

Trinity Lutheran Church

Sept. 18th,
2022

15th Sunday
after
Pentecost

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WHOEVER IS FAITHFUL
IN A VERY LITTLE
IS FAITHFUL ALSO
IN MUCH



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST ~ LECTION 25

HOLY COMMUNION ~ ELW 4

9:00 A.M. ~ Sunday, September 18th, 2022



Sundays after
Pentecost

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WELCOMES ALL *who enter this house of worship! We gather this Sunday to worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit reaching out with greetings of good cheer to all who are gathered.*

If you are visiting, we hope you will join us again as your presence enhances our worship. Everyone is invited to join-in the fellowship and refreshments immediately following the Sunday morning service in the library.

WORSHIP AIDS

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from an usher.

ACTIVITY BAGS for young children are on a stand at the rear of church; please return after services. Thanks.

PLEASE SIGN the Friendship Pad as it is passed to you during the time of distribution.

PREFERENCE to receiving grape juice is indicated by raising your index finger to the server.

I WISH CARDS are in your pews; please let us know your ideas to improve our Trinity home.

GATHERING

WE PREPARE... *As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.*

PRELUDE / ANNOUNCEMENTS / BELL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit ☩ one God, abounding in steadfast love toward us, healing the sick and raising the dead, showering us with every good gift.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal God our creator,

in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us.

In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake,

God ☩ forgives you all your sins. **Amen.**

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al -

1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its
 2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and
 3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

le - lu - ia, al - le -

righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be
 you shall find; knock and the door shall be
 ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the

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

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
 o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
 mouth . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



WORD

FIRST READING

Amos 8:4-7

The first reading is in Amos chapter 8, verses 4 - 7.

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1-7

The second reading is in 1 Timothy chapter 2, verses 1-7.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all — this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW #801

REFRAIN

Change my heart, O God; make it ev-er true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the pot-ter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

REFRAIN

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 16th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "There was once a rich man who had a manager. He got reports that the manager had been taking advantage of his position by running up huge personal expenses. So he called him in and said, 'What's this I hear about you? You're fired. And I want a complete audit of your books.'

"The manager said to himself, 'What am I going to do? I've lost my job as manager. I'm not strong enough for a laboring job, and I'm too proud to beg. . . . Ah, I've got a plan. Here's what I'll do . . . then when I'm turned out into the street, people will take me into their houses.'

"Then he went at it. One after another, he called in the people who were in debt to his master. He said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' "He replied, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' "The manager said, 'Here, take your bill, sit down here—quick now—write fifty.'

"To the next he said, 'And you, what do you owe?' "He answered, 'A hundred sacks of wheat.' "He said, 'Take your bill, write in eighty.'

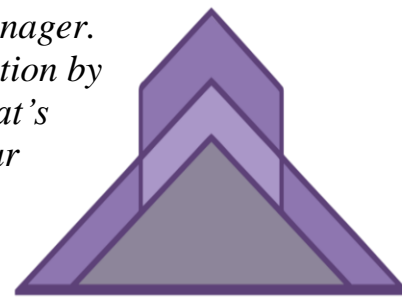
"Now here's a surprise: The master praised the crooked manager! And why? Because he knew how to look after himself. Streetwise people are smarter in this regard than law-abiding citizens. They are on constant alert, looking for angles, surviving by their wits. I want you to be smart in the same way—but for what is right—using every adversity to stimulate you to creative survival, to concentrate your attention on the bare essentials, so you'll live, really live, and not complacently just get by on good behavior."

God Sees Behind Appearances. Jesus went on to make these comments:

*If you're honest in small things, you'll be honest in big things;
If you're a crook in small things, you'll be a crook in big things.
If you're not honest in small jobs, who will put you in charge of the store?*

*No worker can serve two bosses:
He'll either hate the first and love the second
Or adore the first and despise the second.
You can't serve both God and the Bank.*

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**



"And if you have not been

FAITHFUL

with what belongs to another,
who will give you
what is your own?"



1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
 4 God of the coun - try side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you need, all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil to be used, no gift of yours a - bus,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

INSTALLATION OF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF

At this time, all the Sunday School staff are invited to come and gather before the altar. You have accepted the call to serve on the Sunday School staff of Trinity Lutheran Church and we welcome you as partners in this important ministry we share together. You will have opportunities to tell how much God has done for you as you work with the children, youth, and adults of this congregation. Therefore -

Will you promise to do your best in teaching your students by trusting in God's care, seeking to grow in love for those you serve, and striving in excellence in all you do?

