



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## THE DIVINE SERVICE

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Holy Cross Day

September 14 & 15, 2025



## A WORD OF CHRISTIAN WELCOME

*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" Psalm 122:1*

GRACE, MERCY, AND PEACE be yours in the Name of our Crucified and Risen Lord Jesus Christ and a word of Christian welcome:

We are delighted the Holy Spirit has brought you to hear and receive the blessings of the Word of God with us in the Divine Service, our Lord's gracious serving of us in grace as we gather in worship. We hope to make you comfortable and know you might have a few questions. Trinity welcomes many guests who may not be familiar with Lutheran worship or our congregation. This service folder contains the order of worship for the Divine Service.

The Lord's Supper, that is, Holy Communion is administered at this altar according to the Lord's institution. Out of love for our Lord's Word and His instruction, we take seriously the spiritual care and welfare of those who commune at our altar. Please take a moment to read about worthy reception of the Lord's true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins on page 20.

## A SPECIAL WELCOME TO PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

WE ARE BLESSED YOU ARE HERE. Children are a heritage from the Lord and full members of Christ's kingdom. Parents and their children are welcome to sit toward the front of the sanctuary so that the children can see and hear the service clearly. Don't worry, they won't bother the pastors. Here your children may watch the pastors, note the colors, and smell the candles. They'll be learning all we do revolves around the altar. Jesus promises to engage them with His Word and Spirit (St. Mark 10:13-16).

Engage your children through the Divine Service by teaching them the liturgy and the importance of hearing. Encourage them to speak the responses with you, "And with thy spirit!" and sing, Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy!" The children will follow your lead and they are very capable of learning challenging words. If you need help, look around: your brothers and sisters in Christ are delighted to assist.

The Family Room in the Narthex may be used if you need to step out, but please hurry back! Jesus desires children hear His Word in the Divine Service. To find this room, turn right after exiting the Nave and it is the first door on your right. A nursery is available with chairs, a single person restroom, a changing station, and busy bags with sensory toys. You'll be able to see and hear everything in the service from here.

Children's bulletins are available in the Narthex. These contain a simple presentation of the Sunday's themes and readings and serve as a teaching resource for the home.

## ✠ A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP ✠

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ, as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His Name. Amen.

*Prayers for worship preparation may be found inside the front cover of the hymnal.*

**Organ Prelude**

**Bells' Call to Worship**

**Word of Welcome**

*At the announcement of the Pastor, please stand and face the Processional Cross.*

**Opening Hymn**

**LSB 454 Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle**

*Stand.*

**Invocation**

*Matthew 28:19*

*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.

**Confession and Absolution**

*1 John 1:8-9; John 20:19-23*

**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

Psalm

*Psalm 40:1–11; antiphon: v. 13*

- P** <sup>13</sup>Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me!  
O Lord, make haste to help me!
- C** <sup>1</sup>I waited patiently for the LORD;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
- P** <sup>2</sup>He drew me up from the pit of destruction,  
out of the miry bog,
- C** and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps secure.
- P** <sup>3</sup>He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.
- C** Many will see and fear,  
and put their trust in the LORD.
- P** <sup>4</sup>Blessèd is the man who makes  
the LORD his trust,
- C** who does not turn to the proud,  
to those who go astray after a lie!
- P** <sup>5</sup>You have multiplied, O LORD my God,  
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;  
none can compare with you!
- C** I will proclaim and tell of them,  
yet they are more than can be told.
- P** <sup>6</sup>Sacrifice and offering you have not desired,  
but you have given me an open ear.
- C** Burnt offering and sin offering  
you have not required.
- P** <sup>7</sup>Then I said, “Behold, I have come;  
in the scroll of the book it is written of me:
- C** <sup>8</sup>I desire to do your will, O my God;  
your law is within my heart.”
- P** <sup>9</sup>I have told the glad news of deliverance  
in the great congregation;
- C** behold, I have not restrained my lips,  
as you know, O LORD.
- P** <sup>10</sup>I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
- C** I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness  
from the great congregation.

- P** <sup>11</sup>As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain  
your mercy from me;
- C** your steadfast love and your faithfulness will  
ever preserve me!
- C** 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.
- P** <sup>13</sup>Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me!  
O Lord, make haste to help me!

