

Commit your way
to the
LORD;
trust in him,
and he will act.

PSALM 37:5, NRSV



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15TH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY

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Service of the Word

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

TLH 11 Safely Through Another Week

Confession and Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C (spoken) Amen.

P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.**

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C (spoken) Amen.

P In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*



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



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

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST *Gloria in Excelsis*



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shipped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C (spoken) And also with you.

P Let us pray. . .

C (spoken) Amen

First Reading

1 Kings 17:8-16

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 9 "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you." 10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow was there gathering sticks.

And he called to her and said, "Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink." 11 And as she was going to get it, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand."

12 So she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, 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."

13 And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son. 14 For thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the Lord sends rain on the earth.'"

15 So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days. 16 The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the Lord which He spoke by Elijah.

Second Reading

Galatians 6:1-10

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. 5 For each one shall bear his own load. 6 Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches.

7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. 9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

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



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

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

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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 789 Consider How the Birds Above

Sermon Text

Psalm 37:16-26 (EHV)

Better the little that one righteous person has
than the wealth of many wicked people,
17 because the arms of the wicked will be broken,
but the Lord upholds the righteous.
18 The Lord knows the days of the blameless.
Their inheritance will last forever.
19 They will not be ashamed in time of disaster.

In days of famine they will be full.
20 Surely the wicked will perish.
The enemies of the Lord will be
like beautiful flowers in the pastures.
But they will vanish. Like smoke they will vanish.

The wicked borrow and do not repay,
but the righteous are gracious and give.
22 So those God blesses will inherit the earth,
but those he curses will be cut off.
23 By the Lord the steps of a person are made secure.
Then he will delight in his way.
24 Though he falls, he will not stay down,
because the Lord holds him by his hand.
25 I was a young man. Now I am old.
But I have never seen a righteous person forsaken
or his children begging for bread.
26 Every day he is gracious and lends.
His children will be blessed.

ALWAYS SAY NEVER

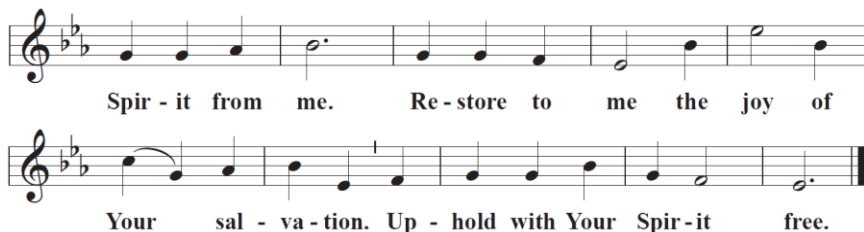
I: The Lord never rewards the wicked

II: The Lord never leaves you empty

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

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 Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly



Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Hymn

TLH 438 Almighty Father, Heaven and Earth

Offering

General Prayer + The Lord's Prayer

P . . . in whose Name we also pray together:

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

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.

Closing Hymn

TLH 429 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart (vv. 1-2)

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 rear of the sanctuary or mailed to the church.

Guest 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 of Jesus Christ with you! Because He lives, we shall live also! We 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

MISSING ITEMS – A pair of glasses was found on the altar a few weeks ago, and a set of what look like car keys were found in a drawer in the entryway. Please take a look on the table in the entryway to see if you recognize them. If they are not claimed today, they will be thrown away.

BIBLE CLASS – We have resumed our Bible class studies! Each Sunday morning at 9:15 and each Tuesday afternoon at 2pm, we will be gathering to learn more about all that God has revealed to us in His Word in a more informal setting. Please don't miss out on this opportunity to grow in faith, join in fellowship, and ask those burning questions!

CHURCH CLEAN-OUT – Thanks to the work a member yesterday, a good chunk of cleaning out has been finished already! But if you can stick around and help with our clean-out after worship today, we'd greatly appreciate it!

CHURCH PICNIC – We will be having a church picnic next Sunday (9/24) following worship at Stan and Laurie White's residence. Burgers, hotdogs, buns, condiments, and drinks will be provided. Members are asked to bring a side or a dessert if they are able – a sign-up sheet for dishes is on the entryway table. Please join us and bring a friend or two!

