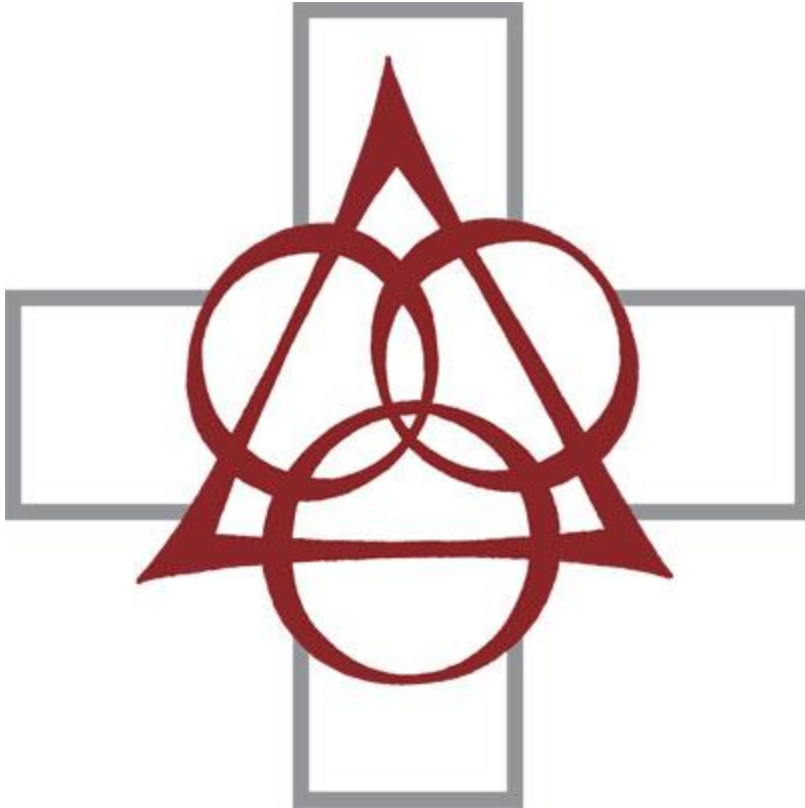


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Proclaiming, Teaching and Living the Gospel of Christ!



The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

July 20 & 21, 2024



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), Yvonne (friend of Jean Janssen), Evelyn Bauer, Missy Behrends (cousin of Deb Chmielowiec), Doris Benjamin (mother of Jane), Bernell Bohlmann, Lois Brenneisen, Cyndy Clapp, JoAnn Dickman, Margie Dominick, Violetta Donovan, Amy DuMontelle (friend of Deb Chmielowiec), Delbert Dummer (brother of Sharon), Bob English (father of Samantha Dehning), Wayne Golding (brother-in-law of Sharon Dummer), Glen Hoffman (husband of Cassandra), Paul Johnson, Jeff & Jamie Jones (friends of Kamber Johnston), Tiffany Jubin (close co-worker of Emma Kruse), Kurt Kaun (boyfriend of Carrie Kruse), Gerald Kroesch, Darcy Lind (friend of Norma Bell), Lisa Lorang (granddaughter of Vinita Brutlag), Bonnie Matherly, Jean Mau, Les Naese (father-in-law of Brian Malone Jr.), Tammie O'Connell (mother of Eric Meredith), Donna Ohrt, Roger Phillips, Brian Plenert (son-in-law of Don & Joanne LaChappell), Denise Plenert (daughter of Don & Joanne LaChappell), Audrey Ruetter (mother of Lynne Noffke), Rodney Schwark, Butch Sorenson, Chris Tanner (nephew of Nancy Varboncoeur), Mike Thomas, Sheri Thompson (aunt of Eric Meredith), Maritta Tolmer, Jason Warpet (cousin of Deb Chmielowiec), Lorraine Whitwell, and Donna Witheft. 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: 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** 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

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.

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 Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 23:16–29

¹⁶Thus 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. ¹⁷They 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.'"

¹⁸For 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?

¹⁹Behold, the storm of the LORD!

Wrath has gone forth,

a whirling tempest;

it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

²⁰The 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.

²¹“I did not send the prophets,

yet they ran;

I did not speak to them,

yet they prophesied.

²²But 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.

²³“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? ²⁴Can 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. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ ²⁶How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who 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? ²⁸Let 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. ²⁹Is 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

Psalm 31:2b, 1a

A Be a rock of refuge for me,

C a strong fortress to save me!

A In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;

C let me never be put to shame.

Epistle

Romans 8:12–17

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For 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. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For 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!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and 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, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, 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 Glory to You, O Lord.

