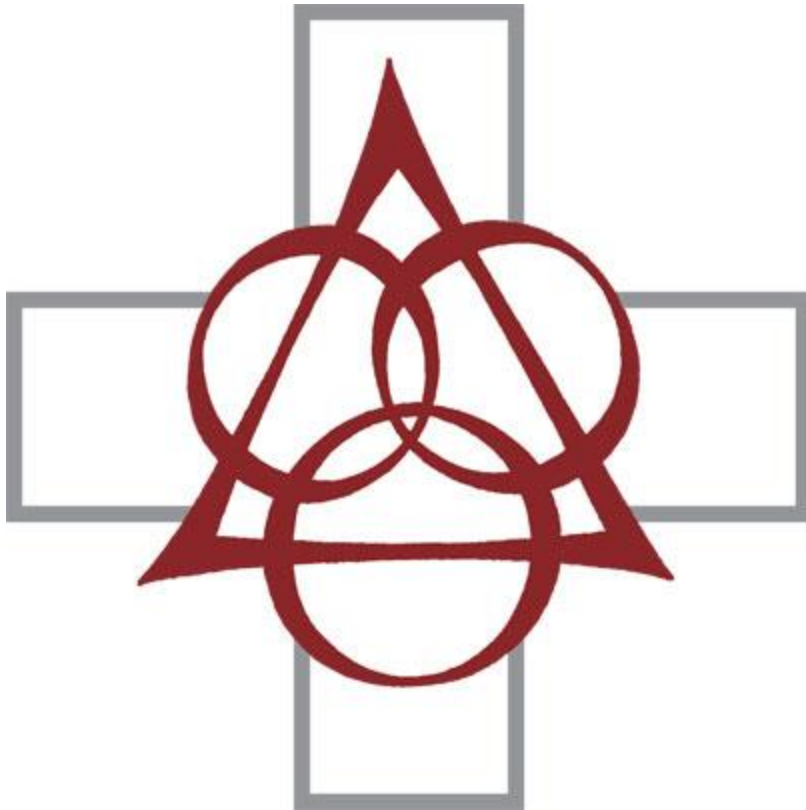


# Trinity Lutheran Church

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***Proclaiming, Teaching and Living the Gospel of Christ!***



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***The Eighth Sunday after Trinity***

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**August 9 & 10, 2025**



## Welcome, children of our Heavenly Father!

*I Cor.10:16 calls our eating and drinking of the sacramental bread and wine an actual sharing in the body and blood of Christ. As we share this gift of the Savior, we also seek to be faithful to the confession of the Apostles' Doctrine, which Scripture says was shared by those who received the sacrament together. For this reason, **guests** who desire to commune are kindly asked to speak to the pastor or an elder.*



***In our prayers:*** Judy Bankey (*friend of Deb & Kim Weerts*), Evelyn Bauer, Missy Behrends (*cousin of Deb Chmielowiec*), Doris Benjamin (*mother of Jane*), Lois Brenneisen, Sarah C. (*requested by a friend of Sharon Dummer*), Benny Cruse (*grandson of Donna Ohrt*), Andrea Dewez (*friend of Sharon Dummer*), JoAnn Dickman, Violetta Donovan, Naomi Freeman (*dear friend of the Hart/Shute families*), Heidi Gallegos (*niece of Gloria Graham*), Rebecca Graham (*mother-in-law of Gloria*), William Graham (*husband of Gloria*), Richard Hall (*nephew of Sharon Dummer*), Jeff & Jamie Jones (*friends of Kamber Johnston*), Michelle Kooy, Gerald Kroesch, Myra Jean Kroll (*close friend of Emma Kruse*), Don LaChappell, Marge (*friend of Norma Bell*), Bonnie Matherly, Teddy Mazor, (*husband of Tammy, a co-worker of Joe Hart*), Donna Ohrt, Marilyn Ohrt (*friend of Deb Chmielowiec*), Caleb Outerbridge, Brian Plenert (*son-in-law of Don & Joanne LaChappell*), Melissa Plugge (*friend of Tina Varvel*), Edith Schwark, Stan Schwark, Val Smith (*friend of Rachel Taube*), Don Thomas (*nephew of Mike & Frosty Thomas*), Willy Van Wassenhove, Jason Warpet (*cousin of Deb Chmielowiec*), and Lorraine Whitwell.

