

Christ
DIED
and lived again,
so that he
might be
LORD
of both
the dead
and the
living.

Romans 14:9, NRSV



MEMBER OF THE CHURCH



4th Sunday
After



Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church

July 13th, 2025

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Service of the Word

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

TLH 453 – We Are the Lord's

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.

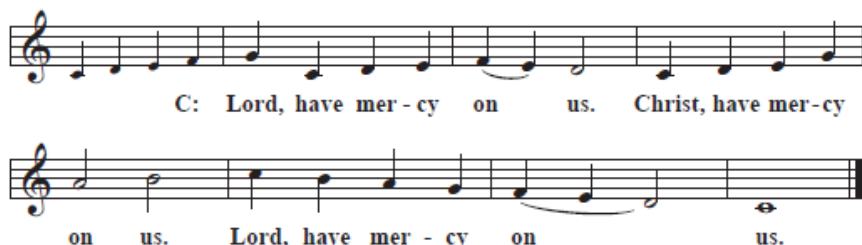
C Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.

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*



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

Isaiah 58:6-12

"Is this not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness, To undo the heavy burdens, To let the oppressed go free, And that you break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; When you see the naked, that you cover him, And not hide yourself from your own flesh? ⁸Then your light

shall break forth like the morning, Your healing shall spring forth speedily, And your righteousness shall go before you; The glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. ⁹ Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; You shall cry, and He will say, ‘Here I *am*.’

“If you take away the yoke from your midst, The pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, ¹⁰ If you extend your soul to the hungry And satisfy the afflicted soul, Then your light shall dawn in the darkness, And your darkness shall *be* as the noonday. ¹¹ The Lord will guide you continually, And satisfy your soul in drought, And strengthen your bones; You shall be like a watered garden, And like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. ¹² Those from among you Shall build the old waste places; You shall raise up the foundations of many generations; And you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach, The Restorer of Streets to Dwell In.”

Responsive Psalm of the Day

Psalm 35:9-10

P And my soul shall be joyful in the Lord;

C It shall rejoice in His salvation.

P All my bones shall say,

C “Lord, who *is* like You,

P Delivering the poor from him who is too strong for him,

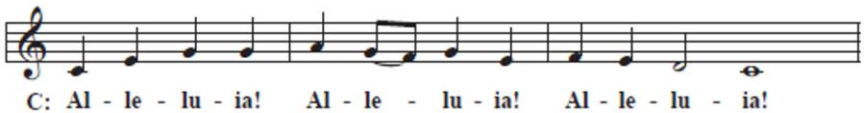
C Yes, the poor and the needy from him who plunders him?”

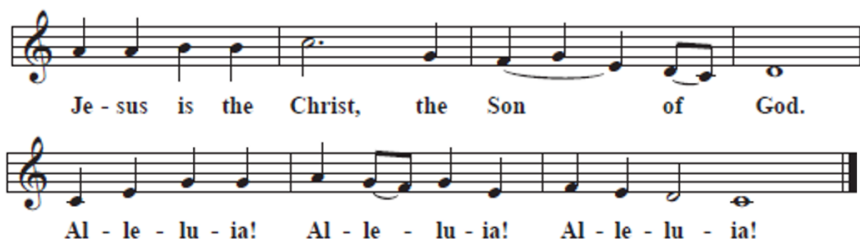
Second Reading

Matthew 5:43-48

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more *than others*? Do not even the tax collectors do so? ⁴⁸ Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

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





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 \dagger everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

TLH 358 – *Lamb of God, We Fall Before Thee*

Sermon Text

Romans 14:5-18

One person esteems *one* day above another; another esteems every day *alike*. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶He who observes the day, observes *it* to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe *it*. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself. ⁸For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat

of Christ. ¹¹ For it is written:

“As I live, says the Lord,
Every knee shall bow to Me,
And every tongue shall confess to God.”

¹² So then each of us shall give account of himself to God. ¹³ Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in *our* brother’s way.

¹⁴ I know and am convinced by the Lord Jesus that *there is* nothing unclean of itself; but to him who considers anything to be unclean, to him *it is* unclean. ¹⁵ Yet if your brother is grieved because of *your* food, you are no longer walking in love. Do not destroy with your food the one for whom Christ died. ¹⁶ Therefore do not let your good be spoken of as evil; ¹⁷ for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸ For he who serves Christ in these things *is* acceptable to God and approved by men.

