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**14TH SUNDAY
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JOSHUA 24:15

*“But as for me and my house,
we will serve the Lord.”*

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Pre-Service Meditation

John 6:67-68

Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?"

68 But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Prayer: Merciful Father in heaven, there are many things in this world that would draw our attention and adoration away from You. Satan lays his traps so that, on our own, we would never be able to find You amidst all the sin and toil that surrounds us. Thank you LORD, for revealing Yourself to us in Your Word and calling us into Your heavenly family. Strengthen us in the true faith so that we may never worship the gods of this world, but only worship You as the One God and Father of All. Amen.



Service of the Word

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

TLH 123 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (vv. 1-4, 8)

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- 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.**
- P** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**
Amen.
- P** Upon this your confession, I, as a called 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.

Gloria Patri

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☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie

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



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

Gloria in Excelsis

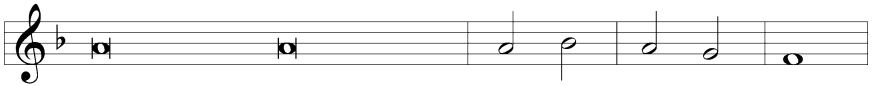
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☐ Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



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;



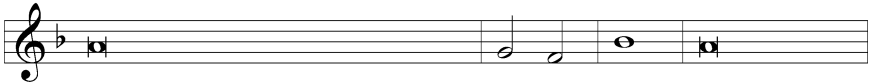
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,




that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



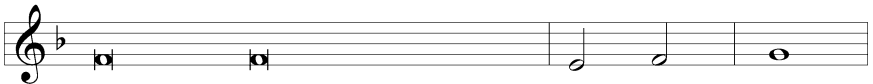
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.




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 your spirit.

P Let us pray. . .

C Amen.

First Reading

John 6:60-69

Therefore, many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, "This is a hard saying; who can understand it?"

61 When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, "Does this offend you? 62 What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before? 63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. 64 But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would

betray Him. 65 And He said, "Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father."

66 From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. 67 Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?" 68 But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Psalm 71 (selected verses)

- P** In You, O Lord, I put my trust;
- C** **Let me never be put to shame.**
- P** For You are my hope, O Lord God;
- C** **You are my trust from my youth.**
- P** I have become as a wonder to many,
- C** **But You are my strong refuge.**
- P** My mouth shall tell of Your righteousness and Your salvation all the day,
- C** **For I do not know their limits.**
- P** I will go in the strength of the Lord God;
- C** **I will make mention of Your righteousness, of Yours only.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:22-31

Then wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. 24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. 28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. 30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. 31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

- P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!

Alleluia



Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day

TLH 625 Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall

Sermon

Joshua 24:1-5, 13-15

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and called for the elders of Israel, for their heads, for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God. 2 And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'Your fathers, including Terah, the father of Abraham and the father of Nahor, dwelt on the other side of the River in old times; and they served other gods. 3 Then I took your father Abraham from the other side of the river, led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his descendants and gave him Isaac. 4 To Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. To Esau I gave the mountains of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt. 5 Also I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to what I did among them. Afterward I brought you out.

13 I have given you a land for which you did not labor, and cities which you did not build, and you dwell in them; you eat of the vineyards and olive groves which you did not plant.'

14 "Now therefore, fear the Lord, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the river and in Egypt. Serve the Lord! 15 And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the river, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

THERE IS ONLY ONE CORRECT ANSWER

- I. The world, with sin, conceals it
- II. God, by faith, reveals it

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

C Amen.

Offertory

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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.

Hymn

TLH 37 Lord, 'Tis Not that I Did Choose Thee

Offering

Prayer of the Church & the Lord's Prayer

- P** . . . in whose Name we also join to pray together:
- C** **Our Father who art in heaven,**
Hallowed by 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

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
- C** **Amen, amen, amen.**

Closing Hymn

WS 743 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Silent Prayer

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Welcome to worship at Trinity!

PLEASE WAIT TO BE USHERED out of the sanctuary. Please do not leave any bulletins or other materials behind. **Offerings** may be left in the offering plate in the narthex or mailed to the church.

GUESTS AND VISITORS, we are delighted to have you here for worship with us this morning and are grateful for the opportunity to share the saving gospel message with you! We also invite you to sign our guest book in the entryway. Please speak to the members and pastor if you wish to learn more about the Gospel ministry here at **TRINITY**, and we hope to see you again!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS REQUESTED

- Barbara Anderson will also be undergoing surgery this week to fix a faulty heart valve. May God grant skill to the doctors and peace to Barbara. Psalm 130:5 *I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I do hope.*
- Kathy Conway's husband, Bob, underwent successful knee replacement surgery this past Friday. We give thanks to the Lord for His mercy and ask His blessing on Bob's recovery.

COVID-19 Due to the mask mandate that was reinstated this past week, **Trinity will be requiring that those attending in-person services wear face masks at all times.** This is an unfortunate step backwards in the re-opening process, yet the Lord remains in control. Please keep all those effected by the virus in your prayers, especially those within our fellowship. Instead of despairing over all the many disheartening things that are going on in the world right now, may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus!

BIBLE CLASS Bible class and Sunday School are set to resume the first weekend after Labor Day, September 12th. That starts at 9:15 AM, before the worship service. We hope to see you there for a more in-depth discussion into God's Word!

FOREIGN MISSIONS PRAYER LIST Our CLC foreign missionary, Todd Ohlmann, has compiled a new prayer list which is inserted into your

bulletin this week. Please keep all of our fellow saints overseas in your prayers during these difficult times.

CALL NEWS:

- Pastor Caleb Schaller, Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has received the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO
- Pastor Ben Libby, of Ascension Lutheran Church in Tacoma, WA, has received the call to Redeemer Lutheran Church in Cheyenne, WY
- Michael Sprengeler has received the calls to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD, as well as to Zion Lutheran Church, Ipswich, SD

Mowing Schedule	
9/4	Tom B.
9/11	Nate E.
9/18	Isaac E.

September Cleaners	
North Entry	Helke
Sanctuary	Clark
Basement	Everett