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS – The church council is asking for volunteers to help paint the trim and window casings on the parsonage. We'd like to try and get it done yet this fall if we can get the manpower. Please speak with Pastor Naumann or Dennis Lux (contact info on pg 1) if you would be willing to help!

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY – The church council has decided that to allow for Pastor Naumann to take vacation time and for the convenience of our elderly members, we will have a Thanksgiving Sunday service again this year instead of our traditional Wednesday evening Thanksgiving service. And so, we're looking for congregational feedback: would you rather have Thanksgiving worship the Sunday before or after Thanksgiving? Please contact Pastor Naumann or Dennis Lux (contact info on pg 1) with your preference.

PNW WOMEN'S RETREAT – Gethsemane Lutheran Church of Spokane Valley, WA is hosting a Women's Retreat, October 6-8, 2023 at Ponderosa Lodge in Cusick, WA. The congregation extends an invitation to all of the sisters in Christ across the CLC and will welcome you warmly if you are able to attend. The theme of the retreat is "Grow in Grace" and is based upon Psalm 1:3, "He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers." There will be four main sessions and four devotions. Other activities may include small group book discussion, outdoor activities such as zip line, archery, canoe/kayaking, and more. The price is \$150 for the full weekend which includes five meals. Daily rates are also available for participants who can't stay the whole weekend. Go to: <https://gethsemanelc.org/events/pacific-coast-womens-retreat> to get more information, to sign-up for email updates, and to register.

Walk with the Apostle Paul (Greece and Turkey trip) - A group trip to Greece and Turkey is planned for May 27-June 5, 2024 with a possible three day extension to Rome for those who are interested. The trip will include visits to Athens, Corinth, Berea, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Ephesus and much more. It will include visits to the traditional sites of many of the visits of the Apostle Paul recorded in the Book of Acts. We will be reminded of the zeal and spread of the early Christian church. The extension to Rome will include visits to the Sistine Chapel, Basilica of St. Peter, Catacombs, Colosseum, St. Paul's Church, and more. A video of a similar trip can be seen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ul-o6E47MMw>. If you would like more information about this trip, please contact Nathanael Mayhew (nnmayhew@sleepyeyelutheran.com). Brochures with additional trip details are available upon request.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

- Please keep the family of **Dennis & Linda Lux** in your prayers. Last week, Dennis's mother passed away at the age of 97. May the light and hope of

the Gospel grant comfort to the Lux family and give them the peace which passes understanding in Christ!

- Please keep **Nancy Thornton** in your prayers. There is a very real possibility that she will need to undergo major surgery sometime in the coming months. If it is God’s will, may the surgery be found to be unnecessary. But if operating is the path He leads Nancy on, we pray confidently that the Lord may give her peace, help, and a successful surgery.
- **Molly’s friend, Jeanne**, has continued to take chemotherapy treatment five times a week to treat a brain tumor they discovered a few months ago. She will have another scan this month to check on her progress. May the Lord, in His love, alleviate any pain and suffering and may her scans reveal progress in her treatment if it is His will!
- Please keep **Pastor John Hein and his family** in your prayers as he continues treatment for his thymic carcinoma. For updates on his care, visit: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/pastorjohnhein>. Additionally, a GoFundMe has been set up to help offset medical and travel expenses: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/john-and-janelle-hein-family>.

CALL NEWS

<> Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Lutheran in West Columbia, SC has returned the call to be the third pastor at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI.

<> Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI has called Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Lutheran in the Atlanta, GA area.

<> Professor Mark Kranz will be retiring as of the end of the current school year due to health issues.

FRUITS OF FAITH AT TRINITY		
Date	Attendance	Offering
8/20/23	Cancelled	-
8/27/23	23	\$1,370
9/3/23	21	\$2,830
9/10/23	TBD	TBD

GREETER SCHEDULE	
Next Sunday	Dennis & Linda Lux
10/1	Ben Reim
10/8	Laurie White

SEPTEMBER CLEANING SCHEDULE	
North Entry	Clark
Sanctuary	Bettinger
Basement	Naumann

