

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Proclaiming, Teaching and Living the Gospel of Christ!



“YOU CANNOT SERVE
GOD AND MONEY.”

LUKE 16:13, ESV

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

August 1 & 2, 2026



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: Audrey (*Grandmother of Samantha Dehning*), Evelyn Bauer, Doris Benjamin (*mother of Jane*), Lois Brenneisen, Sarah C. (*requested by a friend of Sharon Dummer*), Sue & John Cornett (*sister and brother-in-law of Joanne LaChappell*), Benny Cruse (*grandson of Donna Ohrt*), Andrea Dewez (*friend of Sharon Dummer*), JoAnn Dickman, Violetta Donovan, Jackie Eberle, Karen & John Eberhardt (*sister and brother-in-law of Barbara Schwark*), Donald Fehrenbacher (*father of Ashley Evans*), Heidi Gallegos (*niece of Gloria Graham*), Rebecca Graham (*mother-in-law of Gloria*), William Graham (*husband of Gloria*), JD Hall, Richard Hall (*nephew of Sharon Dummer*), Mandy Hines (*niece of Sharon Dummer*), Scott Horsch (*friend of Jeanette Pfeifer*), Jason (*nephew of Michelle Hinich*), Jeff Jones, Jamie Jones (*friends of Kamber Johnston*), Kellen (*family friend of Ryan & Jessica Kruse*), Peter Kelly (*friend of the Chmielowiec's*), Delwin & Frances Kilgo (*family of the Hart, Pfeifer, & Shute's*), Brent Klockenga (*cousin of Heather Thurston, nephew of Nancy Snedecor*), Michelle Kooy, Gerald Kroesch, Myra Jean Kroll (*close friend of Emma Kruse*), Marge (*friend of Norma Bell*), Brandon Malone, Bonnie Matherly, Barbara, Jean, Mary (*daughters of Marianne Mau*), Les Naese (*father-in-law of Brian Malone, Jr.*), Donna Ohrt, Caleb Outerbridge, Jeanette Pfeifer, Brian Plenert (*son-in-law of Don & Joanne LaChappell*), Melissa Plugge (*friend of Tina Varvel*), Rita Ptacek (*sister of Barbara Schwark*), Kevin Schaumburg, Justine & Greg Schultz (*cousins of Sharon Dumer*), Jason Warpet (*cousin of Deb Chmielowiec*), Lorraine Whitwell, Nicole Windsor (*friend of Rachel Taube*), and Jared Zimmerman (*son-in-law of Douglas & Tammy Gray*).
For all those that our Savior knows are in need, and those we name privately before our Lord.

+ ORDER OF WORSHIP—DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE—LSB 184 + + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

Hymn of Invocation: Today Your Mercy Calls Us

LSB 915

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 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.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

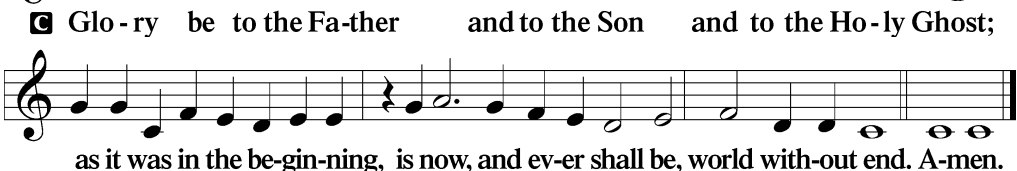
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** 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 Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

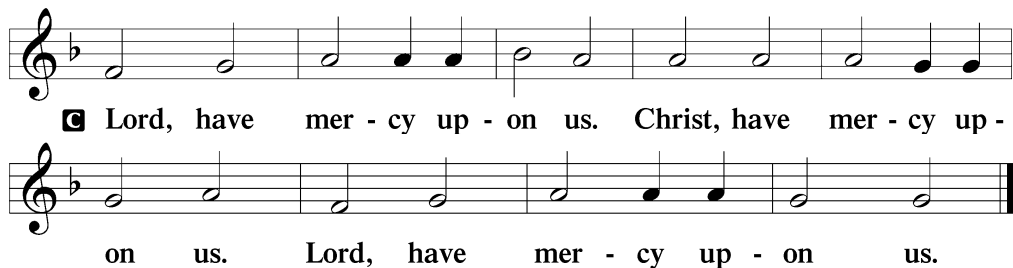
+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit (*Spoken responsively ½ verse by ½ verse*) *Psalm 54:1–3, 7; antiphon: vv. 4–5*

