



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran
Church

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Sunday, August 31, 2025
Twelfth 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.**

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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.**

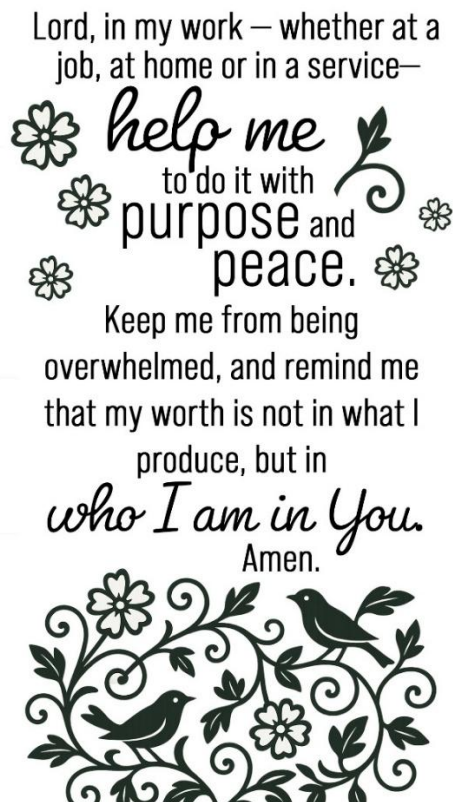
If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord, **and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**

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

Prayer of the Day

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of 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, measures 1-11. 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. 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, measures 12-27. 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: Proverbs 25:6-7a

- ⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,
^{7a} for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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

Psalm: Psalm 112

- ¹ **Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!**
² Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
³ **Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.**
⁴ Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
⁵ **It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.**
⁶ For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
⁷ **They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.**
⁸ Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire up on their enemies.
⁹ **They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast
forever; they will hold up their head with honor.**
¹⁰ The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine
away; the desires of the wicked will perish.

Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

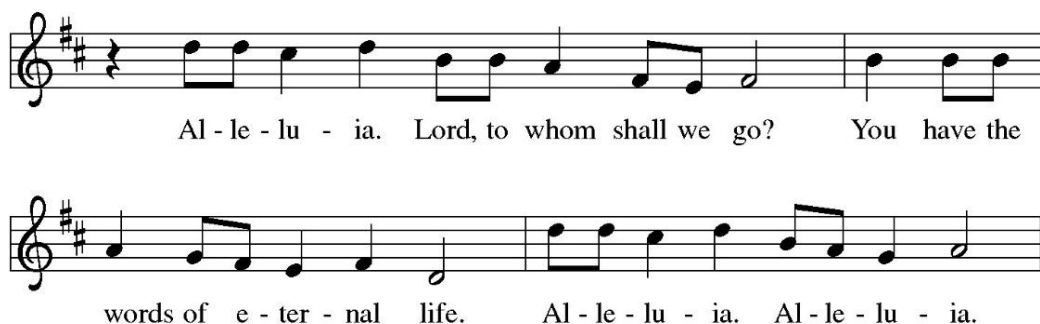
- ¹ Let mutual affection continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers,
for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember
those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are
being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be
held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge
the sexually immoral and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of
money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never
leave you or forsake you."

⁶ So we can say with confidence,
“The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.
What can anyone do to me?”

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him,
“When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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

Children's Message

Sermon

Pastor Jen Herrmann

Hymn of the Day: **As We Gather at the Table**

No. 522

As We Gather at Your Table



1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um-phantly Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

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

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

For the leaders of the church, we pray. Inspire deacons, pastors, Sunday school teachers, and Christian education directors with a passion for speaking the word of God. Equip all the baptized to share your word of grace. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

For the well-being of creation, we pray. Sustain farm workers and all who labor in fields and vineyards to grow the food we eat. Revive plains and pastures, and provide for the cattle and creatures who rely on the land for their sustenance. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For the leaders of towns, cities, provinces, states, and nations we pray. Guide them to enact equitable laws and policies for all. On this Labor Day weekend, make us mindful of workers whose labor often goes unnoticed. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

For the lowly and those who are ignored, we pray. Provide for the needs of vulnerable communities, those who are unemployed, burdened by debt, or struggle to make ends meet. Accompany all who need reassurance of your loving presence. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For the hospitality ministries of this congregation, we pray. Give ushers and greeters a spirit of welcome for visitors, and bless the work of those who feed and nourish us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For all the saints who from their labors rest, we give thanks. With them, we offer our sacrifice of praise to you, O God, the same yesterday and today and forever. 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: O Christ the Same

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O Christ the Same

1 O Christ the same, through all our sto-ry's pag-es—
 2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin-ners, shar-ing
 3 O Christ the same, se-cure with-in whose keep-ing

our loves and hopes, our fail-ures and our fears;
 our in-most thoughts, the se-crets none can hide;
 our lives and loves, our days and years re-main;

e-ter-nal Lord, the king of all the a-ges,
 still as of old up-on your bod-y bear-ing
 our work and rest, our wak-ing and our sleep-ing,

un-chang-ing still a-mid the pass-ing years:
 the marks of love in tri-umph glo-ri-fied:
 our calm and storm, our plea-sure and our pain:

O liv-ing Word, the source of all cre-a-tion,
 O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav-en—
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor-rows,

who spread the skies and set the stars a-blaze;
 O Prince of life, in all your sav-ing power;
 for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal-va-tion,
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv-en:
 O Christ the same, be-yond our brief to-mor-rows,

we bring our thanks for all our yes-ter-days.
 we bring our thanks for this the pres-ent hour.
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

Dismissal

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

AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00...

Pastor:	Pastor Jen Herrmann
Lectors:	Guy Miller
Usher:	Rex & Brad Stierhoff
Acolyte:	Emma Killingsworth

At 10:30...

Pastor:	Pastor Jen Herrmann
Lectors:	Gayle Thompson
Usher:	Charles Howard & Bill Bertsch
Acolyte:	Natalie Thompson

August Altar Care: Cathy Wobser & Candy Beatty

PRAYER CONCERNS

To families and first responders affected by the Annunciation Catholic Church shooting in Minneapolis ; FAITH members, including, Patty Swartz; the NA and AA members that meet at Trinity; the people of Zion, Sandusky and their pastor Mike Conklin.

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 24th $46 + 21 = 67$

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Bonnie Lieb

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS:

General Fund -- \$5117.00

Building Improvements -- \$165.00



This Week at Trinity

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

MONDAY **OFFICE CLOSED – LABOR DAY**



WEDNESDAY AA/NA Women Only 9:00 am

"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.) 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 **Free Community Dinner** is **Wednesday, September 10th 5-6pm**. The menu is grilled chicken sandwich, coleslaw, baked beans & dessert. Delivery is available for shut-ins; call 419-357-3672 to schedule.

The goal has been met for all items in the Lutheran World Relief Kits. **TODAY** is the last day for collection. Your help is needed on September 7th to assemble kits.

Soap	Goal: 300	Collected: 533
Fingernail clippers	Goal: 100	Collected: 165
Towels:	Goal: 100	Collected: 119

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

