



Lutheran Church & Christian School



*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

**July 16, 2023**

***Redeemed, Restored, & Rejoicing in Jesus!***

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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**

The long season of Pentecost gifts God's people with plenteous opportunity to feed upon the Lord's life-giving grain. As we continue this trek, we begin a four-week series entitled "Life in the Spirit." With Romans 8 as our guide, we come to a renewed appreciation for the saving work of the Holy Spirit, poured out and into prophets, priests and kings, and now, in our own day, upon us as well. It is this Spirit who brings God's life-saving message into our midst, and assures us of the faith that we have in Christ. Welcome to worship. Welcome to grace. O Holy Spirit, come!

## **PRELUDE**

## **THE BELLS CALL GOD'S PEOPLE TO WORSHIP**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

## **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 OF SINS**

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**Congregation: Amen.**

*We reflect upon our need for the Holy Spirit's cleansing and renewing Word.*

Pastor: For our reluctance to believe all that the Lord has told us.  
**Congregation: Forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: For our proud self-sufficiency that so often fails to ask for God's help in our lives.  
**Congregation: Forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: For our contentment with silence when the Spirit would lead us to make a bold confession of our faith in Christ.  
**Congregation: Forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: For our hollow worship, routine prayers, and dulled hearing of the inspired Word of the Lord.  
**Congregation: Forgive us, O Lord.**

### **GOD'S WORD OF FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith. For it is my great privilege and joy to announce the grace of God to you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, to forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. May the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.  
**Congregation: Amen.**

### **ENTRANCE PSALM**

Pastor: Though our bones were dried up and our hope was lost, the Lord breathed into us His Spirit, and we were revived.  
**Congregation: Now we are led to be living reminders of His continued presence among us. Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

**SONG OF PRAISE** “Mighty to Save” (*Words & Music by Reuben Morgan and Ben Fisher*  
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Everyone needs compassion, love that’s never failing; let mercy fall on me.  
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Saviour; the hope of nations.

*Chorus: Savior, He can move the mountains; my God is mighty to save,  
He is mighty to save.  
Forever, Author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave.  
Jesus conquered the grave.*

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures, and fill my life again.  
I give my life to follow, everything I believe in, now I surrender. (*Chorus*)

*Bridge: Shine your light and – let the whole world sing ... see we’re singing  
For the glory – of the risen King – Jesus.  
Shine your light and – let the whole world sing ... see we’re singing  
For the glory – of the risen King! (Chorus and repeat)*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Pastor: God of life and light, though our lives are entangled by the cords  
of death, and we are sinking and weighed down by our sin, by  
Your great goodness, mercifully look upon us that we may be  
governed and preserved evermore by Your grace, in both body  
and soul; 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**    *Isaiah 55:10-13*    (*The compassion of the Lord.*)

<sup>10</sup> “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there but water the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup> so shall My word be that goes out from My mouth;  
it shall not return to Me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

<sup>12</sup> “For you shall go out in joy  
and be led forth in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall break forth into singing,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

<sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall make a name for the LORD,  
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

Lector:                      This is the word of the Lord.

**Congregation:**        **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING**    *Romans 8:1-11*        (*Life in the Spirit.*)

<sup>1</sup> There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. <sup>8</sup> Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup> You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

## VERSE

**Congregation: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.**

*Women: I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.*

*Men: With the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.*

**Congregation: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL READING**     *Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*     *(The parable of the sower.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup> That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup> And great crowds gathered about Him, so that He got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup> And He told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. <sup>5</sup> Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, <sup>6</sup> but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup> Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup> He who has ears, let him hear" ...

<sup>18</sup> “Hear then the parable of the sower: <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. <sup>20</sup> As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup> yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. <sup>22</sup> As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. <sup>23</sup> As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **CREED** *Third Article of the Apostles' Creed*

Pastor: Although not written by the apostles, the Apostles' Creed expresses the faith borne and kept in us by the Holy Spirit. Today we confess the third article of the Creed, which testifies to the person and work of the Holy Spirit, and Luther's explanation from the Small Catechism.

