

# Trinity Lutheran Church & School

## Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday, August 15, 6 PM | Sunday, August 16, 9 AM

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*(The ringing of the bell signals the beginning of worship. Please direct your attention to the Prelude offered for your personal worship preparation and silence all electronic devices.)*

### PRELUDE

(6:00).....“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” - arr. Herrscher  
*Marilyn Mark, Associate Organist*

### WELCOME and GREETING OF ONE ANOTHER

HYMN: “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”.....LSB 901



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me  
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so  
3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is  
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy  
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be



en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty  
un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,  
du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,  
gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;  
done in - deed. May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee



Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed  
There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O  
Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I  
May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing  
While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the



is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!  
en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!  
hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.  
foun - tain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

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

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

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: 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.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT.....Psalm 28:1-2, 6-7; antiphon: Psalm 28:8

Pastor: The LORD is the strength of his people;

People: he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

Pastor: To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,

People: lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

Pastor: Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help,

People: when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.

Pastor: Blessed be the LORD!

People: For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

Pastor: The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;

People: my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

All: 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.

Pastor: The LORD is the strength of his people;

People: he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**People: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
Power and riches and wisdom and strength  
and honor and blessing and glory are His.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.  
Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing and honor and glory and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.  
This is the feast of victory for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.  
Alleluia, alleluia.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING..... Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

56 Thus says the LORD:  
“Keep justice, and do righteousness,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
and my righteousness be revealed.

6 “And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,  
and to be his servants,  
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,  
and holds fast my covenant—

7 these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples.”

8 The Lord GOD,  
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,  
“I will gather yet others to him  
besides those already gathered.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL.....Psalm 34:9, 19

Pastor: Fear the LORD, you his saints,  
**People: for those who fear him lack nothing!**

Pastor: Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
**People: but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

EPISTLE .....Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

11 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup> God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew...

<sup>13</sup> Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry <sup>14</sup> in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. <sup>15</sup> For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

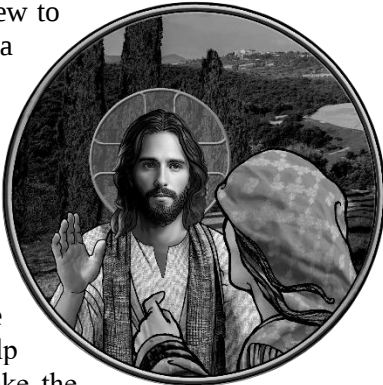
<sup>28</sup> As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. <sup>29</sup> For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup> For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup> so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup> For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

(♪) ALLELUIA and VERSE (*Stand*).....Page 173  
People: **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**  
**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL..... Matthew 15:21-28  
Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup> And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” <sup>23</sup> But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” <sup>24</sup> He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” <sup>25</sup> But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” <sup>26</sup> And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>27</sup> She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.



Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN: “God Loved the World So That He Gave” ..... LSB 571



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made  
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in  
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the  
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.  
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,  
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;  
That is the firmest ground of faith.

△ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To You, O blessed Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!

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SERMON: “Thou Only, Merciful Lord Jesus!” Matthew 15:21-28

NICENE CREED.....Page 174

**People: 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 ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

(6:00).....“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” -arr. Schack

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

*Out of love for our members and guests, and with sincere concern for the spiritual welfare of all, and in the desire to honor Christ our Lord and to be faithful to His Word, Trinity Lutheran Church abides by the ancient and biblical practice of closed Communion. All who are communicant members in good standing of Trinity Lutheran Church or of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are invited to come in true repentance to receive Christ’s body and blood in the fellowship of this altar. All others are welcome to gather at the altar rail with arms folded across your chest, indicating your desire to receive a word of blessing from the pastor.*

PREFACE.....Page 177

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.  
**People: We lift them to the Lord.**  
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**  
Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

(♪) SANCTUS.....Page 178

**People:** Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow’r and might:  
Heav’n and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING.....Page 178

**Pastor:** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. 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.

**People:** Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD.....Page 179

**Pastor:** 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 ✠ 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 ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST.....Page 179

**Pastor:** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**People:** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: 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.....Page 179

**People: 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.....Page 180

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

(♪) AGNUS DEI.....Page 180

**People: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace,  
grant us peace.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS (*Sit*)

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”.....LSB 618  
“Jesus Comes Today with Healing”.....LSB 620

(♪) CANTICLE: “Thank the Lord” (*Stand*).....Page 181

**People: Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev’ryone what He has done.  
Let ev’ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT.....Page 183

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION.....Page 183

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

People: Amen.

HYMN: “Christ Be My Leader”..... LSB 861

1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the  
2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or  
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not

dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my  
doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though  
hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor

fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.  
shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.  
sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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POSTLUDE: (6:00) .....“Christ Be My Leader” -arr. Dixon



Altar flowers are placed to the glory of God  
for the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Bill & Karen Godecke  
and in thankfulness for the examples of Christian marriage of their parents,  
Rev. & Mrs. H.H. Kasten and Major & Mrs. C.W. Godecke.



# PRAY

*without ✠ ceasing*

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,  
give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.  
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)*

**JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR THESE GENERAL & SPECIFIC NEEDS AT TRINITY**

## **PRAYERS FOR HEALING**

- Nieve Funston; Vikki Kula's dad, Jerry; Rod Kula's stepdad, Tom; Marilyn Koenighain, June Miller, Jerry Sanders

## **GOD'S BLESSINGS UPON**

- **Joyce Smith, Jeff Smith, Megan Smith**
- **Bill & Karen Godecke** as they celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary
- Trinity Lutheran School students, families, and staff as they start the new school year
- Relatives and friends of Trinity on active military duty

## **GENERAL CHURCH & WORLD CONCERNS**

- Thanks for God's care through Word & Sacrament
- For opportunities to share Jesus with others
- For the Spirit-empowered readiness to love, confess, forgive, and be reconciled
- For persecuted Christians worldwide and for the conversion of their persecutors
- For the well-being of pregnant mothers & their preborn children, both body and soul
- For an end to racism, terrorism, and every evil
- For our national, state, and local government leaders
- For those facing the daily challenges of chronic illness, physical pain, or mental health struggles

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