

"Is anything
too hard
for the LORD?"

Genesis 18:14



MEMBER OF THE CHURCH



9th Sunday
After



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Service of the Word

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

TLH 4 – God Himself Is Present

Invocation

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

C (spoken) 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 (spoken) who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C (spoken) and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

All: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am truly sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

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 our 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 (spoken) Amen.

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

Gloria Patri

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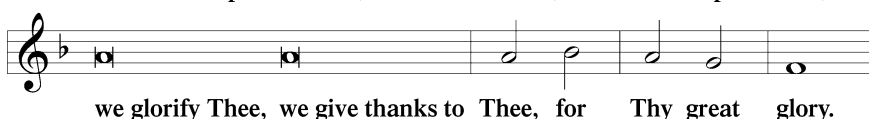
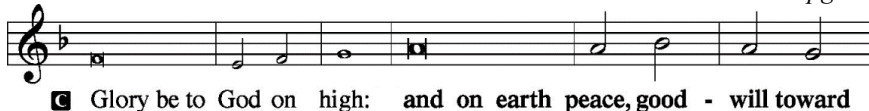
Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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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 (spoken) And also with you.

P Let us pray. . .

C (spoken) Amen

First Reading

Luke 10:38-42

³⁸Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed [Jesus] into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me."

⁴¹And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. ⁴²But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

Responsive Psalm of the Day

Psalm 32:6-7

- P** For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You
C In a time when You may be found;
P Surely in a flood of great waters
C They shall not come near him.
P You *are* my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble;
C You shall surround me with songs of deliverance. *Selah*

Second Reading

Colossians 1:21-29

And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled ²² in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight— ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.

²⁴ I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church, ²⁵ of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, ²⁶ the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. ²⁷ To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ To this *end* I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.

- 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

TLH 192 – Awake, My Heart, with Gladness (vv. 1-4, 6)

Sermon

Genesis 18:1-15

Then the Lord appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre, as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day. ²So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing by him; and when he saw *them*, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground, ³and said, “My Lord, if I have now found favor in Your sight, do not pass on by Your servant. ⁴Please let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵And I will bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh your hearts. After that you may pass by, inasmuch as you have come to your servant.” They said, “Do as you have said.”

⁶So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quickly, make ready three measures of fine meal; knead *it* and make cakes.” ⁷And Abraham ran to the herd, took a tender and good calf, gave *it* to a young man, and he hastened to prepare it. ⁸So he took butter and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and set *it* before them; and he stood by them under the tree as they ate.

⁹Then they said to him, “Where *is* Sarah your wife?” So he said, “Here, in the tent.” ¹⁰And He said, “I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son.” (Sarah was listening in the tent door which *was* behind him.)

¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well advanced in age; *and* Sarah had passed the age of childbearing. ¹²Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, “After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?”

¹³And the Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, saying, ‘Shall I surely bear *a child*, since I am old?’ ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the

appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.”

¹⁵ But Sarah denied *it*, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid.

And He said, “No, but you did laugh!”

Sermon Theme:

Is Anything Too Hard for Jehovah?

I: Living in the laughter of doubt

II: Living in the laughter of faith

Preaching today: Rev. John Hein (Fridley, MN)

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

Offertory

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*♪ Create in me a clean heart O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
And uphold me with Thy free Spirit. Amen. ♪*

Hymn

WS 743 – Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Offering - *The offering plate is located at the back of the sanctuary. You can also give online at spokanelutheran.com (at the bottom of the homepage, click “Online Offering”).*

Prayer of the Church + the Lord’s Prayer

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 A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

TLH 50 – Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

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

Thank You! – Thank you to Pastor John Hein for bringing us the Word today! John is visiting from Minnesota to help his extended family with their harvest. May God bless his time here, grant him safe travels home, and continue to be with him in his battle against cancer.

Pastor Absence – Pastor Naumann is in California this weekend and will be returning tomorrow evening. If any emergencies should arise during this time, please contact our congregation president, Dennis Lux (contact info on pg. 1).

Victory Service for Barbara Anderson – Next Sunday at 3pm, we will give thanks to the Lord for the gift of salvation He has given to Barbara Anderson. A short reception will follow in the basement. You're welcome to bring a dessert dish to share if you would like to, but you don't have to.

Back to School – Ben Reim hits the road tomorrow, heading back to Immanuel to pursue a career in the preaching ministry. Thank you, Ben, for all the work you have done for us in your time here. May God and His grace go with you in this exciting next chapter!

Property Committee – The property committee is scheduled to meet this Thursday at 6:30pm. If it's cool enough, we'll open the church for that meeting. If not, we'll meet virtually. That info will be sent out before the meeting.

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

- **Barbara Anderson** was called last Sunday morning out of this veil of tears to rest at her Savior's side in eternal glory. We thank God for preserving Barbara in the true Christian faith and granting her life everlasting for Jesus' sake. Please keep Barbara's family in your prayers during this time of grief.
- **Tom Steger** received the results of his latest scan and discovered that the cancer they found has spread quite extensively. He has already begun radiation treatment and will be undergoing chemotherapy once that is done. May God grant Tom healing according to His will, and comfort according to His Gospel.
- **Molly Bettinger** continues to recover from a broken leg and ankle. We thank God for preserving her thus far and ask His continued grace upon her recovery.
- 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

Mr. Peter Reim has **returned** the vacancy call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor David Ude of Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI, has **accepted** the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA. <> Pastor Emeritus Dave Schierenbeck has **received** and **accepted** the call to serve as vacancy pastor of Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN. <> Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church, Dallas, TX, has **received** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

FRUITS OF FAITH AT TRINITY		
Date	Attendance	Offering
7/20/25	31	\$840
7/27/25	27	\$1,140
8/3/25	28	\$2,655
8/10/25	33	\$246

GREETER SCHEDULE	
Next Sunday	Pastor Naumann
8/31	Laurie White
9/7	Tom + Molly Bettinger
9/14	Jeanne Helke

MOWING SCHEDULE	
This Week	Pastor Naumann
8/30	Kevin Shaffer
9/6	Pastor Naumann
9/13	Tom Bettinger

AUGUST CLEANING SCHEDULE	
North Entry	Clark
Sanctuary	Bettinger
Basement	Helke

