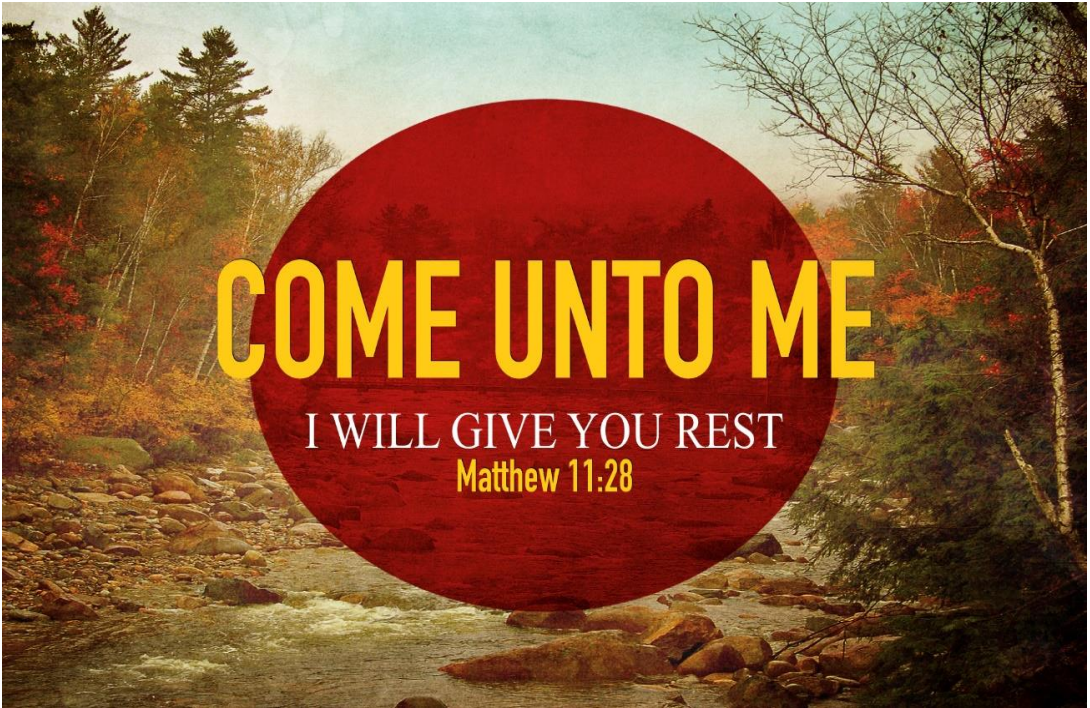




Lutheran Church & Christian School



*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

**July 9, 2023**

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## Mission Statement

[Who We Are]

Leading with the Gospel, we at Trinity Lutheran Church and School strive to:

**HUMBLY AND KNOWINGLY FOLLOW JESUS,  
SEEKING JOY THROUGH HIM IN WORSHIP,  
TEACHING, AND PRAYER.**



## Vision Statement

[Who We Endeavor to Be]

Leading with the Gospel, we at Trinity Lutheran Church and School endeavor to:

**LIVE [up] BY FAITH, BE KNOWN [out] BY  
CHRIST'S LOVE, and REJOICE [in] HIS  
FORGIVENESS.**

*"Redeemed and restored, we are rejoicing in Jesus!"*

## AS WE GATHER

They are usually welcome signs on our nation's highways, especially after you have been traveling for some time. "Rest Area Ahead!" For the Christian, worship is our weekly "rest area" – a break from our busy lives; where today, during this hour, we are bid to pull off of life's "highway" into the "Rest Area for Weary Travelers." Here our Lord would refresh us through Word and Sacrament. Here we would receive His gifts and leave blessed for our continued journey in Him. Welcome weary traveler. May you be renewed this day in the Lord's presence and live!

## PRELUDE

## THE BELLS CALL GOD'S PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OPENING PRAYER

**PRE-SERVICE SONG** "Lord, I Need You" (*Words & Music by Christy Nockels | Daniel Carson | Jesse Reeves | Kristian Stanfill | Matt Maher © 2011 sixsteps Music | Sweater Weather Music | Thankyou Music | Valley Of Songs*)

## SOLO

*Refrain: Lord, I need You, oh, I need You, every hour, I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need You.*

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more; where grace is found is where You are,  
And where You are, Lord, I am free. Righteousness is Christ in me. (Refrain)

*Bridge: So teach my song to rise to You, when temptation comes my way,  
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You, Jesus, You're my hope and stay.  
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.*

*Refrain*



## INVOCATION

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father ☩  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be and abide with you all.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## CONFESSION

*Based on Matthew 11:25–30; Romans 7:14–25a*

Pastor: Jesus invites us: “Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

**Congregation: Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”**

*We reflect upon our need for Jesus’ rest and forgiveness.*

Pastor: Merciful and gracious Father,

**Congregation: We come to You today, burdened not only with the cares and troubles of this life, but also with our sins – in thought, word and deed. Against You only have we sinned! But we accept Your invitation, and lay our burdens, all of them, on You. We believe Your promise, O Lord. We believe that You carried our sins to the cross. Therefore, create in us clean hearts, O God, and restore unto us the joy of Your salvation. Amen.**

