

Some trust in chariots
and some in horses,
but we trust in
the name of the
LORD our God.



Psalm 20:7



MEMBER OF THE CHURCH



OF THE LUTHERAN
CONFESSION

13th Sunday
After



Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church

September 14th, 2025

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Service of the Word

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

TLH 453 – We Are the Lord's

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 - shiped 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

Matthew 20:20-28

Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Him with her sons, kneeling down and asking something from Him. ²¹And He said to her, "What do you wish?" She said to Him, "Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom." ²²But Jesus answered and said, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am

baptized with?" They said to Him, "We are able."

²³ So He said to them, "You will indeed drink My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but *it is for those* for whom it is prepared by My Father."

²⁴ And when the ten heard *it*, they were greatly displeased with the two brothers. ²⁵ But Jesus called them to *Himself* and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. ²⁶ Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. ²⁷ And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave— ²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Second Reading

1 Timothy 1:5-17

Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, *from* a good conscience, and *from* sincere faith, ⁶ from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to idle talk, ⁷ desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm.

⁸ But we know that the law *is* good if one uses it lawfully, ⁹ knowing this: that the law is not made for a righteous person, but for *the* lawless and insubordinate, for *the* ungodly and for sinners, for *the* unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, ¹⁰ for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine, ¹¹ according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God which was committed to my trust.

¹² And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting *me* into the ministry, ¹³ although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did *it* ignorantly in unbelief. ¹⁴ And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ This *is* a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. ¹⁶ However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. ¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, *be* honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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 † everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

TLH 422 – Savior, I Follow On

Sermon

Psalm 33:12-22

Blessed *is* the nation whose God *is* the Lord,
The people He has chosen as His own inheritance.

¹³ The Lord looks from heaven;

He sees all the sons of men.

¹⁴ From the place of His dwelling He looks

On all the inhabitants of the earth;

¹⁵ He fashions their hearts individually;

He considers all their works.

¹⁶ No king *is* saved by the multitude of an army;

A mighty man is not delivered by great strength.

¹⁷ A horse *is* a vain hope for safety;

Neither shall it deliver *any* by its great strength.

¹⁸ Behold, the eye of the Lord *is* on those who fear Him,

On those who hope in His mercy,

¹⁹ To deliver their soul from death,

And to keep them alive in famine.

²⁰ Our soul waits for the Lord;

He *is* our help and our shield.

²¹ For our heart shall rejoice in Him,

Because we have trusted in His holy name.

²² Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us,

Just as we hope in You.

Sermon Theme:

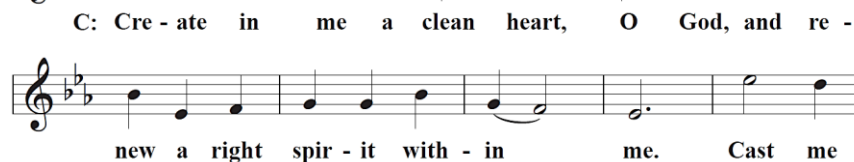
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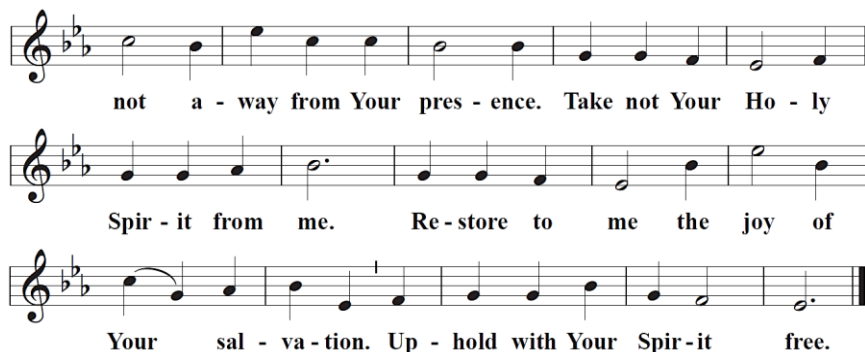
I: Our strength is still not of ourselves

II: Our help always comes from the Lord

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

OFFERTORY





Hymn

TLH 447 – Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might

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

TLH 481 – Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow

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 – The church council will meet after worship today. At the end of today's service we'll announce whether the Women's Circle is meeting or not today.

