

Trinity Lutheran Church and School

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 14, 2025**

The Mission of Trinity Lutheran Church is the preaching, teaching, baptizing and sharing the love of Christ in our church, our community and our world.



Welcome to Trinity!

We are so happy that you have joined us for worship this morning. We are a community of believers in Jesus Christ who seek to love God with all of our heart, with all of our mind, and with all of our soul. We have a deep desire that all would come to the saving knowledge of the truth of Jesus as Lord! We cordially invite you to worship with us every Sunday at 10 a.m. and join us for Bible Class and Sunday School at 8:45 a.m.

Pre-Service Music

The Prelude – Ringing of the Bells - Greeting

Please Stand

Confession and Absolution

L: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

L: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

L: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. So, then, in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn

Christ, the Word of God Incarnate

LSB 540 sts. 1–3

1 Christ, the Word of God incarnate,

Lord and Son of Abraham;

Christ, the radiance of the Father,

Perfect God, the great I AM;

Christ, the light, You shine unvanquished,

Light and life You bring to all;

Light our path with Your own presence,

Grant us grace to heed Your call.

2 Christ, the living bread from heaven,

Food for body, food for soul;

Christ, the manna daily given,

Nourish, strengthen, make us whole.

Feed us with the food of heaven,

Foretaste of the feast to be;

Quench our thirst with living water

Springing up eternally.

3 Christ, the shoot that springs triumphant
 From the stump of Jesse's tree;
 Christ, true vine, You nurture branches
 To bear fruit abundantly.
 Graft us into You, O Savior;
 Prune our hearts so we remain
 Fruitful branches in Your vineyard
 Till eternal life we gain.

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Introit

L: You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

C: O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

L: O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,

C: and you have healed me.

L: O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;

C: you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

L: Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,

C: and give thanks to his holy name.

L: For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

C: Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

L: You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

C: O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Hymn of Praise

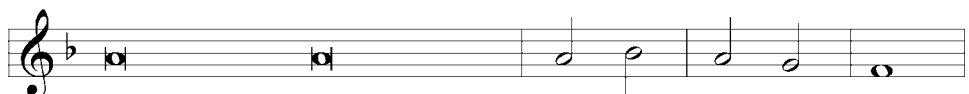
Gloria in Excelsis



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

L: Let us pray... Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - men.

Please Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-24

¹¹“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out.

¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good

pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. ¹⁷“As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. ¹⁸Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? ¹⁹And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet? ²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual

L: Fear the LORD, you his saints,

C: for those who fear him lack nothing!

L: Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

C: but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Special Music

Men's Glee

Children's Message and Mighty Mites

Kordel McBlair

Epistle Reading

I Timothy 1:12–17

¹²I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

Alleluia



Holy Gospel

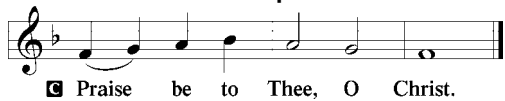
Luke 15:1-10

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.



¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” ³So he told them this parable: ⁴“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please Sit

Hymn of the Day

Today Your Mercy Calls Us

LSB 915

1 Today Your mercy calls us
 To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass,
 Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy
 Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us
 And make us clean today.

2 Today Your gate is open,
 And all who enter in
Shall find a Father's welcome
 And pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten,
 A present joy be giv'n,
A future grace be promised,
 A glorious crown in heav'n.

3 Today our Father calls us;
His Holy Spirit waits;
His blessed angels gather
Around the heav'nly gates.
No question will be asked us
How often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered,
It is our Father's home.

4 O all-embracing Mercy,
O ever-open Door,
What should we do without You
When heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us,
To drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open,
One ear will hear our prayer.

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Sermon

Rite of Confirmation

LSB 272

Logan William Evans

Please Stand

Nicene Creed

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Offering and Offertory

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it
from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-
tion, and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.

Prayer of the Church

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir-it.

P: Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up un-to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.




It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo-ry. Ho-san-na,
ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He,
bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

P: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.



For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Communion Confession *I Cor. 10:17* Acts 2:42** I Cor. 11:23-32****

P: The Lord's Supper is God's gift for Christians who are properly taught. In communing, we want people to receive Christ's body and blood for their good. This means that as you come to the Lord's Table you affirm that Jesus is your Savior and Lord; and with Lutheran Christians (LCMS), you confess:

C: I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sin and ask God's forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan and death. I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament, and under the form of the bread and wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life.

The Words of our Lord

Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



A - men.

Agnus Dei



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



Please Sit

Distribution and Distribution Hymns

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

LSB 594

1 God's own child, I gladly say it:

I am baptized into Christ!

He, because I could not pay it,

Gave my full redemption price.

Do I need earth's treasures many?

I have one worth more than any

That brought me salvation free

Lasting to eternity!

2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer:

I am baptized into Christ!

I have comfort even stronger:

Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.

Should a guilty conscience seize me

Since my Baptism did release me

In a dear forgiving flood,

Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?

3 Satan, hear this proclamation:

I am baptized into Christ!

Drop your ugly accusation,

I am not so soon enticed.

Now that to the font I've traveled,

All your might has come unraveled,

And, against your tyranny,

God, my Lord, unites with me!

4 Death, you cannot end my gladness:

I am baptized into Christ!

When I die, I leave all sadness

To inherit paradise!

Though I lie in dust and ashes

Faith's assurance brightly flashes:

Baptism has the strength divine

To make life immortal mine.

5 There is nothing worth comparing
 To this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring:
 Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising,
Still my soul continues praising:
 I am baptized into Christ;
 I'm a child of paradise!