*For all those that our Savior knows are in need, and those we name privately before our Lord.*

### + ORDER OF WORSHIP—DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE—LSB 151 + + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

#### Hymn of Invocation: Preach You the Word

LSB 586

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our

**whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

**Introit** (*Spoken responsively ½ verse by ½ verse*) *Psalm 48:1, 3, 11, 14; antiphon: vv. 9–10*

We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,

**in the midst of your temple.**

As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.

**Your right hand is filled with righteousness.**

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised

**in the city of our God, his holy mountain.**

Within her citadels

**God has made himself known as a fortress.**

Let Mount Zion be glad!

**Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!**

This is God, our God forever and ever.

**He will guide us forever.**

**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.**

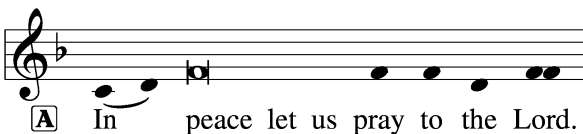
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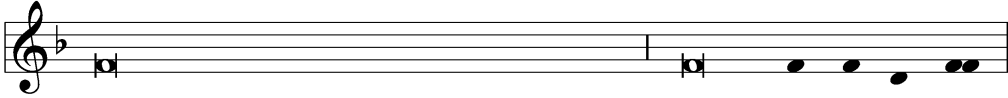
**Your right hand is filled with righteousness.**

**Kyrie**





**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



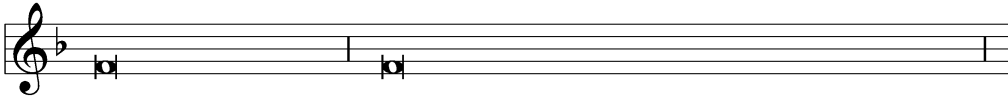
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



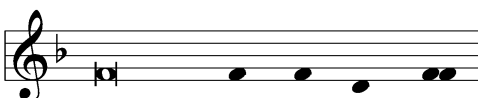
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



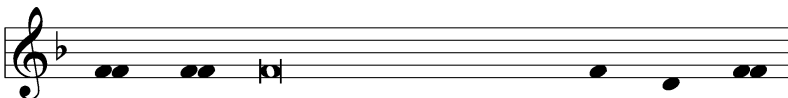
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**G** A - men.

## This Is the Feast



**G** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may be enabled by You to live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 23:16–29*

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>17</sup>They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

<sup>18</sup>For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD  
to see and to hear his word,  
or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

<sup>19</sup>Behold, the storm of the LORD!  
Wrath has gone forth,  
a whirling tempest;  
it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

<sup>20</sup>The anger of the LORD will not turn back  
until he has executed and accomplished  
the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

<sup>21</sup>“I did not send the prophets,  
yet they ran;  
I did not speak to them,

yet they prophesied.  
<sup>22</sup>But if they had stood in my council,  
then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,  
and they would have turned them from their evil way,  
and from the evil of their deeds.

<sup>23</sup>“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? <sup>24</sup>Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ <sup>26</sup>How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, <sup>27</sup>who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual** (*Spoken responsively ½ verse by ½ verse*)

*Psalms 31:2b, 1a*

Be a rock of refuge for me,  
**a strong fortress to save me!**  
In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;  
**let me never be put to shame.**

**Epistle**

*Romans 8:12–17*

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

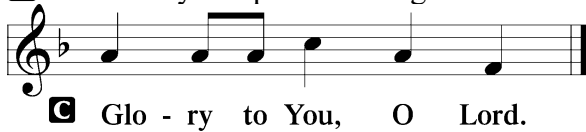


**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 7:15–23*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventh chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>15</sup>[Jesus said:] “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup>You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup>So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup>A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup>Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup>Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

<sup>21</sup>“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>22</sup>On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ <sup>23</sup>And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day: In God, My Faithful God**

*LSB 745*

**Sermon**

*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  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church


*After each petition*

**P** ...let us pray to the Lord:


**C** Lord, have mercy.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

## Preface

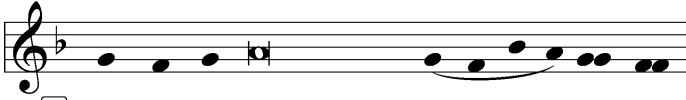
  
**P** The Lord be with you.

  
**C** And al - so with you.

  
**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, 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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

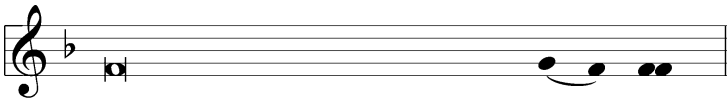
**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✝}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✝}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

