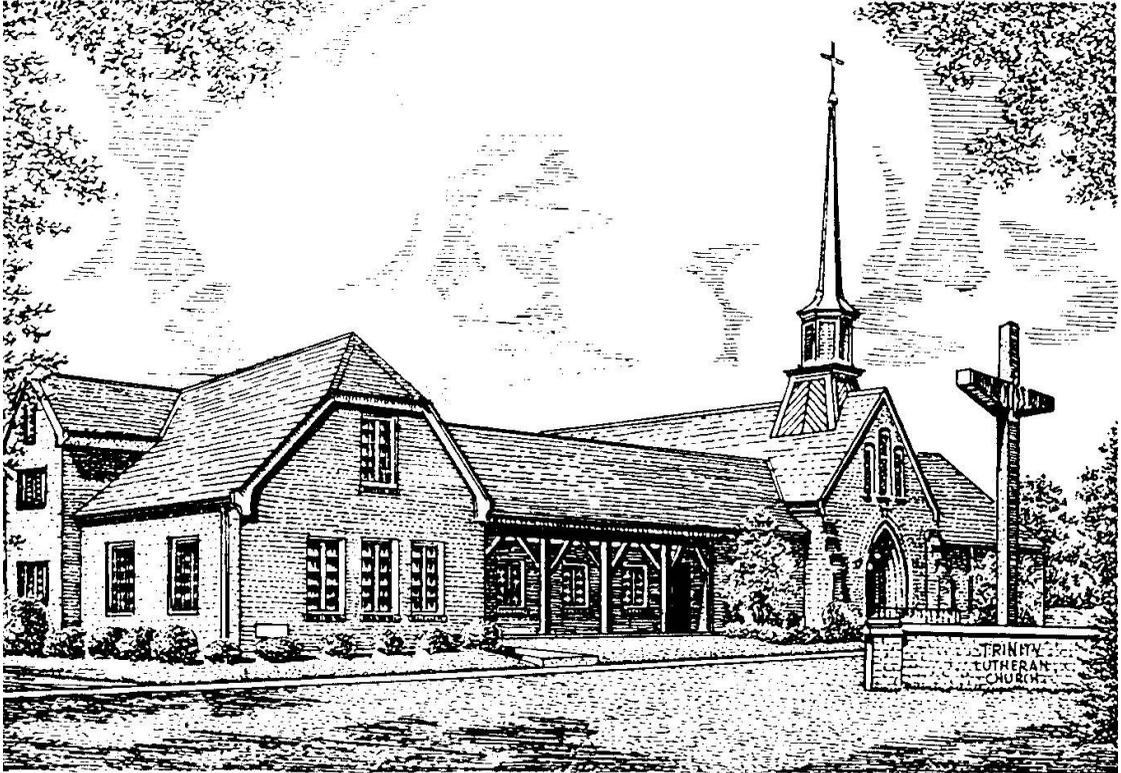


# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

*"A family where Christ is Head and the entire congregation are ministers."*

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*Good Morning and a Special Welcome* to all who are worshipping with us today. Trinity is a liturgical Lutheran church using the Divine Service as written in the Lutheran Service Book. Today's Divine Service is printed for you in this bulletin. Today's service is being live streamed to YouTube and will be available later in the day on Trinity's Facebook page and Website. The receiving of communion will not be recorded to preserve the sanctity of the sacrament. During this time, the recording will be directed to the stained-glass window above the altar so communion hymns can still be shared. By entering the service, you consent to the video recording to be used for live streaming, inclusion on our web site and Facebook, and/or any other purpose by Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. We hope that your experience here is meaningful and will be lasting.

*All members and guests are asked to fill out the Welcome Book found in your pew.*

**PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED FOR** – Flo and Richard Ball, Sue Byers, Anna Carter, Janet Eddy, Helen Everett, Pastor Charles Froehlich, Pat Gregory, Holly Hartman, Terry Ingmire, Paul Lass, Ken Leiding, Julie and Sam Locklear, John Malone, Bob Matthews, Nicholas Mick, Patrick Mick, Brenda Pendry, Bob and Carol Petrie, Scott and Natasha Thieman.

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*The flowers gracing our altar today are given to the glory of God*

by Charlotte Gunther in loving memory of her husband, Bill.

