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# 12th Sunday



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# Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church

# September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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4704 N Wall St Spokane, WA 99205 Bible Class: 9:15am Worship: 10:30am

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# Service of the Word

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Opening Prayer

**Opening Hymn** 

LSB 811 – Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices (printed on page 11)

#### Invocation

- $lap{P}$  In the name of the Father and of the  $lap{H}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
  - (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,
  - (spoken) who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
  - (spoken) and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
  - C 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.

(spoken) Amen.

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





# Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

(spoken) And also with you.

P Let us pray. . .

(spoken) Amen

# First Reading

Isaiah 29:18-19

In that day the deaf shall hear the words of the book, And the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity and out of darkness. <sup>19</sup> The humble also shall increase *their* joy in the Lord, And the poor among men shall rejoice In the Holy One of Israel.

# Responsive Psalm of the Day

Psalm 37:7-9

- Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way,
  - Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.
- P Cease from anger, and forsake wrath;

- Do not fret—it only causes harm.
- **P** For evildoers shall be cut off;
  - **B**ut those who wait on the Lord, They shall inherit the earth.

### Second Reading

Matthew 12:31-42

[Jesus said] "Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy *against* the Spirit will not be forgiven men. <sup>32</sup> Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the *age* to come.

<sup>33</sup> "Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by *its* fruit. <sup>34</sup> Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. <sup>35</sup> A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. <sup>36</sup> But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. <sup>37</sup> For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

<sup>38</sup>Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You."

<sup>39</sup> But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. <sup>40</sup> For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. <sup>41</sup> The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah *is* here. <sup>42</sup> The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon *is* here.

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



#### Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life 🕂 of the world to come. Amen.

# Hymn of the Day

WS 772 – On Galilee's High Mountain

Sermon Text James 3:1-12

My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment. 2 For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body. 3 Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body. 4 Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires. 5 Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things.

See how great a forest a little fire kindles! 6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell. 7 For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. 8 But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. 10 Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so. 11 Does a spring send forth fresh water and bitter from the same opening? 12 Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh.

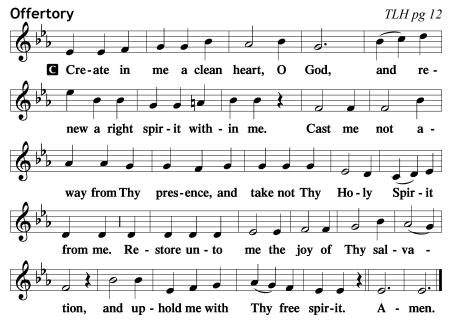
#### Sermon Theme:

# If You Have Two Tongues, You Have None

I: A tongue's curses undermine its blessings

II: A tongue's blessing undermines the Curse

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



Hymn

WS 775 - Thy Strong Word (vv. 1, 3, 5)

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

# **General Prayer**

# Service of the Sacrament

Preface TLH pg 24

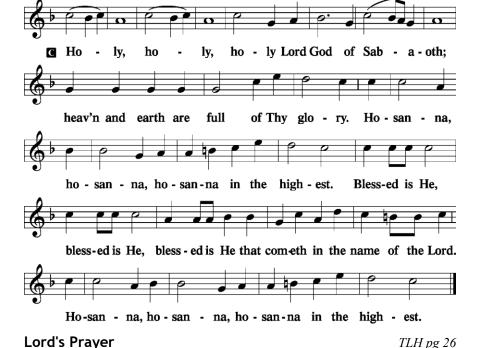
- $oldsymbol{P}$  The Lord be with you.
  - (spoken) And also with you!
- P Lift up your hearts!
  - **C** We lift them up to the Lord!

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

Sanctus

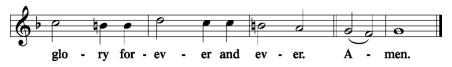
- It is proper and beneficial for us to do so.
- P It is truly proper and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. For You have created us to love and serve you by telling others of Your great love in Christ. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

TLH pg 26



P 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. . .