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Lord Jesus, Think on Me

LSB 610

1 Lord Jesus, think on me
 And purge away my sin;
From worldly passions set me free
 And make me pure within.

2 Lord Jesus, think on me,
 By anxious thoughts oppressed;
Let me Your loving servant be
 And taste Your promised rest.

3 Lord Jesus, think on me
 Amid the battle's strife;
In all my pain and misery,
 O be my health and life!

4 Lord Jesus, think on me
 Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity
 Point out Your chosen way.

5 Lord Jesus, think on me
 That, when this life is past,
I may the eternal brightness see
 And share Your joy at last.

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, c. 365–c. 414; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808–96, alt. Text: Public domain

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

LSB 450

1 O sacred Head, now wounded,
 With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded
 With thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred Head, what glory,
 What bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
 I joy to call Thee mine.

2 How pale Thou art with anguish,
 With sore abuse and scorn!
How doth Thy face now languish
 That once was bright as morn!
Grim death, with cruel rigor,
 Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;
Thus Thou hast lost Thy vigor,
 Thy strength, in this sad strife.

3 What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered
 Was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression,
 But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
 'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor,
 And grant to me Thy grace.

4 My Shepherd, now receive me;
 My Guardian, own me Thine.
Great blessings Thou didst give me,
 O Source of gifts divine.
Thy lips have often fed me
 With words of truth and love;
Thy Spirit oft hath led me
 To heav'nly joys above.

5 What language shall I borrow
 To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow,
 Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever!
 And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never,
 Outlive my love for Thee.

6 My Savior, be Thou near me
 When death is at my door;
Then let Thy presence cheer me,
 Forsake me nevermore!
When soul and body languish,
 O leave me not alone,
But take away mine anguish
 By virtue of Thine own!

7 Be Thou my consolation,
 My shield, when I must die;
 Remind me of Thy passion
 When my last hour draws nigh.
 Mine eyes shall then behold Thee,
 Upon Thy cross shall dwell,
 My heart by faith enfold Thee.
 Who dieth thus dies well.

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Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain

LSB 865

1 Lord, help us ever to retain
 The Catechism's doctrine plain
 As Luther taught the Word of truth
 In simple style to tender youth.

2 Help us Your holy Law to learn,
 To mourn our sin and from it turn
 In faith to You and to Your Son
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One.

3 Hear us, dear Father, when we pray
 For needed help from day to day
 That as Your children we may live,
 Whom You baptized and so received.

4 Lord, when we fall or go astray,
 Absolve and lift us up, we pray;
 And through the Sacrament increase
 Our faith till we depart in peace.

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Please Stand

Post Communion Blessing

Nunc Dimittis

Song of Simeon

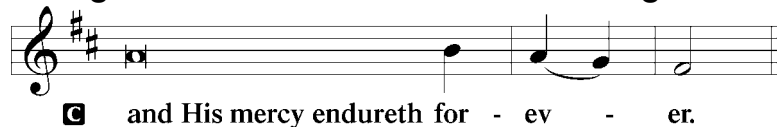
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P: Let us pray.

C: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

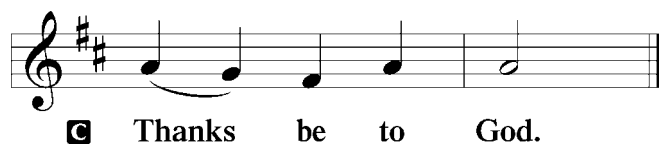
Salutation and Benedicamus

P: The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

P: Bless we the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.



A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

Christ, the Word of God Incarnate

LSB 540 sts. 4–6

4 Christ, our good and faithful shepherd,
Watching all Your lambs and sheep;
Christ, the gate that guards the sheepfold,
Never-failing vigil keep.
When we stray, Good Shepherd, seek us,
Find us, lift us, bear us home;
Lamb of God, our shepherd, keep us;
Let us hear Your voice alone.

5 Christ, the way that leads unfailing
To the Father's home on high,
Christ, the truth that frees the captive,
Christ, the life that cannot die.
Mediator to the Father,
Sacrifice and great High Priest:
Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions,
There to share Your wedding feast.

△ 6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,
Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
Christ, the life and resurrection,
Christ, the Church's glorious head:
Praise and thanks and adoration
And unending worship be
To the Father and the Spirit
And to You eternally.

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Announcements

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Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

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THOSE TO REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Health- Joan Haines, Steve Doss, Emma Conklin, RoseMarie Dieckhoff, Dana Robb, Sherry Heseman, Delphine Lehde Mullan, John Fritz, Kathleen Mueller, Erin Hunt, Jim Bracht, Alyssa Parrigon, Tess Holle, Dick Highfill, David Tunnell, Karen Schmedeke, Don Schmedeke, Baby Reed Fuemmeler, Lois Gaddy, Robbie Krueger, Lydia Parrigon, Abigail Parrigon, Grace Doss, Bob Bremer

Anniversaries–

Dwayne & Ellen Schoen will be celebrating 65 years of marriage on September 20.

Remembering our Seasoned Saints– Sharon Curtit, Grace Doss, James Gaddy, Marjorie Harris, Linda Jelinek, Judy Lehde, Loretta Pennington, Karen Schmedeke, Black Stanford

Families of the Week– Kevin McBlair family, Ken McIntyre family, Drew Meier family, John Meyer, Lillyetta Meyer family, Orville Meyer family, Karen Miller, Cadence & Jackie Mitchell, Bob Moennig family, Daniel Moennig family, Christopher Moennig family

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Lap Robes are in the black cabinet in the narthex and bell tower. Please ask an Usher or Elder for assistance if needed.

For Altar Flowers- contact the Church Office.

COMMUNION CONFESSIONS SCRIPTURES

*“Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.”

**“And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

***“For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵In the same way, also he took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. ²⁷Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. ³²But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.”