**Kyrie** (*spoken Monday*)

*Mark 10:47*

- 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.



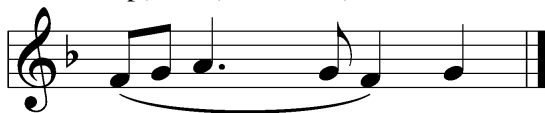
- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- 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.

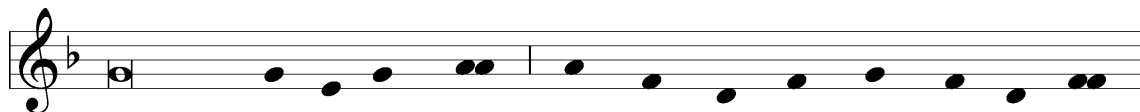
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



- C** A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis (omitted Monday)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Merciful God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*The Congregation is seated for the Readings.*

## Old Testament Reading

Numbers 21:4–9

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup>And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

Isaiah 49:22a; John 3:14b–15

**P** “Behold, I will lift up my hand to the nations,

**C** and raise my signal to the peoples,” [says the Lord.]

**P** So must the Son of Man be lifted up,

**C** that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.



## Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18–25

<sup>18</sup>The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*The Congregation stands for the Alleluia and Holy Gospel.*

## Alleluia and Verse (omitted Monday)

John 6:68

**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

John 12:20-33

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

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

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his

life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

<sup>27</sup>“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

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



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

## Children's Message

*The Congregation is seated for the Hymn of the Day.*

Hymn of the Day

LSB 453 Upon the Cross Extended

Sermon

## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, *Romans 10:10; Deuteronomy 6:4*  
the Father Almighty, *Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3*  
maker of heaven and earth *Genesis 1:1; John 1:1*  
and of all things visible and invisible. *Colossians 1:16*  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, *Romans 10:9*  
the only-begotten Son of God, *John 3:16; Matthew 16:16*  
begotten of His Father before all worlds, *John 1:2*  
God of God, Light of Light, *John 17:22; John 8:12; John 1:1*  
very God of very God, *Colossians 2:9*  
begotten, not made, *John 1:2*  
being of one substance with the Father, *John 10:30*  
by Whom all things were made; *Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3*  
Who for us men and for our salvation *1 Timothy 2:4; Romans 3:23*  
came down from heaven *John 6:41; Luke 15:20*  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary *Luke 1:34-35*  
and was made man; *John 1:14*  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. *Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18*  
He suffered and was buried. *John 19:1-3; Luke 23:5*  
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures *1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:6*  
and ascended into heaven *Acts 1:9*  
and sits at the right hand of the Father. *Acts 7:55*  
And He will come again with glory *Matthew 26:64*  
to judge both the living and the dead, *Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12*  
Whose kingdom will have no end. *2 Peter 1:11*  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, *John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38*  
the Lord and giver of life, *Genesis 1:2; John 3:6*  
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, *John 15:26*  
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, *Mt 3:16-17; Lk 2:14*  
Who spoke by the prophets. *Ezekiel 11:5; 2 Peter 1:20-21*  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, *1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22*  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, *Ephesians 4:5; Acts 2:38*  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead *1 Corinthians 15:35-49; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*  
and the life ✝ of the world to come. *Mark 10:29-30; Matthew 10:40-42*  
Amen. *Psalms 106:48*

## Prayer of the Church

*The Congregation stands for The Prayer of the Church.*

*Each petition ends:*

**P** Lord, in your mercy,

**C** Hear our prayer.

### In Our Prayers

*Those who are receiving palliative care:*

**Rex Pasley (husband of Lou Pasley)**

*Those who are hospitalized:*

**Andy Gambill and Cash Stock**

*Those who are recovering from surgery, illness, or injury:*

**Brooke Cameron, Charlene Koop, Mary Meyer, Freda Proctor, Carolyn Trigg, and Fannie Wiechert**

*Those who are contending with health or other issues:*

**Brady Bailey, Betty Brown, Dennis Elliott, Margaret Fines, Jacob Kaldahl, Amanda (Thieme) Livesay, Jessica Murphy, Michael Sadler, Larry Samuel, Anthony & Christine Warrington, and Teri White (relative of Phyllis White)**

