# Welcome to Trinity Lutheran

Sunday, September 15, 2019 8:30 am 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Love God, Love Our Neighbors, Serve the World

Church

\*Please stand if able

# Welcome

Prelude

# \*Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, № one God, the strength of our ancestors, the host of this meal, the builder of the city that is to come. Amen.

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

### Silence is kept for reflection.

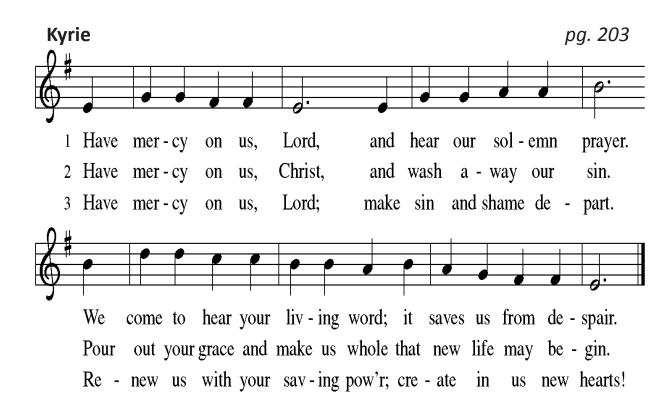
God our helper, we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent.
Put your trust in these promises:
God will never leave you or forsake you.
You who were lost have been found.
For the sake of ≇ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Rejoice with the angels at this good news.
Amen.

\*Gathering Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #834

# \*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.** 



**Canticle of Praise** 



### \*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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**Special Music** 

"A Time for All Things"

Senior Choir

# First Reading: Exodus 32:7-14

While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today's reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God's own people and boldly asks mercy for them.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup>they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" <sup>9</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup>Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

<sup>11</sup>But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup>Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup>Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever." "<sup>14</sup>And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

# Psalm: Psalm 51:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

# <sup>2</sup>Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

<sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses,

and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,

a sinner from my mother's womb.

- <sup>6</sup>Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.
- <sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.
- <sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness;

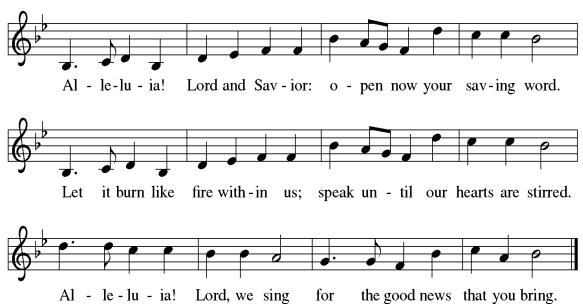
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

- <sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.
- <sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

# Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

The letters to Timothy are called the Pastoral Epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God. <sup>12</sup>I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup>even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



#### \*Gospel Acclamation

#### \*Gospel Lesson: Luke 15:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 15th Chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>When he has



found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup>"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day "O God of Mercy, God of Light" #714 \*Apostles' 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. \*Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

# \*Peace The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

(Please extend a greeting of peace to those around you.)

(Please be seated.)

# Offering

# **\*Offering Prayer**

God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

# \*Great 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.** 

# \*Preface

\*Holy, Holy, Holy  $\mathbf{O}$ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed he who comes in the name of the Lord. is Hohigh san - na in the ho - san - na in the high - est. est,

\*Words of Institution

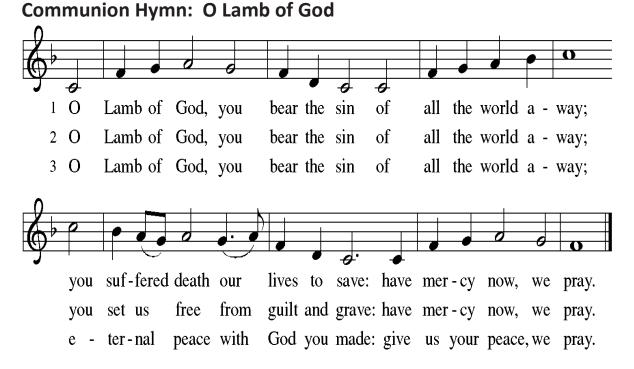
### \*Lord's Prayer

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.

(Please be seated)

# **Communion Distribution**

All who believe that Christ is truly present in this meal and are baptized are welcome to commune today. Communion today is served by intinction which simply means to come forward to the server to receive the wafer, hold on to it, then dip it into either wine or grape juice and consume the elements.



# **Prayer After Communion**

God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

#### Announcements

# \*Benediction

Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Almighty God № bless you with grace, mercy, and peace, now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### \*Sending Hymn

"May the Peace of the Lord"
May the peace of the Lord be with you, With your friends and your family too.
Let it be, let it grow, and ev'rywhere you go. May the peace of the Lord follow you.

I leave you peace now, it's my peace I give to you; Not as the world gives, do I give to you.

May the peace of the Lord be with you, With your friends and your family too. Let it be, let it grow, and ev'rywhere you go. May the peace of the Lord follow you.

Don't be afraid, let your hearts be untroubled. Have faith in God, and have faith in me.

May the peace of the Lord be with you, With your friends and your family too. Let it be, let it grow, and ev'rywhere you go. May the peace of the Lord follow you.

n.p.: Gary Hull, n.d.

### \*Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us. Thanks be to God.

### Postlude