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## **Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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# Sunday, August 24, 2025 Eleventh 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.

#### **Opening Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

No. 858

## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



#### 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.

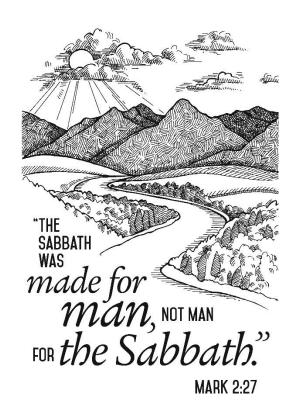
If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

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

## **Prayer of the Day**

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

Hymn of the Month: The Family of God



## The Family Of God



#### Word

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

#### First Reading: Isaiah 58:9b-14

- <sup>9b</sup> If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
- <sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,

then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

11 The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden,

like a spring of water whose waters never fail.

- <sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.
- <sup>13</sup> If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;

if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable;

if you honor it, not going your own ways,

serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;

<sup>14</sup> then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob. for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

The LORD is gracious and merciful slow to ANGER and abounding in

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

#### **Psalm: Psalm 103:1-8**

- <sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
- <sup>2</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—
- <sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;
- 4 who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;
- <sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- <sup>6</sup> O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.
- <sup>7</sup>You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.
  - <sup>8</sup> LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

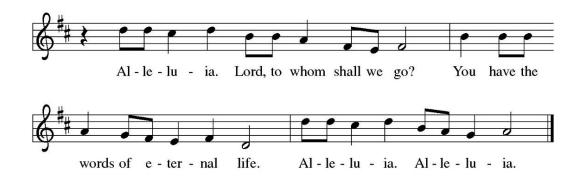
#### Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29

<sup>18</sup> You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup> (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." <sup>21</sup> Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup> See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup> At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." <sup>27</sup> This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup> for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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

## **Gospel Acclamation**



**Gospel: Luke 13:10-17** 

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight.

When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." <sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

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

## Children's Message

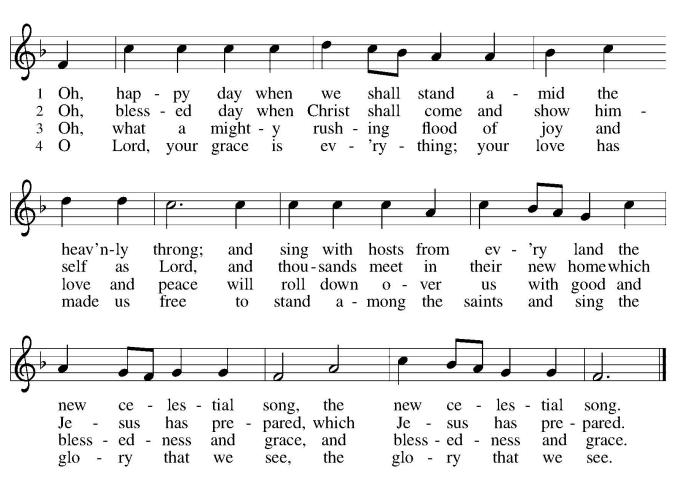
# Sermon

#### **Pastor Jen Herrmann**

Hymn of the Day: Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand

No. 441

## Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand

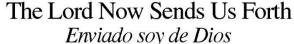


#### Thanksgiving for the Word:

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



**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**

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

You call your church to proclaim liberation and freedom to all. Give wisdom to bishops, synod councils and staff, and congregation leaders as they pursue a more just and equitable church and society. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

You inspire all creation to sing and bless your holy name. Send healing rains to parched places and relief to flooded lands. Lead us to enact policies to rebuild ruined ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

You work vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. Strengthen the resolve of world leaders and local officials in the way of love and mercy, so that all persons may experience abundant life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

You satisfy your people with good things. In your steadfast love, receive the cries of all who are bent over under the weight of addiction, isolation, and mental or physical illness. Manifest your healing presence in their midst. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

You call us to delight in the sabbath. Invigorate worship planners and leaders with creativity to aid this assembly in fresh and faithful prayer and praise. Enable all who gather here to be nourished and renewed. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

With all your apostles, prophets, and saints, we give thanks and bless your holy name. As they now rest from their labors, guide us by the witness of their lives to pursue your reign, which can never be shaken. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion. 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: Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



No. 886

## Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem er's praise
- 2 My gra cious Mas ter and my God, as sist me to pro claim,
- 3 The name of Je sus charms our fears and bids our sor rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace! to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name. sings mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace. the mourn - ful, bro-ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,O fallen human race!Look and be saved through faith alone,be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

#### **Dismissal**

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

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#### AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00...

Pastor: Pastor Jen Herrmann

Lectors: Erica Miller

Usher: Rex & Brad Stierhoff

At 10:30...

Pastor: Pastor Jen Herrmann

Lectors: Cathy Wobser

Usher: Charles Howard & Bill Bertsch

August Altar Care: Cathy Wobser & Candy Beatty

#### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

To families and first responders affected by Hurricane Erin; FAITH members, including, Patsy Troike; the firefighters and emergency medical personnel of the greater Sandusky area; the people of St. John, Union Corners and their pastor, Stacy Lauer-Scovanner.

#### Pastor Jen can be contacted at 419-822-7630 or 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 17th 54 + 32 = 86

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by Carrie Killingsworth in honor of Larry Wiedenheft's birthday on 8/25, from his family.

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS: General Fund --** \$3,955.00 **Building Improvements --** \$155.00

## **This Week at Trinity**

TODAY Service of Word & Prayer 8:00 am & 10:30 am

WEDNESDAY AA/NA Women Only 9:00 am

"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.) 7:00 pm

FRIDAY Secretary Stephanie out of office

SATURDAY "We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.) 11:00 am

SUNDAY Service of Word & Prayer 8:00 am & 10:30 am

**The goal has been met** for all items in the Lutheran World Relief Kits. The collection will continue until **next Sunday**. Your help is also needed on September 7<sup>th</sup> to assemble kits.

SoapGoal: 300Collected: 409Fingernail clippersGoal: 100Collected: 165Towels:Goal: 100Collected: 105

2026 will be the **100**<sup>th</sup> **anniversary** of Trinity! If you're interested in planning for a celebration, please contact Pastor Jen.

