



Lutheran Church & Christian School



*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

**July 30, 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 come to the third week of our series entitled "Life in the Spirit." With Romans 8 as our guide, we rejoice to be renewed in 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** "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.

## 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.**

Pastor: I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,

**Congregation: my God, in whom I trust."**

Pastor: In God, whose Word I praise,

**Congregation: In God I trust. Psalm 91:2; 56:4a**

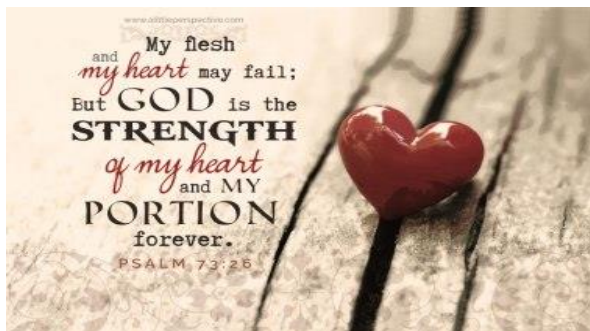
## CONFESSION OF SINS

Pastor: Gathered in the name of the One who created all things and  
unites us to Christ through our Baptism, we prepare to receive  
God's good gifts to us all. With confidence, let us draw near to  
God, confess our sin, and be renewed in God's mercy and grace.

*Silence is observed for personal reflection.*

Pastor: God of mercy and grace ...

**Congregation: We confess to You all our sins of thought, word, and deed. We  
have trusted in our own strength and not in You, and so have  
tangled ourselves in conflicts and troubles of our own making.  
Helpless and weak, we return to You, our fortress and firm  
foundation. For the sake of Your Son and His deliverance from  
death and the grave, forgive us our sins, create in us a new  
heart and renew our trust in You. Amen.**



## 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 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** *"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine"*

*The Other Song Book 16*

1. Blessed assurance Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*Chorus: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above, echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

*(Chorus)*

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

*(Chorus)*

## 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 *Deuteronomy 7:6-9 (A Chosen People.)*

<sup>6</sup> “For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup> It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup> but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

### EPISTLE READING *Romans 8:18-30 (Spiritually Grounded.)*

<sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

<sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup> And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

<sup>27</sup> And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. <sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

<sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

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 13:44-52*     (*Treasure old and new.*)

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

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

<sup>44</sup> “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup> who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. <sup>48</sup> When full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup> So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup> “Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” <sup>52</sup> And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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

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

**CREED**     *Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed*

**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**      *“LIFE IN THE SPIRIT: Spiritually Grounded”*

**NOTES:**

**PETITIONS AND PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE**

Pastor:                      Father God, You command us to pray, with the promise that You will both hear and answer us. Today, we pray for Your blessing on Your Church, that it may be faithful to the Gospel. We pray for the nations of the world, that peace may prevail. We pray for the schools, colleges, and seminaries of our Church, that Your children may be taught in the fear and knowledge of Your Word. We pray that the fruit of the Spirit may abound in the lives of Your people. Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Pastor:                      Holy Spirit, You have planted the seed of Your Word into our hearts through the Holy Scriptures and the Sacraments. Defend us, we pray, from all fears and doubts that seek to crowd Your Word out of our hearts and to turn us away from You. Fill us, that we may bear the fruits of repentance and faith that bring glory to Your name. Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Pastor:                      Precious Savior, hear our prayers for those whose lives are especially burdened and who need a special measure of Your grace. We pray for the ill, that they may receive healing by Your mercy. We pray for the dying, that they may know the perfect healing of living in Your presence forevermore. We pray for those whose life is made difficult by lack of any necessary thing. Provide, we pray, for the needs of the hungry, the homeless, the refugee, the unemployed, and all others who stand in need of Your providence. Bless and supply them out of Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

*Additional petitions and praises are offered.*

Pastor:                      Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in 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 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 inside 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!*

## HYMN MEDLEY

*"Communion" (Words & Music by Marc Byrd, Phil Madeira & Steve Hindalong © 2002 Never Say Never Songs; New Spring; Meaux Mercy; Mail Train Music)*

*Chorus:* Let us break the bread of life,  
Together take the cup of salvation;  
The body and the blood of Christ - Holy Communion.

*"Let Us Be One" (Words & Music by David Liscum © 2013 City of Peace Music (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.)*

*Chorus:* Let us be one as You are one, let us walk in unity;  
Let us be one as You are one, let us walk in unity.

*"Communion" (Words & Music by Third Day © 2005 Kobalt Music Copyrights SARL)*

*Chorus:* This is the body, this is the blood  
Broken and poured out for all of us;  
In this communion, we share in His love,  
This is the body, this is the blood.

*"Peace" (Words & Music by David (Beaker) Strasser & Rich Mullins © 1993 Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Publishing)*

*Chorus:* And may peace rain down from heaven  
Like little pieces of the sky,  
Little keepers of the promise,  
On the souls that drought has dried.  
In His Blood and in His Body,  
In this Bread and in this Wine,  
Peace to you, peace of Christ to you.



## 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** *“Benediction” (Words & Music by Matt Redman & Jonas Myrin © 2013 Atlas Mountain Songs | Said And Done Music | sixsteps Music | Thankyou Music | worshiptogether.com songs)*

May the Lord bless you (us) and keep you (us),  
May the Lord smile on you (us) and shine His light upon you (us),  
May the Lord lift you (us), turn His face towards you (us);  
Give you (us) His peace, give you (us) His peace.

**Chorus:** *Blessed we came to this place today and blessed now we will go.  
In the name of the Father, the Spirit and the Son. (Repeat)*

May the Lord bless us and keep us ... (Chorus)

**Ending:** *Go now in peace. Go now in peace.*

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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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!

### 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.

### 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 30 – Aug 6, 2023

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study: “A Longer Look at the Lessons”
	10:30 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion
<b>Tuesday</b>	5-6:30 pm	Men’s Wings Bible Study and meal
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 am	Bible Study: <i>(The Book of Matthew)</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 am	Men of Christ Bible Study: “The Gods Have Returned”
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study: “A Longer Look at the Lessons”
	10:30 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion

**ATTENDANCE 7-23:** 77

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

### **Birthdays:**

- 31 July—Jen Kosakowski
- 1 Aug—Kelleigh Bueckner
- 1 Aug—Lynn Bueckner
- 3 Aug—Elias Bueckner
- 6 Aug—John Dresser

### **Anniversaries:**

- 2 Aug—Rich and Amy Randall



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To the Glory of God  
By Ruth Johnson



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