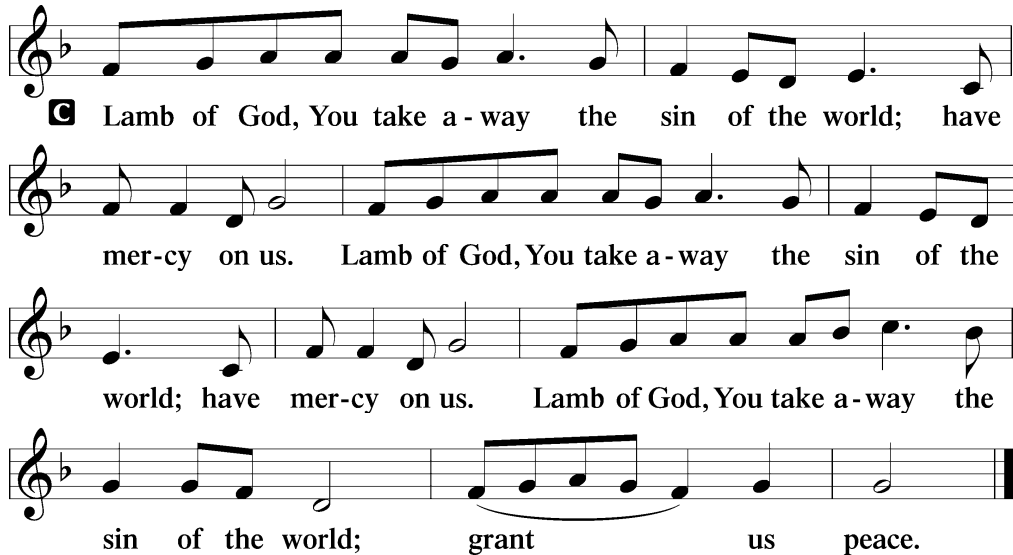


**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei



☐ Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Sit*

## Distribution

**Distribution Hymn: Jesus Loves Me**

*LSB 588*

**Distribution Hymn: Thy Strong Word**

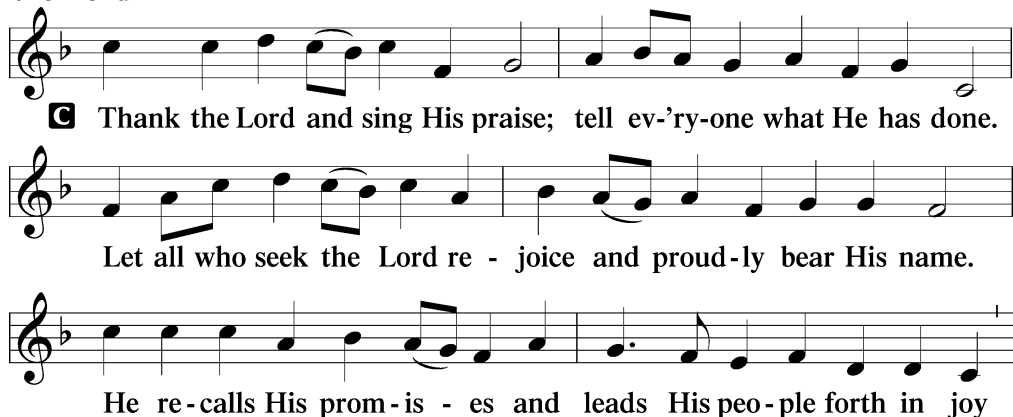
*LSB 578*

**Distribution Hymn: If Your Beloved Son, O God**

*LSB 568*

*Stand*

## Thank the Lord



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.  
He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



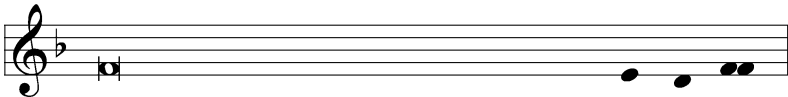
### Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

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.



