

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Proclaiming, Teaching and Living the Gospel of Christ!



The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

September 16 & 17, 2023



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: Benny (grandson of Donna Ohrt), Karyn (of Karyn's Floral), Yvonne (friend of Jean Janssen), Sandy Anderson, Evelyn Bauer, Doris Benjamin (mother of Jane), Kathy Berger, Lois Brenneisen, Cyndy Clapp, JoAnn Dickman, Margie Dominick, Violetta Donovan, Amy DuMontelle (friend of Deb Chmielowiec), Delbert Dummer (brother of Sharon), Diane Hart, Glen Hoffman (husband of Cassandra), Mike Isit (coworker of Joe Hart), Gale Jensen (neighbor of Snedecor's), Paul Johnson, Jeff & Jamie Jones (friends of Kamber Johnston), Gerald Kroesch, Darcy Lind (friend of Norma Bell), Lisa Lorang (granddaughter of Vinita Brutlag), Amanda Malone, Jean Mau, Lynne Noffke, Tammie O'Connell (mother of Eric Meredith), Donna Ohrt, Roger Phillips, Audrey Ruettger (mother of Lynne Noffke), Jeff Schultz (brother of Deb Chmielowiec), Justine Schultz (niece of Deb Chmielowiec), Rodney Schwark, Charlie Sherrill (father of Cristin Kersten), Alta Sorenson, Butch Sorenson, Chris Tanner & September (nephew & his fiancée of Nancy Varboncoeur), Sheri Thompson (aunt of Eric Meredith), Chip Thurston, Maritta Tolmer, Jason Warpet (cousin of Deb Chmielowiec), Lorraine Whitwell, Donna Witheft.

For the family and friends of Joyce Kibbons (sister of Barb Kruse), and Charlotte Wolter that they may be filled with the hope of the resurrection in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

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

+ ORDER OF WORSHIP—DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR—LSB 203 +

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

Hymn of Invocation: With the Lord Begin Your Task

LSB 869

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] Our help is in the name of the Lord,

[C] **who made heaven and earth.**

[P] If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

[C] **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

[L] I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

- C** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.
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- C** Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit (*Spoken responsively 1/2 verse by 1/2 verse*) Psalm 86:4, 6, 15a, 16; antiphon: vv. 1a, 2b, 3

Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.
 Be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you do I cry all the day.
 Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
listen to my plea for grace.
 But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious;
turn to me and be gracious to me;
 give your strength to your servant,
and save the son of your maidservant.
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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Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 17:8–16

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], ⁹“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me

a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” ¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” ¹³And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” ¹⁵And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Galatians 5:25—6:10

²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

¹Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

²Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor.

⁵For each will have to bear his own load.

⁶One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches.

⁷Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

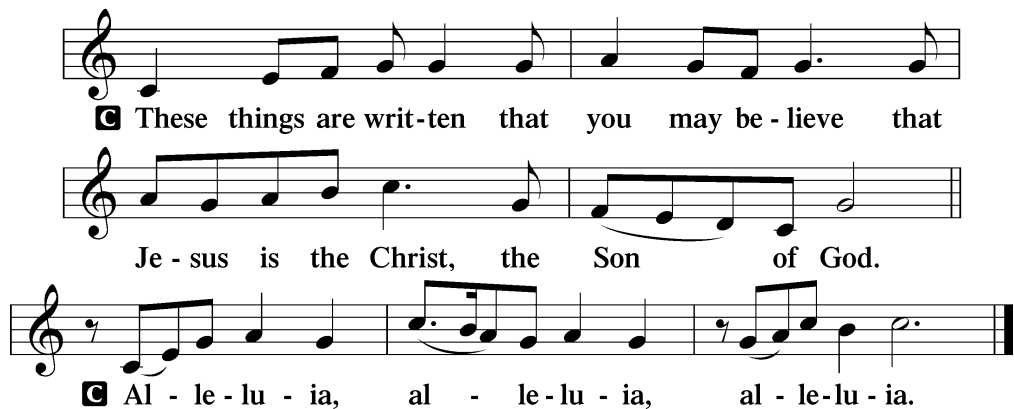
C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



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



Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:24–34

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁴[Jesus said:] “No one 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.

²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³²For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

³⁴“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

Hymn of the Day: Jesus Loves Me

LSB 588

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

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Installation of Sunday School Teachers (*Sunday*)

Prayer of the Church

After each petition

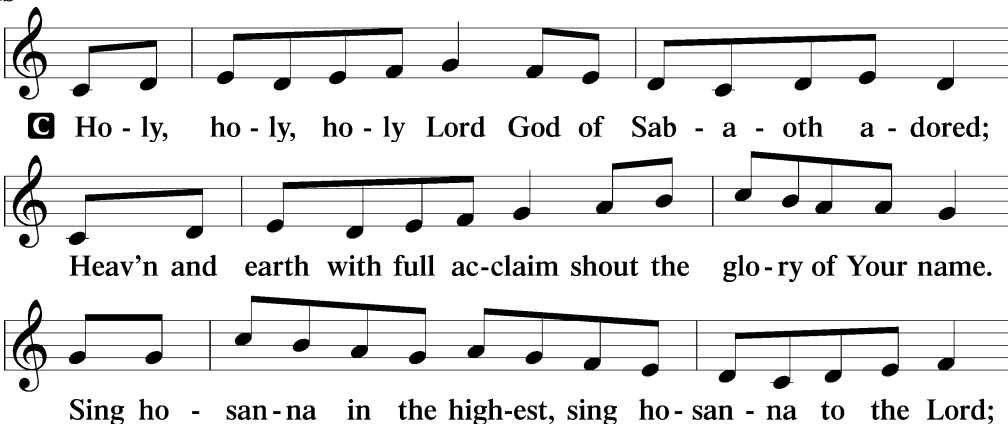
- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also 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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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 a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

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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."