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**HOLY COMMUNION** – In the Sacrament of Holy Communion our Lord Jesus comes to us with **His very body and blood** to eat and to drink **for the forgiveness of sins** and **to strengthen our union with Him and with one another**. He invites to His table those who trust His words, **repent of all their sin** and forgive and love one another as He forgives and loves us.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because **Holy Communion is a confession of the faith** which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the LCMS, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to **speak with the Pastor before communing**.

*For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff, 10:32ff, 18:15-35, 26:26-29; Acts 2:38, 42; 1 Cor. 10:16, 11:17-34*

Other Christians and children who have not completed instruction may come forward, cross their arms over their chest and receive a blessing. For those who prefer it for any reason, the cups in **the center of the tray contain a grape juice option**. Please let the pastor know if you need a **Gluten Free wafer**.

(Before communing, we ask that first time guests and visitors please speak with the Pastor.)

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### Today's Worship Participants

Lector  
Communion Assistant  
Host/Hostess

*Boyd Sylvester  
Bill Sontag  
LWML*

### Participants for Next Sunday

Lector  
Communion Assistant  
Host/Hostess

*Boyd Sylvester  
John Knickelbein  
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During the Call Process of looking for our new pastor we are very blessed to have Pastor Timothy Utton serving as one of our Vacancy Pastors. May God bless him as he leads us in worship.

# Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 4, 2022

## Divine Service Setting One

*The congregation sits quietly. Please be aware that some people use the time prior to the service for reflection and meditation in the sanctuary. You are encouraged to talk to God before the Service, let God talk to you in the Service, then talk to one another **after** the Service.*

### Organ Prelude

*New Every Morning is the Love*

Healey Willan

### Welcome and Announcements

**Call to Worship** *Stand and face the Processional Cross* (rear of the Church)

### Processional Hymn

*Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

LSB 660



- 1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross.
- 2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;
- 3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; Stand in His strength a - lone.
- 4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The strife will not be long;



Lift high His roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.  
Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this His glo - rious day.  
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.  
This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my He shall lead  
Let all His faith - ful serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;  
Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer.  
The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.  
Let cour - age rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.  
Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.  
And with the King of Glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: George Duffield, Jr., 1818-88, alt.  
Tune: George J. Webb, 1803-87  
Text and tune: Public domain

# Confession and Absolution

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

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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 and ordained 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.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

**C** **Make me understand the way of your precepts,  
and I will meditate on your wondrous works.**

**My soul melts away for sorrow;  
strengthen me according to your word!**

**Put false ways far from me  
and graciously teach me your law!**

**I have chosen the way of faithfulness;  
I set your just decrees before me.**

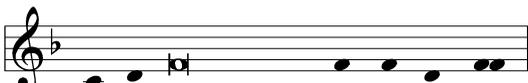
**I cling to your testimonies, O LORD;  
let me not be put to shame!**

**I will run in the way of your commandments  
when you enlarge my heart!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

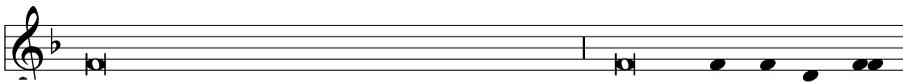
# Kyrie



**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



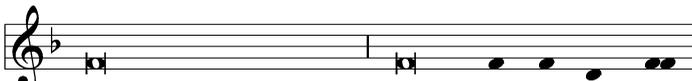
**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



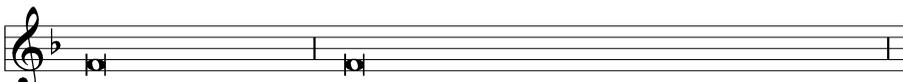
**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



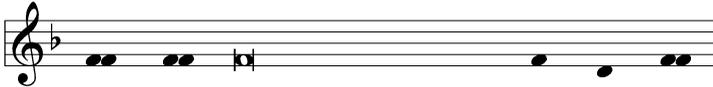
**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### This Is the Feast



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Deuteronomy 30:15–20*

<sup>15</sup>“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

**C** **Fear the LORD, you his saints,  
for those who fear him lack nothing!  
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

## Epistle

*Philemon 1–21*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our beloved fellow worker <sup>2</sup>and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, <sup>6</sup>and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. <sup>7</sup>For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

<sup>8</sup>Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, <sup>9</sup>yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— <sup>10</sup>I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) <sup>12</sup>I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. <sup>13</sup>I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. <sup>15</sup>For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

<sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Holy Gospel**

*Luke 14:25–35*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>25</sup>Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to encounter another king in

war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

<sup>34</sup>“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? <sup>35</sup>It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