Staff: We do, and we ask God to help us.

Will you be diligent in your study of the scriptures and faithful in your use of prayer for your students?

Staff: We will, and we ask God to help us.

Parents and friends of our Sunday School program, will you faithfully support this ministry by bringing your children, participating in the educational opportunities where and as you are able, and praying for the education programs of this congregation?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Let us pray: Creator God, thank you for these gifted people. Inspire and guide them to be your instruments. Help us to surround them with our faithfulness and support. Keep us all in your care as we ask it in Jesus name. **Amen.**

While the Sunday School staff remains here, I would like to invite those present today whose vocation is teaching, either in public or private schools to stand.

You have tremendous responsibility as Christian teachers standing before your classes to "do the Word" by being the very best teacher you can possibly be. Today we want to affirm you in your calling.

Heavenly father, as these your servants stand before their students this year, grant them wisdom from on high. Give them patience to persevere, and strength and courage each day. Empower them with your Holy Spirit that they may be good examples of right living, being *doers of the Word* in their surroundings, that all their students may look to them as models to imitate in their lives. In Jesus' name. Amen!

Parents are truly the first teachers of the gospel for their children, and one hour on Sunday morning, unless backed up by the teaching of parents, will not be very productive. So, I would like to ask all the parents in the pews to please stand as we pray for you.

Bless, O Lord, the fathers and mothers in our midst today. You have given them such tremendous responsibilities as Christian parents to bring their children up in love and trust of the Lord. Help them to be models of the godly life, being both hearers that hear and doers that do the Word of God. In the name of Christ who was obedient to both his Heavenly Father and his earthly parents. Amen!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

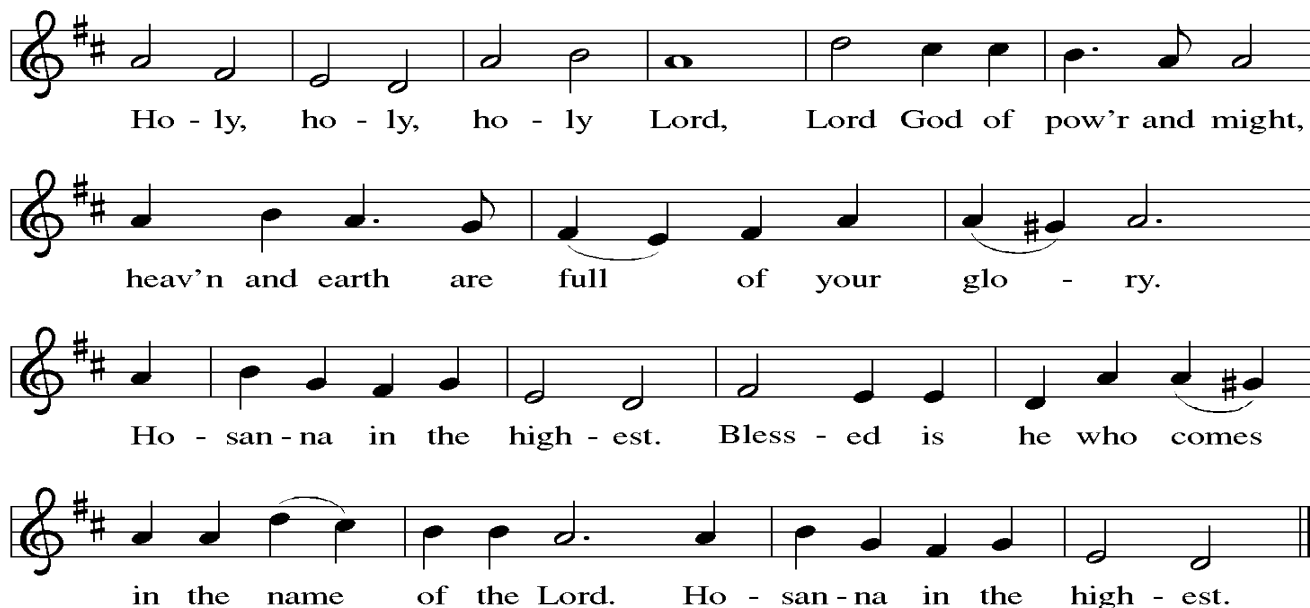
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, who on overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

DISTRIBUTION Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place at the welcome table.