## GOD'S WORD OF FORGIVENESS

**Pastor:** The burdens that are heavy for us are light for Jesus! Therefore it is my privilege and joy to announce that Jesus has taken away your burdens by His death and resurrection. According to His own command, I, as a fellow redeemed of Jesus, and as a servant of His Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation:** **Amen.**



**ENTRANCE PSALM** *Psalm 91:1–2, 9–10*

**Pastor:** He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

**Congregation:** **I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”**

**Pastor:** Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge—

**Congregation:** **no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.**

**OPENING HYMN** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*LSB 686:1-3*

*For this and all subsequent hymns, please see PowerPoint slides or the hymnal.*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON AND BLESSING**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Ecclesiastes 4:1-12 (Two Are Better Than One)*

Again I saw all the oppressions that are done under the sun. And behold, the tears of the oppressed, and they had no one to comfort them! On the side of their oppressors there was power, and there was no one to comfort them. <sup>2</sup> And I thought the dead who are already dead more fortunate than the living who are still alive. <sup>3</sup> But better than both is he who has not yet been and has not seen the evil deeds that are done under the sun.

<sup>4</sup> Then I saw that all toil and all skill in work come from a man's envy of his neighbor. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

<sup>5</sup> The fool folds his hands and eats his own flesh.

<sup>6</sup> Better is a handful of quietness than two hands full of toil and a striving after wind.

<sup>7</sup> Again, I saw vanity under the sun: <sup>8</sup> one person who has no other, either son or brother, yet there is no end to all his toil, and his eyes are never satisfied with riches, so that he never asks, "For whom am I toiling and depriving myself of pleasure?" This also is vanity and an unhappy business.

<sup>9</sup> Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. <sup>10</sup> For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! <sup>11</sup> Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one

keep warm alone? <sup>12</sup> And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING**     *Romans 7:14-25*     (*Christ at work in me.*)

<sup>14</sup> For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. <sup>15</sup> For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup> So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, <sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup> Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

## **RESPONSE**

Pastor: Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**Congregation: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Pastor: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**Congregation: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

**GOSPEL READING**     *Matthew 11:25-30     (Come to Me, and I will give you rest.)*

**Pastor:**                     The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Congregation:**         **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to Me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him. <sup>28</sup> Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light."

**Pastor:**                     This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation:**         **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

*Please see PowerPoint slides or back cover of the hymnal.*

**SERMON HYMN**         "Come unto Me, Ye Weary"

*LSB 684*

**SERMON**                 "A True and Lasting Rest"

## **NOTES:**





## PETITIONS AND PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor: Let us pray for all God's people in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty and everlasting God, You provide for all our needs of body and spirit, and You have blessed us with more than we ask or think; for this we give You thanks. That such gratitude may fill our lives and produce works of service to God and to our neighbors, let us pray to the Lord. **LORD, HAVE MERCY.**

Pastor: For the Church throughout the world, that the Father of our Lord Jesus would continue to reveal His saving will through the faithful preaching of His Word, increase the faith and hope of all people, and give rest to all who weary from labor, let us pray to the Lord. **LORD, HAVE MERCY.**

Pastor: For our nation that, as we celebrate our independence, all may thank God for the blessings of this land, repent of our misuse of these blessings, and work together to protect the liberty and freedom of all, let us pray to the Lord. **LORD, HAVE MERCY.**

Pastor: For the sick and injured, that God would be present with them in their time of need and in accordance with His will grant healing, let us pray to the Lord. **LORD, HAVE MERCY.**

Pastor: For those who rejoice over special blessings from God, that they may be good stewards of these blessings as long as God provides them, let us pray to the Lord. **LORD, HAVE MERCY.**

Pastor: For those who travel that God would keep them safe in His care and make their homecomings joyful, let us pray to the Lord. **LORD, HAVE MERCY.**

*Additional petitions and praises are offered.*

Pastor: For these and all other needs we have, trusting that as we confess Jesus Christ before others, He is confessing us before the Father in heaven, let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

*At this time, we share the Lord's peace with each other.*

**OFFERTORY** "God, I Look to You" (Words & Music by Ian McIntosh & Jenn Johnson © 2010 Bethel Music Publishing)

God, I look to You, I won't be overwhelmed,  
Give me vision to see things like You do.  
God, I look to You, You're where my help comes from,  
Give me wisdom, You know just what to do. (Repeat)

Chorus 1 I will love You Lord, my Strength.  
I will love You, Lord, my Shield.  
I will love You, Lord, my Rock, forever all my days, I will love You, God.

God, I look to You, I won't be overwhelmed,  
Give me vision to see things like You do.  
God, I look to You, You're where my help comes from,  
Give me wisdom, You know just what to do.

