



Lutheran Church & Christian School



*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

**July 23, 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 continue our 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, on and into 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 possess in Christ. Welcome to worship. Welcome to grace. O Holy Spirit, come!

**PRESERVICE** "Children of God" (*Words & Music by Third Day © 2010 Songs From The Quarry*)

*Chorus: Children of God, sing your song and rejoice,  
for the love that He has given us all.  
Children of God, by the blood of His Son,  
we have been redeemed and we can be called,  
the children of God, children of God.*

*Bridge: We are the saints, we are the children,  
we've been redeemed, we've been forgiven.  
We are the sons and daughters of our God.*

## 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** “You Are So Good to Me” (*Words & Music Ben Pasley, Don Chaffer  
and Robin Pasley © 1999 Blue Renaissance Music | Hey Ruth Music | Squint Songs*)

*Refrain: You are beautiful my sweet, sweet Song.  
You are beautiful my sweet, sweet Song.  
You are beautiful my sweet, sweet Song. I will sing again!*

1. You are so good to me. You heal my broken heart.  
You are my Father in heaven. *(Repeat) (Refrain)*
2. You ride upon the clouds. You lead me to the truth.  
You are the Spirit inside me. *(Repeat) (Refrain)*

*Bridge: You are my strong Melody. You are my dancing Rhythm.  
You are my perfect Rhyme. I will sing of You, Lord, forever.*

3. You poured out all Your blood. You died upon the cross.  
You are my Jesus who loves me. *(Repeat)  
(Refrain and Repeat)*

You are my Father in heaven. You are the Spirit inside me.  
You are my Jesus who loves me.

## 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 44:6-8 (There is no God beside me.)*

<sup>6</sup> Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel  
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

“I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.

<sup>7</sup> Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and set it before me,  
since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

<sup>8</sup> Fear not, nor be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and declared it?

And you are my witnesses!

Is there a God besides me?

There is no Rock; I know not any.”

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

### EPISTLE READING *Romans 8:12-17 (Heirs with Christ.)*

<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.

<sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

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.

**GOSPEL READING** *Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (The parable of the weeds.)*

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

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

<sup>24</sup> He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup> but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup> So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also.

<sup>27</sup> And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ <sup>28</sup> He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ <sup>29</sup> But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.” ...

<sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” <sup>37</sup> He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup> Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, <sup>42</sup> and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

**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**    *"Thy Strong Word"*

*LSB 578:1-3*

*For this, or any subsequent hymns, please see PowerPoint or the hymnal.*

**SERMON**            *"LIFE IN THE SPIRIT: Spiritually Secure"*

**NOTES:**



## PETITIONS AND PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Abba! Father! We lack for nothing under Your gracious, fatherly care. Cause us to trust Your Word and live in our true identity as Your beloved sons and daughters adopted by grace. Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Pastor: Abba! Father! Your children are scattered throughout this world. We pray for our president; our governor; our mayor; and for all who make, administer, and judge the laws in this and every land. Grant them wisdom to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly before You. Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Pastor: Abba! Father! Your children often suffer and need Your help. Be present with all who are afflicted in body, mind, or spirit. Free those enslaved by addiction, weighed down by worry or fearful of the days ahead. Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Pastor: Abba! Father! Your children gather here at Your Table to be nourished and fed. From wherever we have wandered this week, we have now returned here at Your bidding with faith in Jesus' words "given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

*Additional petitions and praises are offered.*

Pastor: Into Your hands, Abba, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns in communion and love with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

**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 “Take Me In”** (*Words & Music by Dave Browning © 1986 Glory Alleluia Music*)

Take me past the outer courts, and through the holy place  
Past the brazen altar; Lord, I want to see Your face.  
Pass me by the crowds of people, the priests who sing their praise.  
I hunger and thirst for Your righteousness, but it’s only found one place.

Take me into the Holy of Holies. Take me in by the blood of the Lamb.  
Take me into the Holy of Holies. Take the coal, cleanse my lips. Here I am.

**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 “Lamb of God” (*Chanted*)

Pastor: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

**Congregation:** **HAVE MERCY ON US, HAVE MERCY ON US.**

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Pastor: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

**Congregation:** **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!*

<b>DISTRIBUTION HYMNS</b> “Holy Spirit, Light Divine”	<i>LSB 496</i>
“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”	<i>LSB 594</i>
“Children of the Heavenly Father”	<i>LSB 725</i>

## 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 “Thy Strong Word”

LSB 578:5-6



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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.**

### **August *Portals of Prayer***

Be sure to check out this August's *Portals of Prayer*, as our own Pastor Ed is the featured author! "It is a privilege and joy to write them," he said, "as I hope for them to be blessing to the Lord's Church." He is also the author of the following assigned prayers: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday Morning and Evening, By the Sick, For One Suffering Chronic Illness, At the Time of Death, A Birthday Prayer, For the Unemployed/ Underemployed, For the Church, For Teachers, For Students, For Our Enemies, For the Lost, and In a Time of Drought.