Behold, God is my helper;
the Lord is the upholder of my life.
He will return the evil to my enemies;
in your faithfulness put an end to them.
O God, save me, by your name,
and vindicate me by your might.
O God, hear my prayer;
give ear to the words of my mouth.
For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life;
they do not set God before themselves.
For he has delivered me from every trouble,
and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.
Behold, God is my helper;
the Lord is the upholder of my life.
He will return the evil to my enemies;
in your faithfulness put an end to them.



Kyrie

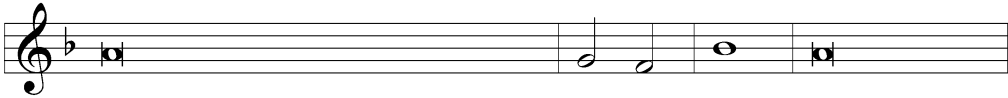


C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis



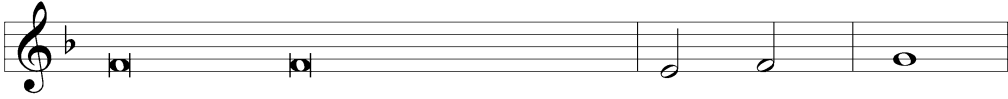
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord 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



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir-it.



P Let us pray.

P Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You; 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

2 Samuel 22:26-34

²⁶“With the merciful you show yourself merciful;
with the blameless man you show yourself blameless;

²⁷with the purified you deal purely,
 and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous.
²⁸You save a humble people,
 but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down.
²⁹For you are my lamp, O LORD,
 and my God lightens my darkness.
³⁰For by you I can run against a troop,
 and by my God I can leap over a wall.
³¹This God—his way is perfect;
 the word of the LORD proves true;
 he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.

³²“For who is God, but the LORD?
 And who is a rock, except our God?
³³This God is my strong refuge
 and has made my way blameless.
³⁴He made my feet like the feet of a deer
 and set me secure on the heights.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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

Psalm 8:1

O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
 You have set your glory
above the heavens.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 10:6–13

⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your

ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 16:1–13

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ ³And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ ⁷Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: What Is the World to Me

LSB 730

Sermon

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand

Apostles' Creed

LSB back inside cover

Offertory



C 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

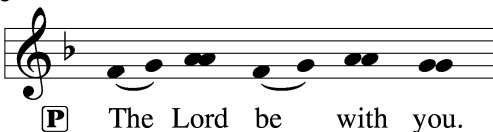
After each petition

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

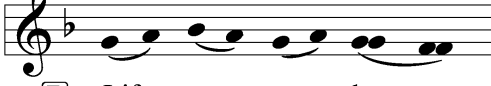
Preface



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

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 saying:

Sanctus



C 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.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



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

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 ✠ 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 ✠ 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

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
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord	<i>LSB 637</i>
Distribution Hymn: Jesus, Priceless Treasure	<i>LSB 743</i>
Distribution Hymn: Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me	<i>LSB 761</i>

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

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

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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.

C A - men.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

Two staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains two measures of whole notes: G4 and A4. The second staff contains two measures of whole notes: B4 and C5, followed by a double bar line. Lyrics are placed below the notes.

A Bless we the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains two measures of whole notes: G4 and A4. The second staff contains two measures of whole notes: B4 and C5, followed by a double bar line. The third staff contains two measures of whole notes: G4 and A4. The fourth staff contains two measures of whole notes: B4 and C5, followed by a double bar line. Lyrics are placed below the notes.