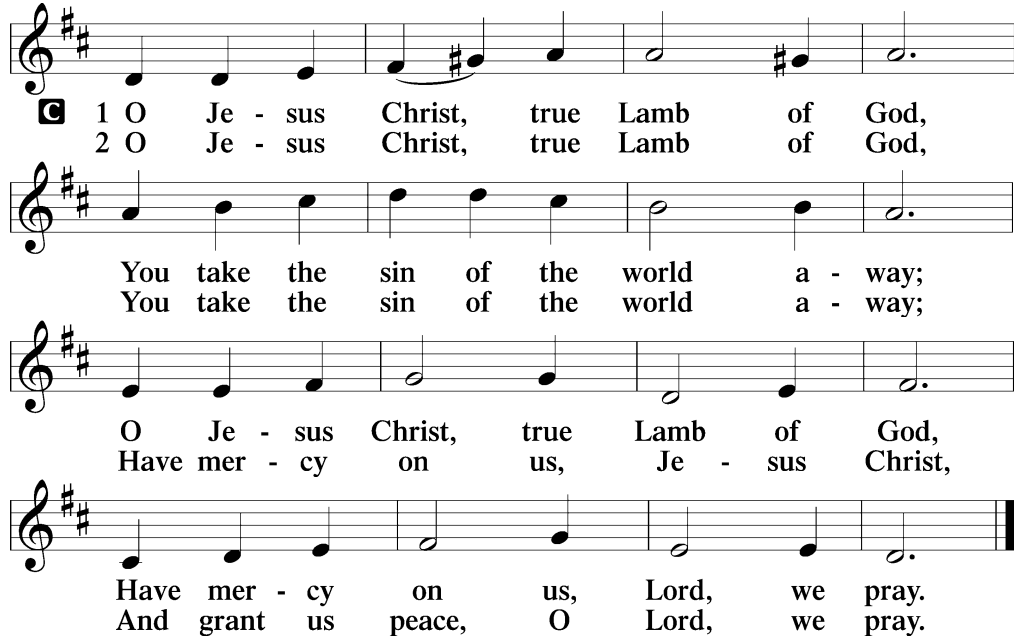
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true us, Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: Children of the Heavenly Father

LSB 725

Distribution Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LSB 790

Distribution Hymn: I Know That My Redeemer Lives

LSB 461

Stand

Nunc Dimittis



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

C Amen.

Hymn to Depart: Take My Life and Let It Be

LSB 783

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Divine Service, Setting Four 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
September 3 rd	52	54	106	\$ 3,992.00	\$ 345.00	\$ 70.00
September 10 th	35	101	136	\$ 5,196.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 85.00
Sunday School			42	\$ 33.00		
Bible Study	7	23	30			
Average amount needed weekly to meet current Operating expenses						\$ 5,721.00
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 offering envelopes, have offering envelopes issued or wish to be removed from the offering envelope list.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry Stewardship Thoughts - September 17 – Trinity 15
Matthew 6:25 – “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on.” Our anxieties and fears all come down to one thing: worrying that we will not have what we think we need. But God is our loving heavenly Father. He will always care for us, His will is always best, and He actually knows what we actually need. That confidence should set us free from worry and make us free for service according to the callings God has given us.

Announcements

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Jeremy & Heather Thurston on the occasion of their 20th anniversary.

Installation of Sunday School teachers will take place this Sunday during the 8:30am service.

Youth Confirmation class begins this Sunday, September 17 at 2:00pm.

The Altar Guild will meet Wednesday, September 20th at 5:00pm.

October Newsletter items are due in the church office Thursday, September 21st by 9:00am. Please and thanks!

College Addresses-New and Existing-Home or away: Please submit your (your child's) current college address (2023-24) to the church office as soon as possible. We would like to keep in touch with the students as well as send fall goody boxes to them organized by our Martha Circle group. At this writing, we have received two addresses.

Trinity People Directory: A current directory is being compiled. Please let Diane in the office know if there are any changes/additions/corrections since February 2023 to you or your family's information by Sunday, October 1st. Thank you!

This week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday 9/17	8:30am	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
	9:30am	Sunday School & High School Bible Study
	9:45am	Bible Study
	2:00pm	Confirmation
Monday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
Tuesday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
Wednesday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
	8:00am	Little Lambs Picture Day
	5:30pm	Children's Music Rehearsal
	6:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal
Thursday	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
	8:00am	Little Lambs Picture Day
	9:00am	October Newsletter Deadline
Friday		
Saturday	4:00pm	Bible Study
	5:00pm	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
Sunday 9/24	8:30am	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
	9:30am	Sunday School & High School Bible Study
	9:45am	Bible Study
	2:00pm	Confirmation
	5:00pm	Herscher Hustlers 4-H

Serving the Lord today: Pastor: Rev. Eric Brown

Cantor: Paul Johnson

Elder/Communion:

Alan Janssen (Sat.)

Chip Thurston (Sun.)

Next Week:

Kevin Kruse (Sat.)

Kim Weerts (Sun.)

Usher Captain:

Gerald Kruse (Sat.)

Dan Shute (Sun.)

Altar Guild:

Donette Meyer & Donna Sharper