Alleluia! Come to the feast.

(Please sign the Welcome Pads and pass to your neighbor.

Offering will be taken during Communion)



COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

Let us pray. God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy. In your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

Amen.

(Ushers will bring the offering forward)

SENDING

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Bind Us Together

WOV #748

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It features a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The score is divided into several systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes a 'Refrain' section at the beginning and end, and a 'Chorus' section in the middle. The lyrics are: 'Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love. 1. There . . is on - ly one God. There . . is on - ly one King. 2. You are the fam - ly of God. You are the prom - ise di - vine. There . . is on - ly one Bod - y; that . . is why we can sing: You are God's cho - sen de - sire, you are the glo - rious new wine.'

Refrain
F

Dm Gm

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that

C7 F F

can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,

Dm Gm C F

bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.

F C7 F F C7 F

1. There . . is on - ly one God. There . . is on - ly one King.
2. You are the fam - ly of God. You are the prom - ise di - vine.

F C7 F F C7 F

There . . is on - ly one Bod - y; that . . is why we can sing:
You are God's cho - sen de - sire, you are the glo - rious new wine.

Refrain
Bb/C

BELL AND DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit sends us forth to serve. **Thanks be to God.**

Our thanks to all who serve the Body of Christ

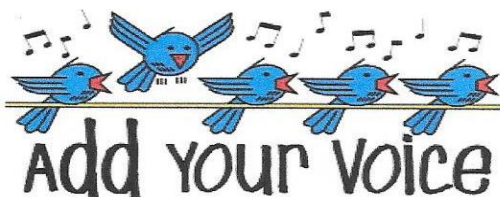
SUNDAY 9:00 Worship		
Accompanist	Mary Mulry	
Acolyte	Paige Haala	
Reader	Larry Baumgardt	
Holy Communion	Neil Neidt, Brian Polesky, & Larry Baumgardt	
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	
Greeters	Jeff & Lynette Carlson	
Ushers	Doug Domeier & Keith Lendt	
Altar Guild	Sarah Lendt & Beth Klein	

WE EXPRESS OUR DEEPIST SYMPATHIES to Sandy Brinkman and all of the family members and friends of **Dean Brinkman**, who passed away on Monday, September 5th and was laid to rest yesterday. May God bless and keep them in His perfect peace. God bless the memory of **Dean Brinkman**.



A Great Thank You to all who helped Make our “God’s Work Our Hands” projects a success! Together we make a difference to our Church, Community, and the World.

Adult Forum returns! Adult Forum resumes this Sunday, September 18 (after a 2-1/2 year Covid break!). Grab your coffee and join us in the Friendship Room after worship on Sunday. We will be looking at “The Difficult Words of Jesus,” a six-week study of some of the more perplexing teachings of Jesus gives us. Amy-Jill Levine will be joining us as our guide (via the magic of DVD.) Mark Beito will lead the discussion. No one will be called on. Join us!



Trinity Choir is Wednesdays at 5 P.M. beginning September 7th

All are welcome to practice in celebration of the music to come!

Call Mary at 507 227-9880 with any questions.

Bell Choir is Wednesdays at 6 P.M. beginning September 14th
All are welcome to ring in the music to come!

Call Rose at 507 276-0013 with any questions.



September 18, 2022

Set your heart on God, not on money.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 16:1-13	Parable of the shrewd manager
Monday	Mark 12:38-44	A widow's offering
Tuesday	Matthew 19:16-30	The rich young man
Wednesday	Psalm 62	Don't set your heart on riches
Thursday	Ecclesiastes 5:10-12	The love of money
Friday	1 Timothy 6:6-19	The dangers of loving money
Saturday	Psalm 113	The Lord helps people in need
Sunday	Luke 16:19-31	Poor Lazarus and the rich man



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

You cannot be the slave of two masters. You will like one more than the other or be more loyal to one than to the other. You cannot serve God and money.