Chorus 1

Chorus 2 Hallelujah, our God reigns. Hallelujah, our God reigns.  
Hallelujah, our God reigns, forever all my days, hallelujah. (Repeat)

God I look to You, I won't be overwhelmed.  
Give me vision to see things like You do.



## PREFACE TO COMMUNION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Congregation: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. By taking the yoke of our burdens upon Himself, we who are weary now find our rest. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, draw us to Your eternal presence that we may know You as Your Son has revealed You to us. For to You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, even as we rejoice to pray at Your invitation:

**LORD'S PRAYER**      *Matthew 6:9–13*

*Please see PowerPoint slides or back cover of the hymnal.*

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Pastor: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb. *Rev. 19:9a, NIV*

**Congregation: Lord, I am not worthy to receive You, but only say the Word and I shall be healed. Matthew 8:8, paraphrased**

**HYMN OF PREPARATION** “Knowing You” (Words & Music by Graham Kendrick © 1993;  
this arr. © 1997 make Way Music, Ltd.)

All I once held dear, built my life upon,  
All this world reveres, and wars to own.  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss,  
Spent and worthless now compared to this.

*Chorus:           Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You, there is no greater thing.  
                      You’re my all, You’re the best, You’re my joy, my righteousness,  
                      and I love You, Lord.*

Now my heart’s desire is to know You more,  
To be found in You, and known as Yours.  
To possess by faith what I could not earn,  
All surpassing gift of righteousness. (*Chorus*)

Oh, to know the pow’r of Your risen life  
And to know You in Your sufferings.  
To become like You in Your death, my Lord.  
So with You to live and never die. (*Chorus*)

**DISTRIBUTION**

*For those desiring to receive the LORD’S SUPPER today, please refer to the laminated card in the pew racks. Those not receiving Communion are still invited to come forward for a blessing. At the Communion rail, simply bow your head to receive a blessing.*

*At the time of Communion, please follow the direction of the ushers. For those receiving the individual cups, a non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center of each tray. Following the passing of the individual cups, the common cup is offered for those who wish to commune in that manner.*

*All who are communing are encouraged to review the Sacrament of the Altar on pp. 326-327, and the Questions on pp. 329-330, in the front of the hymnal. Once again, we thank God for all who worship here today!*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**      “I Lay My Sins on Jesus”      *LSB 606*

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**      “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”      *LSB 806*

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**Pastor:** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift by giving us rest for our weary souls. We implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in 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.

**Congregation:** Amen.



**BENEDICTION** *Romans 7:25a; Numbers 6:24-26*

**Pastor:** Who has delivered us and given relief to our weary souls?

**Congregation:** **Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

**Pastor:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**Congregation:** Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN** "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

*LSB 924*

## POSTLUDE

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## Trinity Calendar for July 9 -July 16, 2023

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 pm	<i>Executive Team Meeting</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	5-6:30 pm	Men's Wings Bible Study and meal
<b>Wednesday</b>		
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 am	Bible Study: <i>(The Book of Matthew)</i>
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 am	Men of Christ Bible Study: <i>"The Gods Have Returned"</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion

## ATTENDANCE 7-2: 70

Families of the week: *The Cobb, Connors and Cooper families*

## Birthdays:

- 10 July—Terri Frith
- 11 July—Rob Allen
- 12 July—Sherri Martin
- 13 July—Norma Abel
- 13 July—Fred Lightfoot
- 13 July—Liz Stoeckman


## Anniversaries:


- 12 July—Ken and Merri Howe



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	<p><b><i>2<sup>nd</sup> Annual First Responders Luncheon This Week! Thu., July 13</i></b></p>
<p>We will be hosting the luncheon again this year for all local and state First Responders, serving lunch under the pavilion from noon to 6:00 pm.</p> <p>There will be lots of opportunities to help. Want to set up? Want to visit a local firehouse and let them know? Want to sling some burgers or help clean up? We can use you! If you'd simply like to make a donation that will also be greatly appreciated. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex. Call or speak to Scott Schneider: 603-313-7251</p>	

	<p>Do you need prayer or know someone who does?</p> <p>Prayer requests may be made by filling out one of the prayer request cards kept in the back of the pews and leaving it in the offering plate or by contacting Judy Taylor at <a href="mailto:eisen@myfairpoint.net">eisen@myfairpoint.net</a></p> <p><i>For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers—1 Peter 3:12</i></p> <p>Updates to earlier prayer requests are always appreciated!</p>
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### **Vacation Prayer & Reminder from our Executive Team**

**The Lord's travel mercies to all who may be planning vacations this year. May God grant to each of you blessed and safe home-goings and comings, as well as joy in Jesus during your times of rest and relaxation.**

**With that prayer, we would also like to ask that you continue to remember TRINITY with your prayers and presence, your tithes and offerings. As many of our monthly commitments are "fixed," we continue to count on your financial faithfulness. Thank you in advance for continuing to participate in the ministry entrusted to us in our Savior's name.**

	<p>The flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God By Doreen Benouski</p>
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