Do you need prayer or know someone who does?  
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 [eisen@myfairpoint.net](mailto:eisen@myfairpoint.net)

*For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers—1 Peter 3:12*

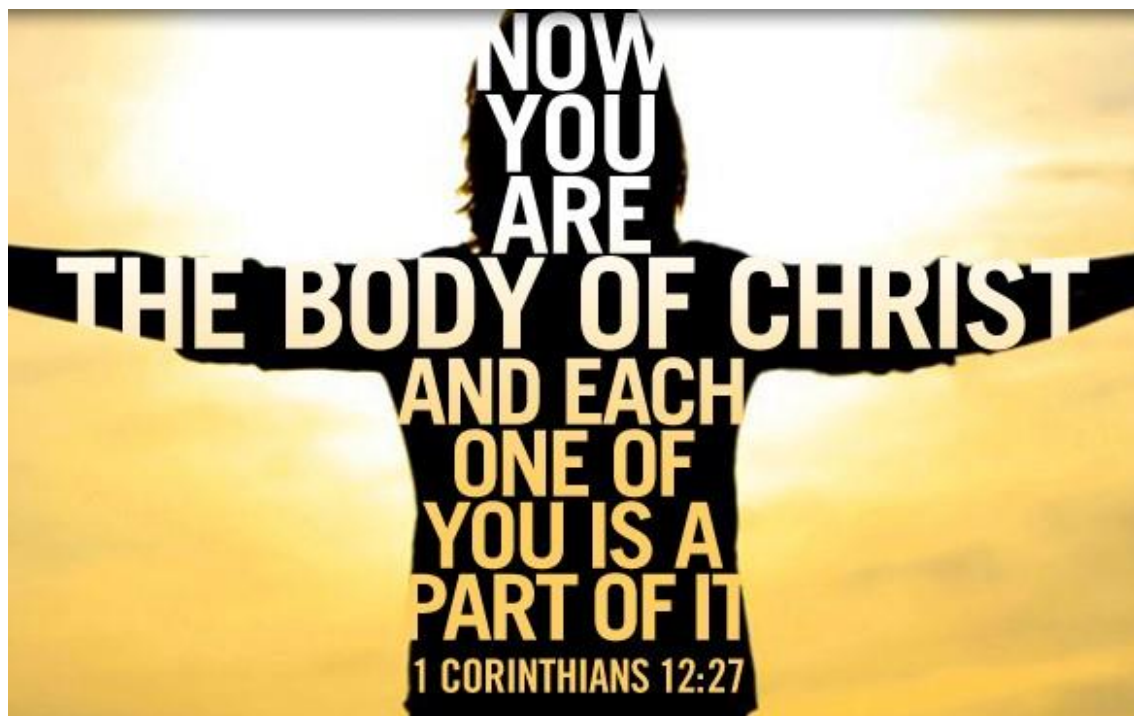
Updates to earlier prayer requests are always appreciated!



Eileen would like to thank everyone for their support and prayers as she traveled to Milwaukee and participated in the National LWML Convention.

### Events to report:

- ✓ 5000 people attended the Thursday Worship Service at the Convention
- ✓ 31 Grants were approved for funding, totaling \$2,441,070, for the upcoming biennium (2023-2024). Keep your Mites coming so that we can help fulfil this goal!
- ✓ Looking ahead: Next Nat'l Convention will be held in Omaha, NE, June 26-29, 2025
- ✓ Upcoming event to consider: Eileen has been given the opportunity to travel to CA, Dec 28-Jan 2, to participate in decorating the float for the Lutheran Hour Ministries, which will ride in the Rose Parade. If you are interested in participating in this venture with her and traveling to CA, PLEASE contact Eileen Nelson at [Eenelson53@gmail.com](mailto:Eenelson53@gmail.com) or text or call 603.313.3989. Thanks.
- ✓ Next upcoming Mission Project Work Day will be August 12, 9:00-11:00 am (Fellowship Hall)



## **Trinity Calendar for July 23 - July 30, 2023**

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

**ATTENDANCE 7-16: 62**

**Families of the week:** *The Dabrowski, Denzler and Derjue families*

### **Birthdays:**

- 29 July—Isabella Mitchell
- 30 July—Lu Dodson

### **Anniversaries:**

- 26 July—Peter and Susan Kelleher
- 26 July—Scott and Marina Schneider



The flowers this morning are given  
By Scott and Marina Schneider  
In honor of their 43<sup>rd</sup> Wedding anniversary



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