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make

His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.

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

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

Hymn to Depart: My Soul Rejoices

LSB 933

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Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

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In Response to our Savior's Love

Date/Weekend:	Sat.	Sun.	Total	Offerings:	Operating	Missions	All Other Funds
July 19 th	35	80	115		\$ 3,141.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 40.00
July 26 th	34	70	104		\$ 3,262.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 140.00
Summer Sunday School			8		\$ 0.00		
Bible Study	5	20	25				

Average amount needed weekly to meet current Operating expenses \$ 6,030.00

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.

Offerings may be placed in the plate on the stand at the back of the sanctuary, or given online at trinitylutheranherscher.org, with this QR code, the link on the UCD Photo Directory App, or text "TRINITYHERSCHER" to 73256 (Standard text message and data rates may apply.) *Please contact Diane in the church office if you need to pick up your 2026 envelopes, have offering envelopes issued or wish to be removed from the offering envelope list.*



LCMS Stewardship Ministry Stewardship Thoughts - August 2 – Ninth Sunday After Trinity
Luke 16:8 – “For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.” Money is a tool that can be used for good or wicked purposes. Oftentimes unbelievers show more shrewdness in this than us Christians. If we really believe all that stuff we say in the Creed every Sunday...won't that affect how we use our money?

Announcements

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by the Altar Guild.

The Board of Education will meet this Sunday, August 2nd at 10:30am.

Trinity's Quilting/Sewing Group will meet Tuesday, August 4th from 10:30am-3:30pm to tie quilts. Come when you can, stay as long as you like! We will have pizza for lunch.

Martha Circle will meet Friday, August 7th at 8:30am at the Herscher Restaurant.



Trini-Teens: The Youth Group and their families are invited to a bonfire Friday, August 14th from 6:00 to 9:00pm at the Shute residence! S'mores and other snacks will be provided. See Caleb for the address or if you have any questions!

LWR School Supply Donations: There is a bin in the Parish Hall for your donations. Copies of the supply list are available on the table. School bags will be packed on Rally Day, Sunday, September 13th. Thank you!

Operation Christmas Child (Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Ministry): Hannah Circle & Martha Circle are collecting items for the Shoe Box Ministry through September. There are lists of suggested items on the table in the Parish Hall and there is a basket under the table for your donations. Thank you in advance.

Prairieview: We are looking for volunteers to help us with our August Walmart Trip this month. The trip will be Tuesday, August 25th. The bus will load at Prairieview between 1:30-1:45pm, and then leave for the Watseka Walmart at 2:00pm. We would need volunteers that could meet us at Walmart around 2:30pm and assist residents with their shopping. We are also planning to take the residents on a Fishing Trip this month, and could use a few volunteers to help us out. The trips will be Wednesday, August 5th, with the bus loading at Prairieview at 1:15 - 2:00pm, and arriving at the lake location by 2:15pm. If you are interested, please call us at (815) 269-2970. Let me know if you have any questions!
Best, *Jared Lauritson*

This week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday 08/02	8:30am	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	Board of Education Meeting
Monday	8:00am	Devotions on Facebook Live
Tuesday	8:00am	Devotions on Facebook Live
	10:30am-3:30pm	Quilt Tying/Sewing Group
Wednesday	8:00am	Devotions on Facebook Live
Thursday	8:00am	Devotions on Facebook Live
Friday	8:30am	Martha Circle @ Herscher Restaurant
Saturday	4:00pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00pm	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
Sunday 08/09	8:30am	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
	9:30am	Adult Bible Study

Serving the Lord Today

Pastor: Rev. Eric J. Brown

Kantor: Caleb Dehning

Elder/Communion:

Mike Bruner (Sat.)
Jeremy Thurston (Sun.)

Next Week:

Stan Schwark (Sat.)
John Varvel (Sun.)

Usher Captain:

Gerald Brutlag (Sat.)
Brian Noffke (Sun.)

Altar Guild:

Barb Kruse & Judy Sharper