partner Ministry for this school year. Participants would commit to praying regularly for their selected student, and writing notes to them throughout the school year (cards and stamps provided). If you are interested, a sign-up sheet and prayer partner packets are available in the lobby. Questions? **Renee Sawka** ([rlaplant@daemen.edu](mailto:rlaplant@daemen.edu), 716-908-9280)

## SCRIP Gift Cards Sold in Main Office

SCRIP gift cards are sold between worship services each Sunday. Each gift card you purchase helps support Youth and Young Adult Mission Trips. *Thank you for your continued support!*



## Mission Madness Auction, Lunch & Bake Sale Saturday, November 9, 11-2 p.m.

This is our once a year fundraiser for sending missionaries out to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Last year we raised over \$18,000. This was done with your generous donations!

Please consider donating a basket with a retail value of \$50 (what it's worth, not what you spend), gift card/gift certificate in any amount. We are also in need of large ticket items (value \$200 or more), a great way for a whole life group to chip in. If making a basket isn't your thing, we will take your items and make the basket for you, or make a monetary donation and we'll shop for you too!

An **Idea Board** will be up soon at the **Donation Center** in the Main Hallway! Please start bringing your donations as soon as you have them, or by October 20.

**Beth Schmidt** ([bjs3184@aol.com](mailto:bjs3184@aol.com))

**Chili** was our number one seller at lunch last year. Please consider making your favorite recipe. We can accept donations early and will store it in the big kitchen freezer. Having chili in a plastic freezer bag labeled *Mission Madness* is helpful. **Dona Trautwein** ([dtrautwein@FirstTrinity.com](mailto:dtrautwein@FirstTrinity.com), 716-835-2220)

**Bake Sale** donations are always welcome. Sign-up sheet available in Main Hallway.

**Martha Miller** ([mlm2901elr@gmail.com](mailto:mlm2901elr@gmail.com), 716-480-2923)

## Chinese Checkers Tournament:

### Mondays, Until October 21 at 7 p.m.

The Tournament will take place on the Lower Level at First Trinity. Snacks, fellowship and FUN will be provided. Feel free to bring your own game board if you have one. **Carl Fretthold** ([cfretthold@FirstTrinity.com](mailto:cfretthold@FirstTrinity.com))

## GriefShare Support Groups

### Tuesday, September 24 at 10-11:30 a.m.

### OR Wednesday, September 25 at 7-8:30 p.m.

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar (13 weeks) and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Led by caring people who have experienced loss and grief to help you with the difficult days ahead.

Topic: *Guilt & Anger, Why Should I Forgive?*

**Ron Opferbeck** (716-812-1695)

or **Mary Ann Milak-Young** (716-639-1169)

## Haiti Mission Team Meeting

### Wednesday, October 2 at 6:30 p.m.

There is still time to join the January 20-27 Haiti Mission Team as long as there are seats available on our flights.

**Renée Gietz** (716-773-2847, [rgietz@roadrunner.com](mailto:rgietz@roadrunner.com))

## Pot Blessing Luncheon

### Sunday, October 13 at 12:30 p.m.

Come and be part of the "Staff Anniversary Celebration" event. Sign up on the sheet in the lobby! It should be a lot of fun! **Marsha Peth** ([mpeth@FirstTrinity.com](mailto:mpeth@FirstTrinity.com), 716-238-3073)

## OPUS Lunch (Older People Up to Something)

### Wednesday, October 16, Noon (Library)

**Pot Luck (Bring a dish to pass)** Sign up in the Lobby.

Everyone is invited, even Non-OPUS members!

**Program: Chet Fery** "Bread Time Stories" Chet will tell wonderful stories created by giving away free bread. His hope is that you will be inspired by the stories and be motivated to share your talents and gifts with others.

Questions? **Erhard Moosmann** (716-688-6854)

## One-Day Haitian Creole Lessons

### Saturday, October 19, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

We will be hosting a *Haitian Creole Boot Camp*. Cost is \$125 per person. Everyone is welcome to attend! We are offering a Beginner-Intermediate level class in Creole. We will also learn about the Haitian culture. Contact **Patti Plotner** (716-479-1880).

## Staff Prayer Partners Requested

Prayer Partners are requested for our staff for October-December. Sign up in the Lobby. Specific and general prayer requests will be provided to you. There is such joy in praying and our staff appreciates your prayer support. Questions?

**Dorothy Rothrock**

(716-694-3181, [dorothyrothrock@yahoo.com](mailto:dorothyrothrock@yahoo.com)).

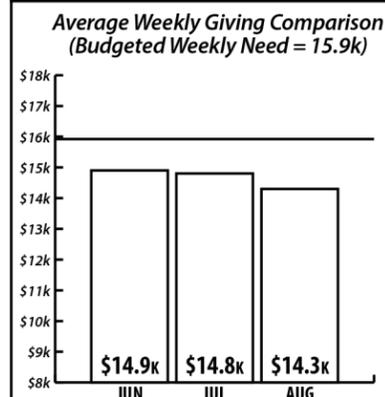
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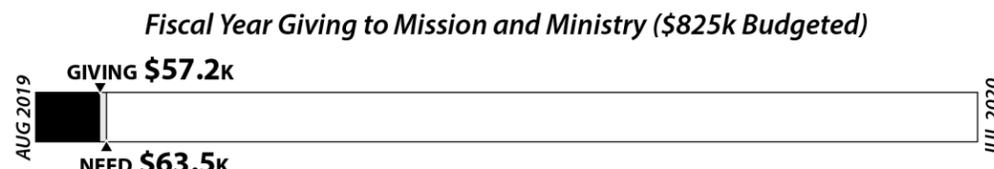
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### AUGUST BY THE NUMBERS



*Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. Malachi 3:10*



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(All data through August 31, 2019)