*O Christ, Who Called the Twelve*

LSB 856



1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and fol - low You, For -  
 2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for a - ges sealed, Whose  
 3 O Christ, who led the Twelve A - mong the des - o - late And  
 4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd nev - er trod To  
 5 O Christ, th'a - pos-tles' Lord, The mar - tyrs' strength and song, The



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For ven - tures bold and new:  
 words and works a - wak - ened faith, The ways of God re - vealed:  
 broke as bread of life for all Your love com - pas - sion - ate:  
 serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim The near - er reign of God:  
 cru - ci - fied and ris - en King To whom the saints be - long:



Grant us to hear Your call To risk se - cu - ri - ty And,  
 In - struct us now, we pray, By Your em - pow'r - ing Word. True  
 Lead us a - long the ways Where hope has near - ly died And  
 Send us on ways where faith Tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where  
 Though gen - er - a - tions pass, Our trib - ute still we bring, Our



bound in heart and will to You, Find per - fect lib - er - ty.  
 teach - er, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.  
 help us climb the lone - ly hills Where love is cru - ci - fied.  
 love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both life and min - is - try.  
 hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, Our lives an of - fer - ing.

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## Children's Message

### Sermon

*Stand*

### Nicene Creed

**☩** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

**Offering** *Please take this time to sign in the Welcome Book at the end of your pew.*  
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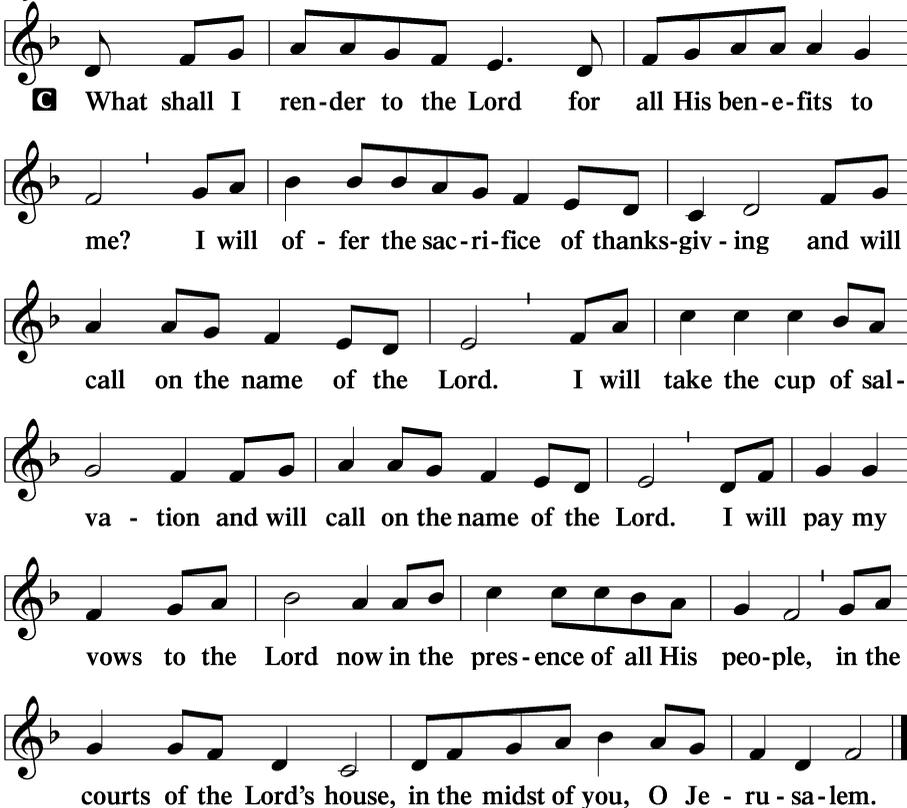
**Anthem**

