



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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**Sunday, August 10, 2025**  
**Nineth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Service of Word and Prayer**

**Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit gathers us into a community of prayer.*

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**Confession**

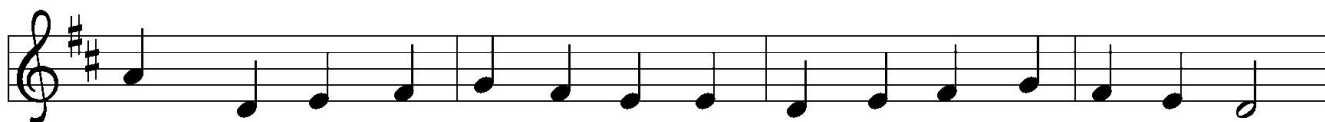
In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.  
Merciful God,  
**you free us to love others,**  
**but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.**  
**You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,**  
**but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.**  
**You surround us with patience, kindness,**  
**and generosity,**  
**but we grow weary in doing what is right.**  
**In your mercy, forgive us.**  
**Do not give up on us.**  
**Heal us, break our bonds**  
**and show us the path of life. Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus  
and you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of ✝ Christ,  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

## Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,  
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.  
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,  
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.  
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.  
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.  
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,  
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:  
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;  
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.  
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.  
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.  
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.  
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.  
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.  
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

## Greeting

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, the love of Christ that guards our hearts and minds, and the joy and consolation of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

The word is near you, **on your lips and in your heart.**

If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord, **and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**

Faith comes from what is heard, **and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.**

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## Hymn of the Month: The Family of God



# The Family Of God

Words by  
William J. Gaither and Gloria Gaither

Music by  
William J. Gaither

## CHORUS

Musical notation for the Chorus of 'The Family Of God'. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written on a single staff. Chords are indicated above the staff: D, E9, C#m/E, E7, A7, G/A, A, A9, D, E9, C#m/E, E7, A7, Last time to Coda, A9, A13, A7, D, G/D, D. The lyrics are: 'I'm so glad I'm a part of the fam - 'ly of God; I've been washed in the foun - tain, cleansed by His blood! Joint heirs with Je - sus as we trav - el this sod, for I'm part of the fam - 'ly, the fam - 'ly of God. 1. You will 2. From the'

## VERSE

Musical notation for the Verse of 'The Family Of God'. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written on a single staff. Chords are indicated above the staff: D, A/D, D, A7, G/A, A7, D, G/D, D, A7, G/A, A7, D, G/D, D, A9, A13, A7, D, G/D. The lyrics are: 'no - tice we say "broth - er" and "sis - ter" 'round here; It's be - cause we're a door of an orph - 'nage to the house of the King; No long - er an fam - 'ly and these folks are so near; When one has a heart - ache we out - cast, a new song I sing; From rags un - to rich - es, from the all share the tears, and re - joice in each vic - t'ry in this fam - 'ly so dear. weak to the strong; I'm not wor - thy to be here, but praise God, I belong'

## Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, silence, reflection, and song.

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

<sup>1</sup> After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"

<sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup> But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm: Psalm 33:12-22**

<sup>12</sup> Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!  
Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

<sup>13</sup> **The LORD looks down from heaven,  
and sees all humankind.**

<sup>14</sup> God sits firmly enthroned and watches  
all who dwell on the earth.

<sup>15</sup> **God fashions all their hearts  
and observes all their deeds.**

<sup>16</sup> A king is not saved by the size of the army,  
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

<sup>17</sup> **The horse gives vain hope for victory;  
despite its great strength it cannot save.**

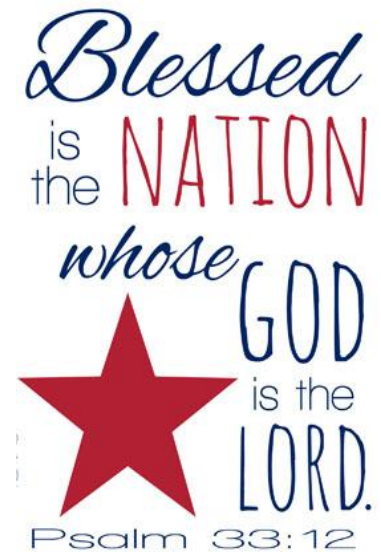
<sup>18</sup> Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD,  
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

<sup>19</sup> **to deliver their lives from death,  
and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

<sup>20</sup> Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD,  
our helper and our shield.