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

²¹“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. ²²On 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?’ ²³And 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

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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

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

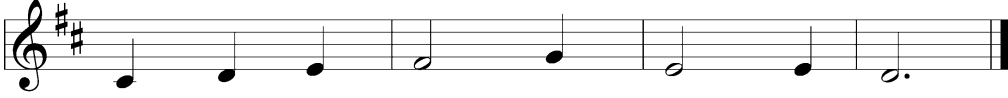
C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true 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: Jerusalem the Golden** *LSB 672*
- Distribution Hymn: Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You** *LSB 668*
- Distribution Hymn: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing** *LSB 633*

Stand

Nunc Dimittis



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



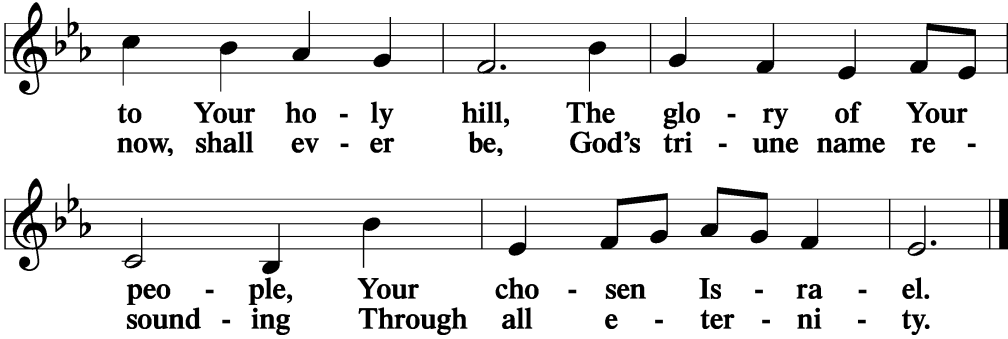
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



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: Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way *LSB 857*

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Announcements

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Brian & Lynne Noffke on the occasion of their 42nd anniversary.

Summer Sunday School will run through August 4th. Meet in the front of the church for a brief opening.

Our quarterly Voters' Meeting will be held this Sunday, July 21st at 11:00am. Lunch will be served at 10:45am. The following is on the agenda as well as normal business items: Landscaping around the Sunday School wing; Sunday School wing windows; Front Sign (Park Road); Preschool Salaries; Nominations for January 2025-December 2027 officers of 3 Elders, 1 Board of Education member, and the Sunday School Superintendent; Sacristy (Altar Guild Room) update. Please attend.

August Newsletter items are due in the church office Monday, July 22nd by 9:00am. *Please and thanks!*

In Response to our Savior's Love

Date/Weekend:	Sat.	Sun.	Total	Offerings:	Operating	Missions	All Other Funds
July 7 th	37	54	91		\$ 4,084.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 65.00
July 14 th	62	62	124		\$ 4,510.00	\$ 775.00	\$ 115.00
Bible Study	3	18	21				
Summer Sunday School			6		\$ 4.00		

Average amount needed weekly to meet current Operating expenses \$ 5,800.00

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 July 21 – Trinity 8

Romans 8:16 – “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.” Children are called to grow up into the image of their Father. That’s the basis not only of our generosity, but of our entire life as Christians. God sets the pattern and we follow. God is kind to us in Christ, and so we desire to be kind. God is loving to us in Christ, and so we desire to love. God is generous and open-handed to us in Christ, and so we desire to be generous and open-handed.

Celebrate 102 Years by "Making a Date with Evelyn!" Our eldest member of our congregation, Evelyn Bauer, turned 102 on June 30th. Evelyn's wishes for her birthday are not cards or an open house, but per her request, she would greatly appreciate a friendly visit or phone call from anyone at their convenience sometime throughout the summer. Evelyn resides at Courtyard Estates of Herscher. Kids and dogs are welcomed. Any questions contact Debbie Chmielowiec at 815-954-1363.

Open House for Norma Bell's 80th Birthday You are invited to attend an open house celebrating Norma's 80th birthday on Sunday, July 28th from 1:00-4:00pm at Trinity in the Parish Hall.

Help Wanted at Courtyard Estates: Courtyard Estates of Herscher has an open position for an Activity Aide. The job is part-time (3 days a week) and involves assisting residents in recreation activities. Anyone interested is welcome to contact Mary Jo Theis, Activity Director, Courtyard Estates of Herscher. Ph. 815-426-2000.

This week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday 7/21	8:30am	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
	9:30am	Summer Sunday School
	9:30am	Sunday Adult Bible Study
	10:45am	Lunch
	11:00am	Quarterly Voters' Meeting
Monday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
	9:00am	August Newsletter Deadline
Tuesday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
	10:00am	Trinity's Quilting/Sewing Group
Wednesday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
Thursday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
Friday		
Saturday	4:00pm	Saturday Adult Bible Study
	5:00pm	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
Sunday 7/28	8:30am	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
	9:30am	Summer Sunday School
	9:30am	Sunday Adult Bible Study
	1:00pm	Open House for Norma Bell's 80 th birthday

Serving the Lord today: Pastor: Rev. Eric J. Brown

Cantor: Paul Johnson

Elder/Communion:

Jerry Brutlag (Sat.)

Don LaChappell (Sun.)

Next Week:

Kevin Kruse (Sat.)

John Varvel (Sun.)

Usher Captain:

Karl Kruse (Sat.)

Mike Thomas (Sun.)

Altar Guild:

Paula Kruse & Pam Peterson