Sermon Theme:

There Is Only One Hill Worth Dying On

I: The molehills we defend so aggressively are not worth it

II: Only the Gospel is worth defending to our dying breath

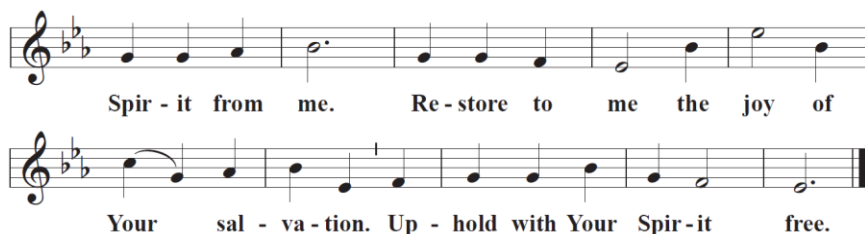
P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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



Hymn

TLH 591 – Jesus I Live to Thee (tune: TLH 274)

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 65 – When Sinners See Their Lost Condition (vv. 1-4)*

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

Council Meeting + Women's Circle Next Week – The church council and Women's Circle will plan to meet next week after worship. We would normally meet this week, but I neglected to announce it last week. Sorry about that!

No Vacation Bible School – After careful consideration, we've determined that we will not be hosting a Vacation Bible School this summer. Unfortunately, your pastor believed he could arrange most of it by himself and was, once again, brought face to face with his own limitations. We have a plan in place to host one next summer, so stay tuned in the new year to hear about more opportunities to help serve!

Tuesday Bible Class – Tuesday Bible class is, once more, taking a break until the weather cools down. I'll let you know when we resume. Thanks for your patience!

Thank You! – Molly Bettinger asked me to pass along her and Tom's heartfelt thanks for all the prayers, cards, and well-wishes. She is recovering at home still but has graduated from a cast to a boot. May God continue to bless her recovery!

Pastoral Visit Schedule – Don't forget: the signup sheet for visiting with Pastor Naumann in 2025 is on the table in the entryway and there are plenty of openings in the couple of months!

PRAYERS REQUESTED

- **Kathy White**, a former member of and organist for Trinity, passed away recently due to heart failure. May God be near those who mourn her passing granting Kathy's family joy in the sure hope of the resurrection through Jesus.
- **Molly Bettinger** was on vacation in Italy when she took a bad fall, breaking her leg in several places as well as her ankle. She had surgery to repair the damage and is recuperating at home. May God guide her recovery and give her full healing according to His will.
- **Tom Bettinger** continues to recover from his cancer and is facing additional health problems. Please continue to keep him and Jackie in your prayers that God would grant him swift recovery and give both of them strength and endurance during this prolonged illness.
- Please keep **Pastor John Hein and his family** in your prayers as he continues treatment for his thymic carcinoma. He has spent the last week in the hospital and is seriously ill. For updates on his health, 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>.
- **Pam**, a friend of Kathy Conway's, has been struggling in her battle with cancer and recently had to return to the hospital. Please continue to keep Pam in your prayers that God might grant her strength and hope through His Word.

CALL NEWS

Pastor David Ude of Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI, has **received** the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA. <> Erin Franson has **accepted** the call to serve as the female Mentor at Immanuel Lutheran High School and College. <> Teacher Kathleen Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran School, Winter Haven, FL, has **received** the call to Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac, WI. <> St. John's Lutheran Church, Okabena, MN, has **extended** two part-time, one-year calls to two St. John's members: Lori Ruthenbeck and Mary Albrecht. <> Pastor Tom Naumann of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI, has **received** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> On Sunday, July 13, 2025, Caleb Schaller will be **installed** as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Valentine, NE, Peace Lutheran Church, Mission, SD, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, White River, SD, in Valentine, NE. <> On Sunday, July 27, 2025, Mikkela Schmitt will be installed as teacher at Trinity Lutheran School, Watertown, SD. <> Pastor Paul Tiefel, Jr of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has announced his **retirement** as of August, 2025.

FRUITS OF FAITH AT TRINITY		
Date	Attendance	Offering
6/15/25	20	\$385
6/23/25	29	\$1020
6/29/25	24	\$1,570
7/6/25	28	\$1,617

GREETER SCHEDULE	
Next Sunday	Jeanne Helke
7/27	Joyce Miller
8/3	Kevin Shaffer
8/10	Dennis + Linda Lux

MOWING SCHEDULE	
This Week	Pastor Naumann
7/26	Tom Bettinger
8/2	Ben Reim
8/9	Randy Estes

JULY CLEANING SCHEDULE	
North Entry	Naumann
Sanctuary	Estes
Basement	Helke

Be KIND.
EPHESIANS 4:32, NIV

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SERVE
others. 
1 PETER 4:10, NIV

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HONOR
Christ *the* Lord.
1 PETER 3:15, ESV