<sup>21</sup> **Surely, our heart rejoices in you,  
for in your holy name we put our trust.**

<sup>22</sup> Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,  
even as we place our hope in you.



### **Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

<sup>1</sup> Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

<sup>2</sup> Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.

<sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going.

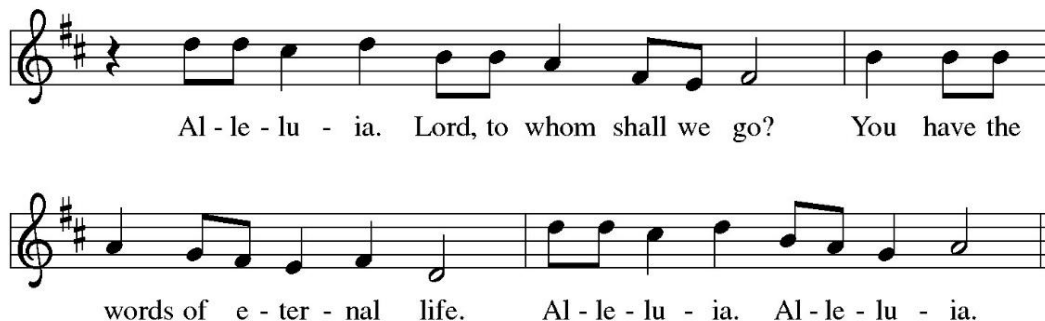
<sup>9</sup> By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

<sup>10</sup> For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered himself faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

<sup>13</sup> All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup> for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation



### Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

The holy gospel according to Luke,  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup> [Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup> "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give alms.

Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup> “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup> be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.

<sup>37</sup> Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup> “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Children’s Message

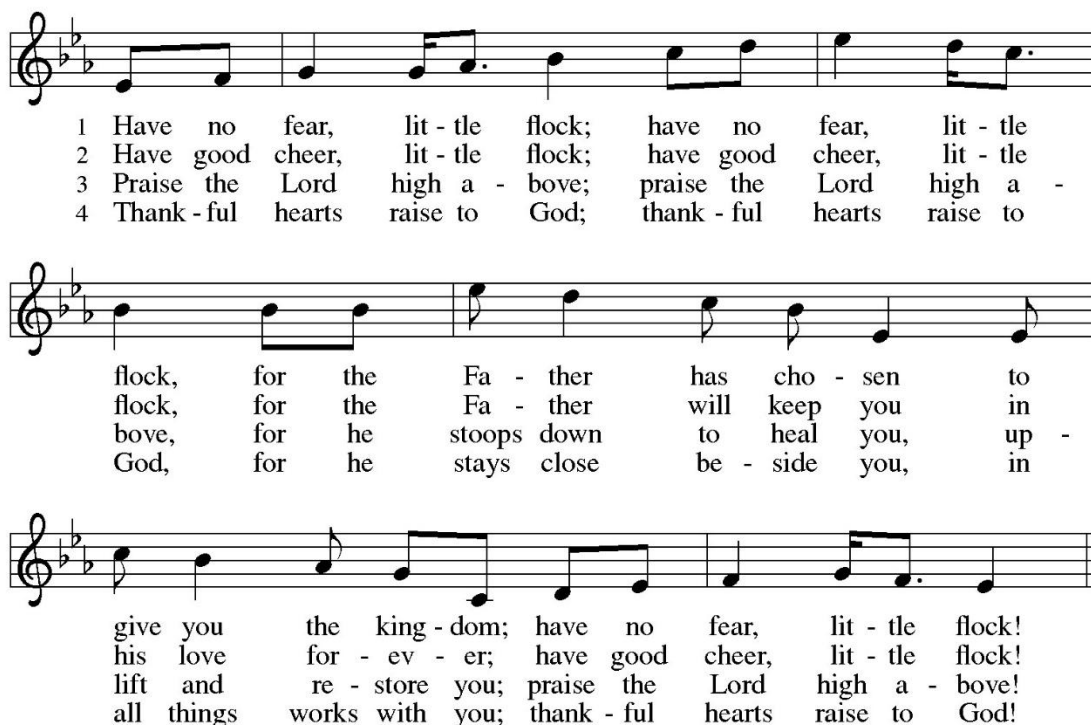
Sermon

Pastor Jen Herrmann

Hymn of the Day: Have No Fear, Little Flock

No. 764

### Have No Fear, Little Flock



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle  
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle  
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -  
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to

flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to  
 flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in  
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -  
 God, for he stays close be - side you, in

give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
 his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
 lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!  
 all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

## Thanksgiving for the Word:

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

**Offertory** (Usher please bring the offering to the altar)

**Offertory Song: The Lord Now Sends Us Forth**

**No. 881**

### The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

*Enviado soy de Dios*



En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta\_es - tá  
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,  
pa - ra cons-truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.  
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.  
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar  
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain  
un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;  
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;  
me ha to - ca - do\_a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.  
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.  
A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a\_ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.  
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.



