



Therefore  
I say to you,



"Her sins, which are many,  
are forgiven, for she loved much"

LUKE 7:47, NKJV



MEMBER OF THE CHURCH



11<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
After



# Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church

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## Service of the Word

### Opening Prayer

### Opening Hymn

*TLH 324 – Jesus Sinners Doth Receive (vv. 1, 5-8)*

### Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

### Confession and Absolution

**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.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, and to call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our own unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Kyrie - Lord, Have Mercy



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis - Glory to God in the Highest



**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.

## 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

2 Kings 5:1-16

Now Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great and honorable man in the eyes of his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Syria. He was also a mighty man of valor, *but* a leper. <sup>2</sup>And the Syrians had gone out on raids, and had brought back captive a young girl from the land of Israel. She waited on Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup>Then she said to her mistress, "If only my master *were* with the prophet who *is* in Samaria! For he

would heal him of his leprosy.” <sup>4</sup> And *Naaman* went in and told his master, saying, “Thus and thus said the girl who *is* from the land of Israel.” <sup>5</sup> Then the king of Syria said, “Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel.”

So he departed and took with him ten talents of silver, six thousand *shekels* of gold, and ten changes of clothing. <sup>6</sup> Then he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which said,

Now be advised, when this letter comes to you, that I have sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may heal him of his leprosy.

<sup>7</sup> And it happened, when the king of Israel read the letter, that he tore his clothes and said, “Am I God, to kill and make alive, that this man sends a man to me to heal him of his leprosy? Therefore please consider, and see how he seeks a quarrel with me.”

<sup>8</sup> So it was, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, “Why have you torn your clothes? Please let him come to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.”

<sup>9</sup> Then Naaman went with his horses and chariot, and he stood at the door of Elisha’s house. <sup>10</sup> And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and *you shall* be clean.” <sup>11</sup> But Naaman became furious, and went away and said, “Indeed, I said to myself, ‘He will surely come out *to me*, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.’ <sup>12</sup> Are not the Abanah and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?” So he turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup> And his servants came near and spoke to him, and said, “My father, *if* the prophet had told you *to do* something great, would you not have done *it*? How much more then, when he says to you, ‘Wash, and be clean’?” <sup>14</sup> So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

<sup>15</sup> And he returned to the man of God, he and all his aides, and came and stood before him; and he said, “Indeed, now I know that *there is* no God in all the earth, except in Israel; now therefore, please take a gift from your servant.” <sup>16</sup> But he said, “As the Lord lives, before whom I stand, I will receive nothing.” And he urged him to take *it*, but he refused.

## Responsive Psalm of the Day

*Psalms 91:1-4*

**P** He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High

**C** Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

**P** I will say of the Lord, “*He is my refuge and my fortress;*

**C** **My God, in Him I will trust.”**

**P** Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler

**C** **And from the perilous pestilence.**

**P** He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge;

**C** **His truth *shall be your shield and buckler.***

## Second Reading

*Romans 6:3-11*

Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness of His* resurrection, <sup>6</sup>knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. <sup>7</sup>For he who has died has been freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, <sup>9</sup>knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. <sup>10</sup>For *the death* that He died, He died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God. <sup>11</sup>Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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



**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.

## 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 388 – Just as I Am, without One Plea (2<sup>nd</sup> Tune)*

### Sermon

*Luke 7:36-50*

Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat. <sup>37</sup> And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that *Jesus* sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, <sup>38</sup> and stood at His feet behind *Him* weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped *them* with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed *them* with the fragrant oil. <sup>39</sup> Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw *this*, he spoke to himself, saying, "This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman *this is* who is touching Him, for she is a sinner."

<sup>40</sup> And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." So he said, "Teacher, say it." <sup>41</sup> "There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup> And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?" <sup>43</sup> Simon answered and said, "I suppose the *one* whom he forgave more."

And He said to him, "You have rightly judged." <sup>44</sup> Then He turned to the

woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped *them* with the hair of her head. <sup>45</sup> You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. <sup>46</sup> You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. <sup>47</sup> Therefore I say to you, her sins, which *are* many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, *the same* loves little.” <sup>48</sup> Then He said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

<sup>49</sup> And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” <sup>50</sup> Then He said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.”

### Sermon Theme:

## It All Comes Out in the Wash

I: Jesus serves you by washing away your sin

II: The New Man serves Jesus by washing away the Old Adam

**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 390 – Drawn to the Cross, which Thou hast Blest*

## 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 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

*WS 778 – Grace Has a Thrilling Sound*

## 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

**Call Received** – Pastor Naumann has received the call to serve Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, WI as their second pastor. Your questions, input, and prayers are most welcome as the Holy Spirit guides this deliberation. As in all things we pray, Lord, *“Your will be done!”*

**Bible Class Resumes** – Next Sunday, we’ll take up our Sunday Bible class again at 9:15am continuing where we left off in Paul’s letter to the Galatians. Tuesday Bible class will resume when the weather cools down.

**Communion Sunday** – Next Sunday, we will celebrate the Lord’s Supper in our worship service. Please prepare your heart accordingly. After the service we will be meeting in the basement for our fellowship hour, so please plan to stay for some refreshments!

**Church Calendars** – The church calendars are ready for September. Unfortunately, your pastor forgot to pick them up from Staples... The digital version was sent out in this morning’s e-mail and hard copies will be available next Sunday. Thanks for your patience!

**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

- **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>.

## CALL NEWS

Pastor Andrew Schaller of Luther Memorial Church, Fond du Lac, WI, has **received and accepted** the vacancy call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI <> Pastor Drew Naumann of Trinity Ev. Lutheran, Spokane, WA has **received** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY, has **received** the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI.

FRUITS OF FAITH AT TRINITY		
Date	Attendance	Offering
8/3/25	28	\$2,655
8/10/25	33	\$246
8/17/25	32	\$480
8/24/25	23	\$2,225

GREETER SCHEDULE	
Next Sunday	Tom + Molly Bettinger
9/14	Jeanne Helke
9/21	Joyce Miller
9/28	Kevin Shaffer

MOWING SCHEDULE	
This Week	Pastor Naumann
9/13	Tom Bettinger
9/20	Pastor Naumann
9/27	Randy Estes

SEPTEMBER CLEANING SCHEDULE	
North Entry	Poffenroth
Sanctuary	Kenkman
Basement	Helke

**WASH AWAY**  
*all my iniquity and*  
**CLEANSE ME**  
*from my sin.*

**PSALM 51:2, NIV**