*Those involved in managing the effects of cancer, including:*

**Wayne Armbrust, Richard Bolch (cousin of Keith Davis), Lauren Brown, Jack Crawford, Nathan Eckhoff, Ricky Flandemeyer, Kevin Hughes, Marvin Koop, Roberta Mangold, Blake & Mary Medlock, Debi Mirly, Rev. Aaron Sterling, Lee Tubbesing, Steve Tubbesing, and Elsa Wiemerslage**

*For the family of:*

**Teri White (sister-in-law of Phyllis White) who died on September 8, 2025**

*Request Card located in your pew and place it in the offering box in the narthex. You may also contact the Church Office or visit the [Submit a Prayer Request](#) page on our website.*

## Record of Attendance and Offerings

*Your presence is meaningful for us. Please take a moment to record your attendance in the red book at the end of your pew. Offerings may be placed in the collection box in the Narthex or online.*

**The Monday evening service continues with the Communion Hymn, #438.**



**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.

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

**Preface** (*spoken Monday*)

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**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, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. 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 *(spoken Monday)*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## 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.

## Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

**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.

## The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

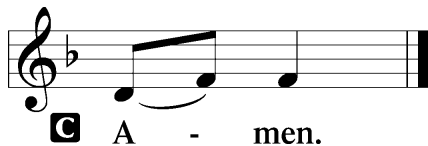
**[P]** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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."

## Pax Domini *(spoken Monday)*

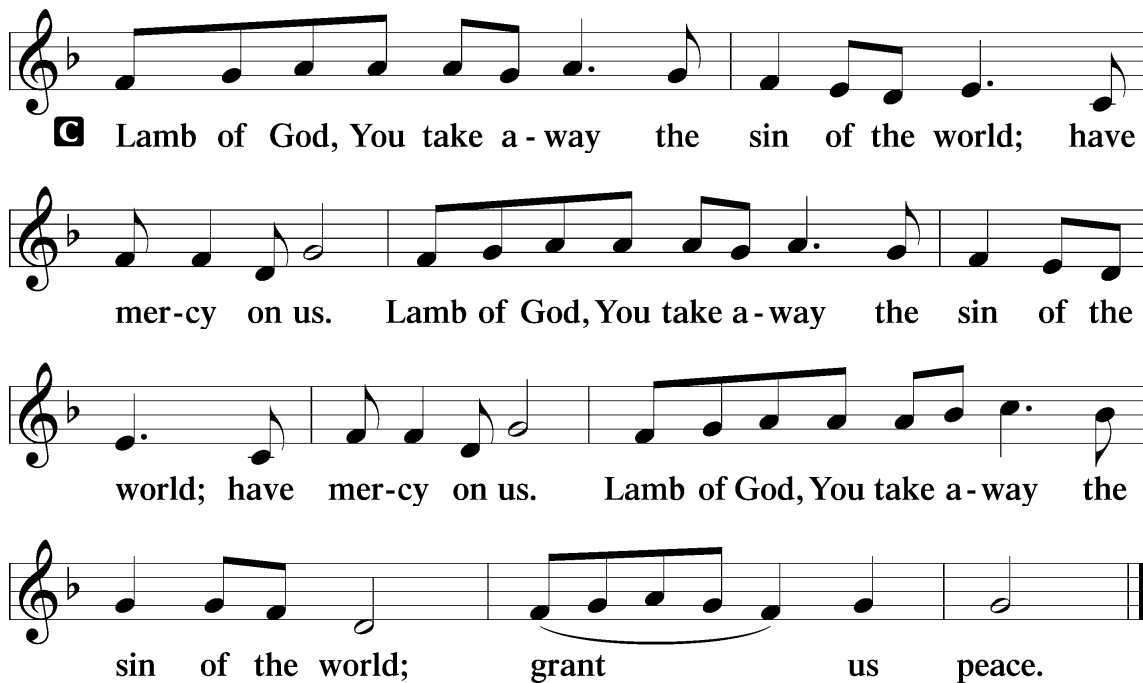
John 20:19

**[P]** The Peace of the Lord be with you always.



## Agnus Dei *(omitted Monday)*

John 1:29



*The Congregation is seated.*



## Distribution

**Holy Communion** *The Lord Jesus is concerned about the spiritual care of all who commune at His Altar (1 Corinthians 11:27, 28). Our pastors desire to care for all our guests according to the Lord's instruction and would desire a conversation with you (1 Corinthians 4:1; Hebrews 13:1) prior to communing. The altar is open to those who are members of our congregation or sister congregations of the LCMS and are not under church discipline (1 Corinthians 1:10; 5:4, 5; 10:17). If you are a guest today, please read Our Teaching and Belief Concerning the Lord's Supper on page 20.*