**Congregation: 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.**

Pastor: What does this mean?

**Congregation: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.**



**SERMON HYMN**      “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*LSB 700:1-3*

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

**SERMON**      “*LIFE IN THE SPIRIT: Spiritually Minded*”

**NOTES:**

**HYMN OF RESONSE**      “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*LSB 700:4*



## 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 God, we give You thanks for showing us the path of life, and for sending Your Son, who took upon Himself the full weight of our sin and death. Continually breathe His life into us, what we might become vessels of hope to the world. Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Pastor: Grant to us, O Lord, the strength to look forward with hope to all who seek spiritual renewal, leaving the past behind and pressing on to the goal of their heavenly calling in Christ. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit to live fully in Your mercy and hope. Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Pastor: Because You have subdued every enemy, even death, give victory and strength to all, especially to those who sense their weakness. Grant them wholeness and faithfulness through Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Pastor: Lord, You direct our steps and give us the faith necessary to follow You. Defend us from the powers of the evil one, that we may resist temptation, know the guidance of Your Holy Spirit, and walk before You in faithfulness and joy. Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

*Additional petitions & praises are offered.*

Pastor: These and all things we commend to You, asking Your mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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**    *“Take My Life”*    (Words & Music by Scott Underwood © 1994  
Mercy/Vineyard Publishing)

1. Holiness, holiness is what I long for. Holiness is what I need.  
Holiness, holiness is what You want from me.

2. Faithfulness ...

*Chorus:            So take my heart; conform it. Take my mind; transform it.  
Take my will; conform it to Yours, to Yours, O Lord.*

3. Righteousness, righteousness is what I long for.  
Righteousness is what I need.  
Righteousness, righteousness is what You give to me.

*Chorus and repeat*

To Yours, to Yours, O Lord.

**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:                    It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times  
and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, almighty Father,  
everlasting God. And now we bless You that in sending Your one  
and only Son, Jesus Christ, we find the fullness of Your forgiving  
and limitless love. So, by the working of the Holy Spirit, grant us  
grace to grow in faith throughout this season of our lives, ever  
remaining steadfast in hope, and ready to pray at Your gracious  
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*

## AGNUS DEI

*LSB, p. 180*

**G** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the

sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of

God, You take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us peace, grant us peace.

## 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**      “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

LSB 575

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor:                      Heavenly Father, we thank You for the life and knowledge You have revealed to us through Jesus, Your Son. Now, by this Sacrament, strengthen and preserve us. Guide, guard, and rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled constantly to serve You here on earth, looking joyfully to that day of Your final coming. This we ask 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

Pastor:                      Go out into the world in peace. Have courage. Hold to what is good. Return no person evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Help the suffering. Honor everyone and care for creation. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. The almighty God—the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless you.

**Congregation:**      **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN** “Come, Oh, Come, Thou Quickening Spirit”

[TUNE LSB 435]

Come, oh, come, Thou quick’ning Spirit, God from all eternity!  
May Thy power never fail us; dwell within us constantly.  
Then shall truth and life and light banish all the gloom of night.

Holy Spirit, strong and mighty, Thou who makest all things new,  
Make Thy work within us perfect and the evil foe subdued.  
Grant us weapons for the strife and with vict’ry crown our life.

Guard, O God, our faith forever; let not Satan, death, or shame  
Ever part us from our Savior; Lord our Refuge is Thy name.  
Though our flesh cry ever: Nay! Be Thy Word to us still Yea!

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**POSTLUDE**

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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.**

## Trinity Calendar for July 16 -July 23, 2023

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion
<b>Monday</b>		
<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: <i>"A Longer Look at the Lesson"</i>
	10:30 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion

## ATTENDANCE 7-9: 75

Families of the week: *The Cory, Cote and Crowell families*

## Birthdays:

- 16 July—Jonas Thisner
- 22 July—Ashley Crowell

## Anniversaries:

- 16 July—Nick Nichols and Cynthea Herreid
- 20 July—Lonnie and Lori Geer



The flowers this morning are given  
to the Glory of God  
By Norma Abel



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