### Benediction



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



### Hymn to Depart: Go, My Children, with My Blessing

*LSB 922*

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## ***In Response to our Savior's Love***

Date/Weekend:	Sat.	Sun.	Total	Offerings:	Operating	Missions	All Other Funds
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	41	61	102		\$3,156.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 140.00
August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	42	55	97		\$3,386.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 45.00
Bible Study	7	16	23				

Average amount needed weekly to meet current Operating expenses \$ 5,950.00

Average amount needed weekly to meet current Mission commitments \$ 692.00

*Complete financial reports are given at Quarterly Voters' Meetings usually held on the third Sundays of January, April, July, and October. **Please contact Diane in the church office if you need to pick up your 2025 envelopes, have offering envelopes issued or wish to be removed from the offering envelope list.***

**LCMS Stewardship Ministry Stewardship Thoughts** August 10 – Trinity 8

**Matthew 7:17 – “So, every healthy tree bears good fruit.”** As fruit follows from a good tree, so our good works flow from the cleansing the Lord has given us in Holy Baptism. In Baptism we have a new identity — we are the “new man in Christ” as St. Paul says. Of course, on this side of glory we still have the world, the devil and the flesh to wrestle with. That means that our growth in sanctification is a struggle. So if it's sometimes a struggle for you to be generous — don't give up! Keep fighting the good fight of faith, trusting in your Lord and His provision.

## ***Announcements***

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Don & Joanne LaChappell on the occasion of their great-granddaughter Seraphina's 1<sup>st</sup> birthday.

**We will hold a worship service at Villas at Herscher** Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm.

**The Church Council** will meet Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

### **August Trini-Teen “Takeover” Night**

Our first ever “Trini-Teen Takeover” Night will be Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. Join us in Trini-Teen HQ (aka the church basement) for games, snacks, and our first-ever community project! Questions about the Takeover Night or joining the Trini-Teens can be directed to Caleb Dehning.

### **Get Ready For Ringin' and Singin'!**

The first rehearsal for Trinity's music groups will be Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>! Handbells will be at 6PM, and the Adult Choir will meet at 7PM. New members are always welcome! See Caleb Dehning for any questions.

**Confirmation Class Forming:** Confirmation Classes will begin again this fall after Labor Day. Remember that Pastor Brown does not put a specific year or age on Confirmation. Rather, if you think your child is mature enough to take their place with the adults of the congregation, then they are welcome to join the Confirmation Class. Also, parents are welcome to sit in (Pastor Brown tries to get at least one adult to sit in).

Class day/time to be decided. It will be one of the following: Sundays immediately after Sunday School; Sundays at 1:00pm; Wednesdays after school. This is why it's important to get your kids' names into Pastor Brown soon, so scheduling may be set up.



**College/Service Addresses:** If you have not already done so, please submit your (your child's) college/service address to the church office. We like to keep in touch and Martha Circle arranges to send them a goodie box late in the fall. Thank you! :) )

**Driver with truck needed please for Labor Day Parade:** We are looking for a volunteer to pull the float this year. Please let the Council or Jane Benjamin know if you have a truck and would be willing to pull the float. We will also need decorators on Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup> after 10:30am. Walkers are welcome to join the parade and pass out candy to the children along the route.

**Parade Candy Donations:** We are asking for donations of small wrapped non-melting candy for the parade. There is a bin in the Parish Hall for your donations. Thank you in advance!



**LWR School Supplies:** We continue to collect school supplies for the LWR School bags. The list of needed items is in the Parish Hall and in the newsletter. Thank you for your donations.

**Books for Prairieview:** We are collecting books for the book sale at the Fall Festival. There is a bin in the Parish Hall for your donations. Thank you in advance!

**Prairieview Lutheran Home Community Enrichment Project:** *See the flyer in the Parish Hall and/or Trinity's August newsletter for more information.*

For more information, and to find out how you can contribute to our fundraising efforts, contact Prairieview at 815-269-2970 or email [jlauritson@prarieviewlutheran.com](mailto:jlauritson@prarieviewlutheran.com)

## ***This week at Trinity Lutheran Church***

Sunday 8/10	8:30am	<b><i>Worship with Holy Communion</i></b>
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study
Monday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
	2:00pm	Villas at Herscher Service
Tuesday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
	7:00pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
Thursday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
Friday		
Saturday	4:00pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00pm	<b><i>Worship with Holy Communion</i></b>
Sunday 8/17	8:30am	<b><i>Worship with Holy Communion</i></b>
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study

## ***Serving the Lord Today***

*Pastor: Rev. Eric J. Brown*

*Kantor: Caleb Dehning*

*Elder/Communion:*

*Jerry Brutlag (Sat.)*

*Joe Hart (Sun.)*

*Next Week:*

*Kevin Kruse (Sat.)*

*Al Janssen (Sun.)*

*Usher Captain:*

*Van Schwark (Sat.)*

*Bill Orr (Sun.)*

*Altar Guild:*

*Barb Kruse & Judy Sharper*