Luke 16:13

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

O God, help us to use our money in ways that serve you. Amen. (Luke 16:13)

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, all good gifts come from you. We thank you for this gift of food. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord who cares for the poor and needy, give you a heart for the needs of others. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

Discuss in your home or small group:

Share about something you saved for and then bought. How did it feel to buy it?

Money is a gift from God. How do you think God wants us to use it?

How can money cause problems in our relationship with God and others?

In what ways can you use your money to serve God?

DEVOTIONS

The apostle Paul encourages us to offer "requests, prayer, intercession, and thanksgiving" for rulers and all those in positions of authority (1 Timothy 2:1-2). In your house-hold devotion times this week, pray for leaders in your nation and community, using the prayer suggestions below. Find out the names of those you don't know.

Monday - National leaders

Tuesday - State/provincial leaders

Wednesday - Community leaders

Thursday - School leaders

Friday - Church leaders

Saturday - Parents

SERVICE

Our leaders need our encouragement for their work! Choose a government leader or official and write a note of support.

Let the leader know you are praying for him/her.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Societies typically praise the power of wealth to please ourselves. Psalm 113 praises the power of God to do good for the poor and needy. The tradition of tithing and doing acts of kindness for others is part of the Christian faith and life. Talk with family and friends about your use of financial wealth as a way to give praise to God. Make financial gifts to church and the needs of society a regular part of your journey of faith.

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In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

Please take your bulletin home for weekly family devotional time



Trinity's Mission Statement

We are a community where Jesus is Lord: our mission is to invite, welcome, nurture, and equip all people to be disciples in His name.

TRINITY'S PRAYER CHAIN Send an email to secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org or call the office at 507 794-5051. Leave a message.

TRINITY'S WEBPAGE Send an email to the church office at secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org and let Darlene know you want your newsletter via email!

**TRINITY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK
CHECK IT OUT!!**

"Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN"

The Trinity Tidings newsletter is now also posted on www.sleepyeyeonline.com watch this site for community news and events.



If you haven't already, please consider *Simply Giving*, an automated giving program for your offering. You determine the frequency of your offering which is deposited into Trinity's account the same day it is withdrawn from your account. It's a "hassle-free" way to give.

Talk to Pat or Darlene if you are interested. Thank You.

Last week at Trinity

Weekly Worship Attendance:	94
Weekly Giving: (5846.00 Needed)	\$4455.35
September Giving: (\$23,360.00 Needed)	\$8515.64
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$162,195.88
Budget Contributions needed	\$216,307/40
2022 Approved Budget	\$308,000.00



Thrivent members are reminded to direct their Choice Dollars each year any time after April 1st of the year.

Please consider naming Trinity for your Choice Funds.

Call 800-847-4836 and have your ID Number available.

This Week's Prayer Concerns

Pray for the Church...that the Holy Spirit would empower us to live in the image of God so that we would speak and act in every way bringing glory to God before all the nations and peoples with what we have been given...

Pray for our World...that pain of this Covid-19 pandemic, which has penetrated so many lives that your light Lord would help us to see your presence and that the Spirit would lead us to seek the truth and practice grace for all who are hurting...

Pray for all who are ill, afflicted, or recovering...that the Holy Spirit would give comfort and daily strength to Alice Mae, Linda, Loretta, Jerry, Beth, Harold, Sue, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Cindy, Emma, Ed, Carlos, Dorothy, Story, Tina, Ethan, Robyn, Carmen, Julia Ann, Linette, Tammy, John, Tony, Ted, Connor, Ed, Milo, Kimora, Gene, and Mary Jo.

Pray for the beloved... who now rest from their labors in God's mercy and for all who mourn the personal loss of loved ones, especially Sandy Brinkman and her family in the loss of her husband, **Dean Brinkman**.... that God would fill each one with the hope of our Lord's promise to bring us to a new heaven and earth where suffering, crying, pain and death will be no more....

Pray for all families... that the Holy Spirit would bring joy and spiritual growth to all who are separated from one another and each would be blessed with their safe return to us...

Pray for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces and those far from home...for **Brady Augustin** and his wife ...and for all of our military Veterans that the Holy Spirit would guard them in safety and keep their hearts stayed in Christ...

Pray for the missionaries of our church (ELCA)...that they proclaim their witness of the Gospel throughout the world.

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