*Hymn of Promise*  
Cathy George and Judy Sykes, duet

Natalie Sleeth

Stand

**Offertory**



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

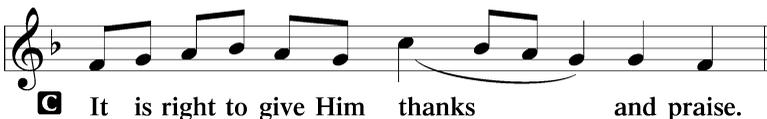
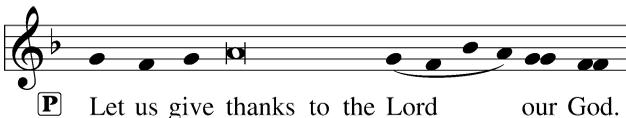
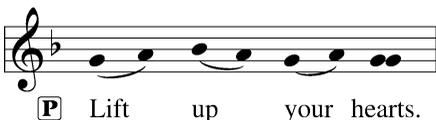
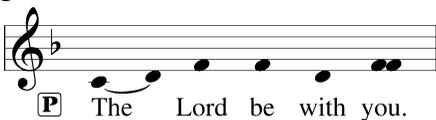
**Prayer of the Church**

**P** Lord, in your mercy...

**C** ....hear our prayer.

# Service of the Sacrament

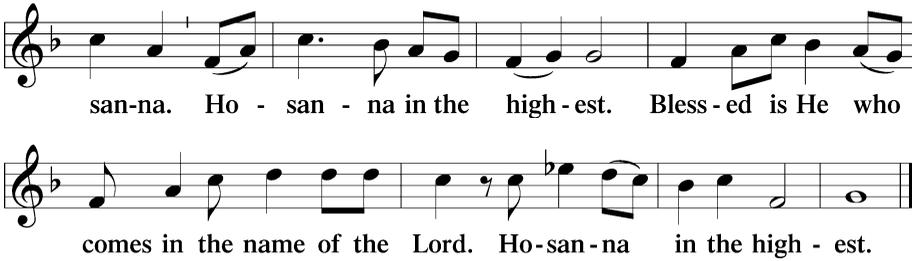
## Preface



**P** 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus





## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** 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. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

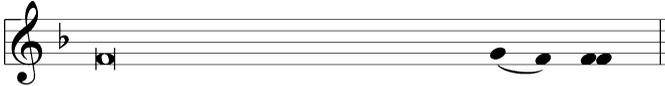
- C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## Lord's Prayer

**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.

## Pax Domini



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei





Distribution Hymn

*O Lord, We Praise Thee*

LSB 617



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,  
 2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,  
 3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy  
 Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
 That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that  
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -  
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our  
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy  
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead  
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;  
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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Stand

## Thank the Lord



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Collect

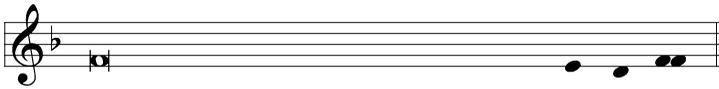
**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and 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.



**C** A - men.

## Benediction



**P** 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.



**C** A - men.



1 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -  
 2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But  
 3 No gold - en scep - ter but a towel You  
 4 You bid us bend our hu - man pride Nor  
 5 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -



ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -  
 pow'r You laid a - side. You lived Your years in -  
 place with - in the hands Of those who seek to  
 count our - selves a - bove The low - est place, the  
 ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -



get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.  
 ser - vant - hood; In low - li - ness You died.  
 fol - low You And live by Your com - mands.  
 mean - est task That waits the gift of love.  
 get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.

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**Sharing the Peace of Christ**

*Following the service, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

**Organ Postlude**

*Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord*

J. Wayne Kerr

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**LWML Meeting, Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am** - All women of the congregation are members of Trinity's LWML and all are invited to attend. This will be an information gathering meeting about what you want to see made available to you! Let us know what you are interested in seeing the Women's League offer to you. What are you looking to get involved in? We pray you will take some time out of your busy schedules and join us as we look to our future and how we can best serve Trinity and those on need.

**LWML Responsibilities - Pantry Fund** - The LWML is the custodian of this account. The money for this fund comes through offering envelopes and through direct contributions. Money has been given to the Union Mission, Mercy Chefs, the food pantry at Hope Lutheran Church and to help Special Ministries with their outreach programs to the homeless. Grocery store gift cards are also purchased with money from this fund to help individuals who are in need of food.

**Trinity's Call Committee** is now working on the list of candidates for Pastor of Trinity. We currently have eight biographies to review and decide who we want to interview, with the possibility of two more that may be added. Please keep this process in your prayers. More information will follow.