Call Accepted – Pastor Naumann has received and accepted the call to serve Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, WI as their second pastor. His last Sunday at Trinity will be October 12th.

Two Voter's Meetings Scheduled – There will be voter's meetings after worship the following two Sundays (21st and the 28th). The first meeting (next Sunday) will be a brief meeting to call a vacancy pastor for when Pastor Naumann leaves. The second meeting (two weeks from today) will be to call a full-time pastor.

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 and 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.

From Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane Valley WA:

September 9, 2025

Dear brothers and sisters of Trinity:

Having heard that the Lord is moving Pastor Naumann into a new field of service, we know that there will be even more reason than usual to go to the Lord in prayer as you begin calling a new shepherd and prepare for a vacancy which we pray will be short.

As you make your way through this transitional time into a vacancy, and as you begin the calling process, we will be praying for you and that the Lord will quickly provide a new shepherd to continue the gospel work at Trinity. We also pray for the Lord's blessing on Pastor Naumann, his transition, and the new work he will undertake at Messiah.

We also stand ready to assist you and work with you in whatever way possible that serves for the work of the Kingdom and glory of God—this is always true, but especially so in the coming weeks.

In a time that carries with it a level of uncertainty, be comforted, encouraged, and strengthened to know that all of these matters are lovingly and wisely guided and effected by our Savior—the head of the Church (Colossians 1:18) and the one who has redeemed us by His blood. God's encouragement to the Old Testament believers is just as meaningful and real for us:

*Fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10*

Working alongside of you and together under His grace,

The Gethsemane Church Council
on behalf of all your brothers and sisters at Gethsemane.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

- **Tom Steger** has finished his radiation therapy and began chemotherapy this past 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: <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 Drew Naumann of Trinity Ev. Lutheran, Spokane, WA, has **accepted** 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. <> 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
8/17/25	32	\$480
8/24/25	23	\$2,225
8/31/25	29	\$1,307
9/7/25	28	\$1,405

GREETER SCHEDULE	
Next Sunday	Joyce Miller
9/28	Kevin Shaffer
10/5	Dennis + Linda Lux
10/12	Randy + Lynne Estes

MOWING SCHEDULE	
This Week	Pastor Naumann
9/27	Randy Estes
10/4	Dennis Lux
10/11	Pastor Naumann

SEPTEMBER CLEANING SCHEDULE	
North Entry	Poffenroth
Sanctuary	Kenkman
Basement	Helke

CLC Financial Report - August 2025

Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2025	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 2 Months	Balance 8/31/2025
General Fund	0	180,135	202,511	210,850	(22,376)
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	361,663	248,439	295,840	113,224
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	99,143	6,126	30,499		74,770
ILC Building Projects	2,066,713	100,154	340		2,166,527
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	148,402	27,785	41,174		135,013
Kinship	169,472	29,300	25,073		173,699
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,503,796	104,315	79,181		2,528,930
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	101,689	50,592	50,212		102,069
EduK8 Fund	70,311	20,689	10,000		81,000
Reserve Fund	103,629	671	0		104,300
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$5,263,155	\$339,632	\$236,479		\$5,366,308

General Fund – Both the year-to-date revenue and disbursements are about the same as they were at this time last year, resulting in a deficit of just over \$22,000.

ILC Operations – The same is true here. Revenues and disbursements are very similar to last year, resulting in a current balance of about \$113,000.

ILC Improvement Fund – Most of the disbursements from this fund were for maintenance work on the geothermal system in the Academic Center and kitchen remodeling on one of the professorages.

ILC Building Projects – The revenue consists of about \$55,000 in contributions and \$45,000 from increases in the market value of the investments in this fund.

Mission Development Fund – The bulk of these disbursements went to our sister synod in Bangladesh for assistance with the costs of construction of a multi-purpose building.

Church Extension Fund – Year to date revenue consists of payments received of about \$45,000 from congregations on the loans they owe the CLC, and almost \$60,000 from increases in the market value of the investments. Disbursements included an initial \$60,000 loaned to a congregation for some remodeling/asbestos work, with more coming in the next few months.

Other Auxiliary Funds – The activity in the other funds in the table above is similar to the activity in the same period a year ago.

Stephen R. Lentz, CLC Treasurer

Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees



THOSE WHO LOVE ME,
I will deliver;

I WILL PROTECT THOSE
WHO KNOW MY NAME.

P S A L M 91:14, N R S V