***Prayer:*** *The Holy Spirit prays with us and through us.*

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he was descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of  
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life  
everlasting. Amen.**

In Christ Jesus we meet the God who knows our weakness  
and bears the wounds of the world.  
Therefore, let us be bold as we pray,  
trusting that God draws near to those in any kind of need.

## **Silent Prayer**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church  
and pray for the needs of the world.

***A brief silence.***

Keep the heart of your church set firmly in you so that, with lamps lit and attentive  
to Christ's call at any time or place, your people are ready to respond with faithful  
action for the sake of the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Worlds were prepared by your word. Speak healing and protection upon the  
earth, especially where life and habitats are threatened. Guide the work of  
astronomers and all who teach us about the stars and galaxies. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

You know the actions and deeds of the nations. Turn humanity away from  
instruments of war and violence. Fashion the hearts of world leaders to work for  
peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be on those in need. Assure all who are afraid or  
experiencing great uncertainty that your promises are sure. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Calm the fears of migrants and refugees who set out, not knowing where they go. Provide shelter, sustenance, protection from harm, and welcome. Bless the work of Global Refuge and other means of support and advocacy. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We celebrate the ancestors in the faith who built their lives on your promises and died having seen them only from a distance. Sustain us in our hope of things not seen. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.*

**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  
glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Sending**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit

✝ bless you and give you peace.

**Amen.**

**Closing Hymn: O God, Our Help In Ages Past**

**No. 632**



***JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME  
YESTERDAY AND TODAY  
AND FOREVER.***

*HEBREWS 13:8*

## O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home.

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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### AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00...

Pastor:

Lectors:

Usher:

Acolyte:

Pastor Jen Herrmann

Sally Warner

Rex & Brad Stierhoff

Drew Killingsworth

At 10:30...

Pastor:

Lectors:

Usher:

Acolyte:

Pastor Jen Herrmann

Chrissy Nielsen

Charles Howard & Bill Bertsch

Natalie Thompson

August Altar Care:

Cathy Wobser & Candy Beatty

## PRAYER CONCERNS

To families and first responders affected by the Fort Steward shooting; FAITH members, including, Mary Ann Neidler; the ministry of Safe Harbour helping domestic violence victims; the people of St. John, Bellevue, and their pastor Beth Wesphal.

**Pastor Jen can be contacted at 419-822-7630 or [jen.herrmann@gmail.com](mailto:jen.herrmann@gmail.com)**

**OFFERING PLATES** are in both entryways by the bulletins. If you forgot to put your offering as you came in, an usher or pastor can help you find the plates after service.

**ATTENDANCE: August 3rd** 44 + 31 =75

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by Larry & Pat Wiedenheft

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS: General Fund -- \$3,810.00**  
**Building Improvements -- \$210.00**

### **This Week at Trinity**

TODAY	Service of Word & Prayer JAM! Session	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:15 am
WEDNESDAY	AA/NA Women Only "We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	9:00 am 7:00 pm
SATURDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	11:00 am
SUNDAY	Communion Service	8:00 am & 10:30 am

Grace Lutheran Church's monthly community meal is August 13<sup>th</sup> from 5-6pm. The menu is grilled brats, macaroni salad, chips, fresh veggies & dessert. Delivery is available for shut-ins, call 419-357-3672 to schedule.

Are you or your child getting ready for a new job, college or technical school, or school? Come and get your backpack, briefcase, or bag blessed on **Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>** during both services. You've done your work with your relationship to Jesus and now it's time for your own work to be blessed!



The following items have been collected for the Lutheran World Relief Kits:

Soap	Goal: 300	Collected: 183
Fingernail clippers	Goal: 100	Collected: 90
Towels:	Goal: 100	Collected: 79

The goal has been met for combs and toothbrushes. The collection goes through **August 31<sup>st</sup>**. Towels (dark colors, lightweight, 20" x 52"); 3 soap bars; fingernail clippers. Check Wal-mart or Dollar General for economical pricing. Also, your help is needed on September 7<sup>th</sup> to assemble kits!