**Prayers for Kentucky Flood Victims** - We are collecting gift cards to **Home Depot, Lowes, Target, and Walmart** to be sent to help the flood victims in Kentucky. If you would like to participate, please bring these cards into the Welcome Center and place in the container there or place in the offering plate. We will mail these cards to SED LCMS as a donation from our Trinity congregation. **Today is the last day for collection.**

**Adult Choir will begin meeting on September 8th and each Thursday after that at 4:30 pm.** If you are interested in joining your voice in praise to the Lord, please speak with Carroll Smith. We would love for you to join us!

**SPECIAL MINISTRIES NEWS – SHOEBOXES** for *Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child* will be available in the Welcome Center starting **September 11<sup>th</sup>**. We will do the same as we did last year, have families take a box and fill it up. *We do ask if you take a box to please fill it and return it.* If you take a box and find yourself unable to fill it, please return the box to Patty Malone. **PLEASE RETURN YOUR BOX WHETHER YOU FILL IT OR NOT. BOXES MUST BE RETURNED BY OCTOBER 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**On Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 1pm the ladies of the LWML will be holding a PARKING LOT TAILGATE SALE.** What is that you ask? You bring your car/van/truck into the space and set-up your wares. You get to keep any money you make from your day of selling. Clean out your garage, attic and house and join us for what is to be a day of fun and fellowship. Sign up on the LWML bulletin board and get a space early. The women's league raises funds by charging for the parking spaces. The cost for parking space is \$15.00 and tables are \$5.00 the chair is included. **Proceeds from the yard sale will support mission work of the LWML.**

**NEW MEMBERS – On Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> we will be welcoming New Members. If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity, please speak with Pastor Utton or Chaplain Prince.**

**PORTALS OF PRAYER for October - December are now available.** You may pick one up from the Narthex as you exit this morning.

**Bulletin Deadline – If you have a blurb or an insert for the bulletin, please make sure it is into the Church Office by 9:00 am on the Wednesday morning prior to publication.**

## September 2022

### **In evaluating our giving, we should plan for a short life.**

*Teach us to number our days, that we may get a heart of wisdom.*

Psalm 90:12

### **Applying Bible Principles**

Although we realize that we are only here on this earth for a relatively short time, most of us avoid thinking about the inevitable. Somehow, it is as though we think we'll live forever. Well, in a sense, that's true — we will live forever, only not here. The chapters of our memory book of life which we write each day are but a prelude to our life in eternity.

It's important, therefore, to consider how this impacts our use of the funds and possessions which God has given to us. As we have seen repeatedly, God owns everything. He has never relinquished His title deed to the world. We are stewards who are responsible to use His resources wisely. And part of that usage includes giving to the Lord's work, particularly here at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Some Christians are saving all that they can for the eventual "rainy day," to the exclusion of giving to God as they should or as God has prospered them. The only problem is that for many of them, their "rainy day" never comes because their life ends much sooner than they anticipated. Then the words of an anonymous poet thunder across time and eternity:

Not, how did he die?  
But, how did he live?  
Not, what did he gain?  
But, what did he give?

These are the merits  
To measure the worth  
Of a man as man,  
Regardless of birth.

It's true that we cannot "take it with us." It's also true that once we stand on the threshold of eternity, our giving will be over. Doesn't it stand to reason, therefore, that giving here and now should be a priority in our lives? Or as someone said, "You can't take your money with you, but you can send it on ahead."

It's not what you'd do with a million  
Should riches ever be your lot;  
But what are you doing at present  
With the dollar and quarter you've got?

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, September 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> Adult Bible Class Communion Worship Service	9:00 am 10:00 am
Monday, September 5 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Labor Day</i> Bowling League	Church Office Closed 6:30 pm
Thursday, September 8 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Bible Study Choir Rehearsal	11:30 am 4:30 pm
Saturday, September 10 <sup>th</sup>	LWML Meeting	10:00 am
Sunday, September 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> Adult Bible Class Communion Worship Service	9:00 am 10:00 am

### Scriptures for September 11<sup>th</sup>

Ezekiel 34:11-24 ~ 1 Timothy 1:12-17 ~ Luke 15:1-10

Sunday, August 28, 2022  
Worship Attendance - 62  
General Offerings - \$

### PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE CHURCH MOUSE!

Please do not bring food or drinks into the Sanctuary. If you must eat or drink, please do so in the Welcome Center or the Nursery. We are seeing an increase in critters in the building. We appreciate your assistance!



There have been a rash of car break-ins in the Norfolk area, even as people are in church their cars are being targeted. **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CAR IS LOCKED AND NO VALUABLES LEFT WHERE THEY MIGHT BE SEEN.**