### Prayer for the Right Reception of the Lord's Supper

*Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting. Hear us for the sake of Your name. Amen.*

**Distribution Hymn** *(Monday hymn)*

**LSB 438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth**

Vocal Anthem

"The Royal Banners Forward Go"

**Distribution Hymn**

**LSB 622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving after Receiving the Lord's Supper

*Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.*

*The Congregation stands for the Dismissal.*

## Dismissal

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✝ in peace.

**C** Amen.



**C** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

## 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

Numbers 6:24–26

**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 T give you peace.



## Hymn to Depart

LSB 544 O Love, How Deep

## Postlude

### ✠ A PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP ✠

*Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness of my sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*

### SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

**Preacher:** Rev. Joseph McCalley

**Liturgist:** Rev. Brian Thieme

**Elders:** (8:00) Ron Dickes | (10:30) Carey Smith

**Ushers:** (8:00) Hunter Kevil & Kyle Dickes | (10:30) Kevin & Ethan Mott

**Crucifer:** (8:00) William Roberts | (10:30) Jackson Gooch

**Acolyte:** (8:00) Elder | (10:30) Andy Bier

**Vocalist:** Ethan Mott

**Organist:** Carolyn Holste

**Altar Guild:** Kimberly Walker & Phyllis White

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## OUR TEACHING AND BELIEF CONCERNING THE LORD'S SUPPER

### **What is Holy Communion?**

Holy Communion, the Lord's Supper, or the Sacrament of the Altar is administered at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that along with the bread and the wine we receive the true Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 22:22-24; Luke 22:14-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26). Our Lord has shed His true blood and instituted His Supper for our benefit, that we might be joined to Him. We therefore take Him at His Word, believing and trusting in His gift and promise, without adding to or taking away from what He has said. This eating and drinking is a true participation, a communion, in the very same body and blood of Christ present on the cross of Calvary, not symbolic or representative (1 Corinthians 10:16). Through the gift of Communion, the Lord bestows on us the forgiveness of sins and strengthens our union with Him and with one another.

### **Who should receive the Lord's Supper?**

Our Lord desires that those who commune should know and believe what they are receiving in Holy Communion unto their benefit and not unto harm (1 Corinthians 11:29). Communicants should be instructed in God's Word so that they can properly examine themselves prior to communing (1 Corinthians 11:28), and should be united as one body in the faith (Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 1:10; 10:17). Our pastors and those gathered here desire and pray for your presence at this altar to receive the Lord's gifts. To achieve this unity in confession, our pastors desire a conversation with those who are not yet instructed or believe differently (belong to another church body or denomination) because Holy Communion is a public confession of agreement with all doctrine believed, taught, and confessed here. We also ask guests from other LCMS congregations to speak with the pastors before communing.

All who are communicant members in a congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, those Lutheran churches that are in altar and pulpit fellowship with the LCMS and not under church discipline may commune here. All other guests are invited to come to the communion rail for a blessing from the Pastor. Please cross your arms at the rail to receive the blessing.

### **How do I eat and drink Christ's body and blood?**

Communicants may receive the host by having it placed directly into the mouth or by having it placed in the palm of the hand. If the communicant wishes to take the individual cup, please receive one from the tray as the elder comes to your place at the communion rail. Drink from the individual cup when the pastor comes to your place at the communion rail with the chalice and speaks the words of distribution. If the communicant wishes to receive the chalice wait for the individual cup to pass and the pastor will commune you from the chalice.

If an individual has a sensitivity to gluten, a special host is available. Please request this host from the pastor when he comes to your place. Alcohol-removed wine is also available in the pink glasses of the individual cup should an individual desire.