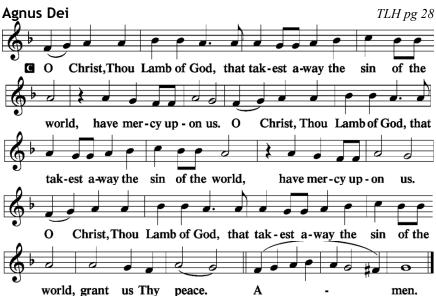
#### The Words of Institution

*TLH pg 27* 

#### Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.





#### Distribution

A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS ABOUT COMMUNION: All CLC churches practice "close communion." We ask that only those who are members of our church or another congregation in the CLC come forward to receive the Sacrament. This is NOT a judgment on your faith! Rather, it is an expression of our own faith and unity. If you would like more information, or are interested in becoming a member, please speak to the pastor.



**Thanksgiving** 

*TLH pg 30* 

P Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

(spoken) And His mercy endures forever!

# P Let us pray:

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this healing gift, and we pray that You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### **Benediction**

f 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.



**Closing Hymn** *TLH 52 – Almighty Father, Bless the Word + Doxology (below)* 

□ Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. □

**Silent Prayer** 



To listen to my earthly song
Until that day when I adore You,
Together with the angel throng
And learn with choirs of heav'n to sing
Eternal anthems to my King.

Text: Johann Mentzer, 1658–1734; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt. Tune: Johann Balthasar König, 1691–1758; setting: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941

# 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. As in all things we pray, Lord, "Your will be done!"

**Bible Class Resumes** – Sunday morning Bible class has resumed with our study in Galatians, and Tuesday Bible class will resume this week as well! Hope to see you there. Sunday class is at 9:15am, Tuesday class is at 2pm.

**Communion Sunday** – If you received the Sacrament during today's worship, please be sure to mark your name on the communion register in the entryway. After worship, we'll enjoy a fellowship hour with light refreshments in the basement. Please plan to join us!

**Meditations Devotion Booklets** – We've received the next edition of Meditations – you can find them on the table in the entryway. Please be sure to only take one per household, since quantities are limited.

**Church Calendars** – Church calendars are available on the table in the entryway.

### **PRAYERS REQUESTED**

- Tom Steger has finished his radiation therapy and will be undergoing chemotherapy this week to treat his cancer. May God grant Tom healing according to His will, and comfort according to His Gospel.
- Please keep Pastor John Hein and his family in your prayers as he continues treatment for his thymic carcinoma. For updates on his health, visit: <a href="https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/pastorjohnhein">https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/pastorjohnhein</a>. Additionally, a GoFundMe has been set up to help offset medical and travel expenses:

#### **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. <> Pastor Paul Tiefel, Jr of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has announced his **retirement** as of September 6-7, 2025. <> On Sunday, September 14, 2025, Pastor David Ude will be **installed** at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA.

FRUITS OF FAITH AT TRINITY			
Date	Attendance	Offering	
8/10/25	33	\$246	
8/17/25	32	\$480	
8/24/25	23	\$2,225	
8/31/25	29	\$1,307	

GREETER SCHEDULE		
Next Sunday	Jeanne Helke	
9/21	Joyce Miller	
9/28	Kevin Shaffer	
10/5	Dennis + Linda Lux	

MOWING SCHEDULE		
This Week	Pastor Naumann	
9/20	Pastor Naumann	
9/27	Randy Estes	
10/4	Dennis Lux	

SEPTEMBER CLEANING SCHEDULE		
North Entry	Poffenroth	
Sanctuary	Kenkman	
Basement	Helke	

# LET THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH

AND THE-

MEDITATION OF MY HEART BE ACCEPTABLE TO YOU, OLORD,

AND-

MY REDEEMER.

**PSALM 19:14**, NRSV