**The Lord's Supper may be received in the pew if needed. Please notify a Pastor, Elder, or Usher.**

# TRINITY WEEKLY NEWS

Holy Cross Day • September 14, 2025

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

September 14-19: Heather off



### Sunday, September 14

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service
- 11:30 a.m. Potluck Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. Assembly of Voters
- 6:00 p.m. JCC

### Monday, September 15

- 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Divine Service

### Tuesday, September 16

- 10:30 a.m. 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee
- 5:30 p.m. Vesper Guild
- 5:45 p.m. Pickleball

### Wednesday, September 17

- 9:00 a.m. TLCLC Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Witnessing Workshop
- 5:30 p.m. Life Team

### Thursday, September 18

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. TLCLC Chapel
- 11:00 a.m. Communion @ Lenoir
- 5:45 p.m. Pickleball
- 6:00 p.m. Board of Evangelism
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Open House/Practice

### Friday, September 19

*Pastors' Day Off*

### Saturday, September 20

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Art Class

### Sunday, September 21

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service
- 12:00 p.m. Witnessing Workshop
- 3:00 p.m. Youth German Meal
- 6:00 p.m. JCC

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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|-----------|------------------------------------|
| Sept 20   | October newsletter submissions due |
| Sept 21   | Mary Martha Nut Sale begins        |
| Sept 23   | Fellowship Hall Cleaning           |
| Sept 25   | Lutheran Ladies Having Fun         |
| Oct 4     | Apple Wine Festival                |
| Oct 20    | MM Nut Sale ends                   |
| Oct 18-27 | Vesper Guild Craft Fair            |
| Oct 26    | Trunk or Treat                     |

## FLOWER ANNOUNCEMENT

The Altar Flowers are given by Keith Davis

## LEARNING THE FAITH

### Monday Bible Study with Pastor Thieme

- Mondays at 9:00 am in Room 106  
Studying: the book of Hebrews

### Men's Bible Study

- Thursdays at 7:00 am in the Fellowship Hall  
Studying: I Samuel

### Junior Confirmation Classes

- Sundays at 6:00 pm, beginning on September 7

### Witnessing with Word & Prayer: Sharing God's Grace

- September 17 at 10 am OR  
September 21 after late service (light lunch provided)

**Sign Up Today!** See the bulletin board across from the church office

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## Sunday School Art Class

- **Saturday September 20, 9:30-11:30am**
- **Room 124 off the gym**
- **Sign up by September 14 on the bulletin board across from the church office**

The Board of Christian Education will be hosting artist Cenedra Eaton to teach an art class for the Sunday School. There will be a short lesson on the stained glass windows in the sanctuary and their symbolism. Following this, younger Sunday School students will be painting their own "stained glass" windows and the older students will have the opportunity to design and paint theirs. Parents of younger students are encouraged to stay for the class as their artwork will not take the whole two hour period. Contact Kimberly Walker at (708) 532-3358 with any questions.

## YOUTH GROUP

### Make & Enjoy a German Meal Together

- **Sunday, September 21 from 3:00-6:00 pm**
- **Fellowship Hall & Kitchen**
- **RSVP required by September 18:** Please let Jenny Brame at 417-322-2483 or Jacque Eckhoff at 573-289-0273 know if you will be attending the event.

### Germany Trip Update

- **Sunday, September 14**

We will start the destination presentations on this date. All youth participating in the trip are expected to attend Sunday School regularly.

## LWML NEWS

### Vesper Guild Meeting

- Tuesday, September 16 @ 5:30 pm
- Church Library

### Nut Sales – Coming Soon!

- **September 21-October 20**

The Mary Martha Guild will offer an assortment of plain and chocolate-covered nuts, pretzels, raisins, and gummies. The nuts and treats are great for baking, snacking, and also make wonderful gifts. An order form will be included in the bulletin beginning next week on September 21. The profits from our nut sales are used to sponsor various

missions that Mary Martha chooses.

### Fellowship Hall Cleaning

- Tuesday, September 23 at 8:30 am

## SERVE AND ENCOURAGE

### Handbell Open House

- **Thursday September 18, 6:30 - 7:30 pm**
- **Room 123**
- **Contact Kimberly Walker at 708-532-3358 if you plan to attend**

Anyone interested in joining the handbell choir, or just ringing a bell, is invited to attend a Handbell Open House. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Regular practice will resume the following Thursday, 9/25, from 6:30pm - 7:30pm in the same room.

### Lutheran Ladies Having Fun

- **Thursday, September 25 @ 6:30 pm**
- **If interested in attending, please contact Sarah Thieme at 573-999-7746 for more information**

The craziness of summer has already come to an end! Please join us on Thursday, September 25 at Jenny Brame's neighborhood clubhouse. We will be studying from Michelle Dierck's Bible study titled, "Finding Hope: Finding Peace in God's Faithfulness." In this life, we aren't promised health, wealth, stability, or perfect relationships. What we *are* promised is hope in Jesus. We will be studying eight different names and characteristics of God, and what they teach us about who He is and the hope He promises as we tackle every day life. Please join us for a night with sisters in Christ as we have fun and study God's Word.

### Sign up now to volunteer for Trunk or Treat!

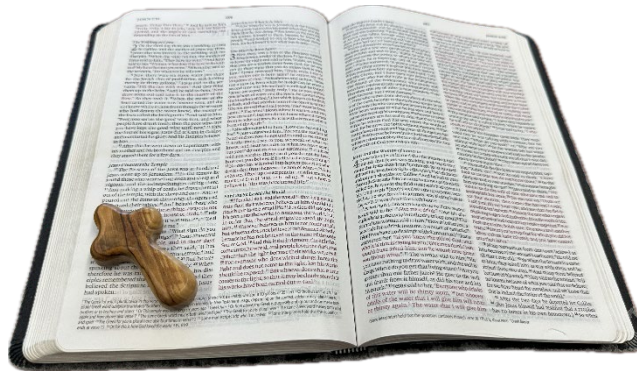
- **Sunday, September 26 at 3 pm**

If you would like to volunteer or reserve a spot for your car or game, please sign up on the bulletin board across from the church office.

For those who want to donate, there is a large box for candy and a small box for non-edible items in the Narthex. Please avoid donating treats with imagery of witches, demons, etc.

# “Witnessing with Word & Prayer: Sharing God’s Grace”

**Share the Gospel with Confidence!**



Join our new class, *Witnessing with Word & Prayer*, and learn how to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with unbelievers using a simple, Scripture-based approach rooted in Lutheran faith. Based on seven key Bible verses outlining salvation, this class will:

- **Equip you** to explain God’s love, sin, and Christ’s saving work with clarity and compassion.
- **Guide you** in praying for unbelievers using Martin Luther’s method of praying through Scripture.
- **Strengthen your** witness to friends, family, or strangers with confidence in God’s grace.

## **What You’ll Learn:**

- How to use seven Bible passages (e.g., John 3:16, Romans 5:8, Ephesians 2:8-9) to share the Gospel.
- Practical ways to address unbelievers’ doubts, from skepticism to self-reliance.
- Luther’s four-step prayer method (Instruction, Thanksgiving, Confession, Prayer) to intercede for unbelievers’ salvation.

No experience needed – all welcome!  
“Let your light shine before others” (Matt 5:16).

## **Details:**

**When:** Three opportunities to choose from!

September 11 at 6 pm (light dinner provided) *or*

September 17 at 10 am *or*

September 21 after late service (light lunch provided)

**Where:** Trinity Lutheran, Fellowship Hall

**Contact:** James Roberts, Patti Haubein, Dianne Mirtz, or Pastor Thieme

**Sign Up Today!** See the bulletin board across from the church office

## Audio and Print Assistance

Hearing-assist and live-captioning devices are available for the hearing-impaired. If either device may assist in your hearing and meditation on the Word of God, the ushers will be able to offer assistance. The large print edition of the hymnal is also available. Please speak with an usher, elder, or pastor.



## Accessibility

For those who may not be able to or comfortable navigating the stairs to the lower level, a lift is located just outside the sanctuary overflow area. Ushers or church members are able to assist with operation of the lift.



## Recording

Trinity publishes a recording of worship services both on our website and on YouTube (TrinityCoMo). Sermons are also available on our website.



## Restrooms

Restrooms are located in the hallway off the sanctuary overflow area (facing forward toward the altar, the open area to the left). Proceed through the door in the overflow area and you will find the restrooms to your right. From the Narthex, proceed past the stairs and turn right once you pass through the wooden double doors.



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