Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church



*Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose name is majestic in all the earth, who rescues and heals in every time of trouble, who does all things well. **Amen.**

Let us come before God, seeking forgiveness and life.

Steadfast and saving God,

have mercy on us. We confess to you all the ways we turn from you and harm one another. In your compassion, forgive our sins and heal our hurts. Bring forth from us a harvest of righteousness, the fruits of gentleness and peacemaking, the sheaves of wisdom and justice; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

In the name of Jesus, the Son of God, receive mercy and find grace in your time of need. Your transgressions are forgiven; God's love is healing balm for your wounds. Rejoice, for God raises you up to new life in Christ. **Amen.**

*Gathering Hymn

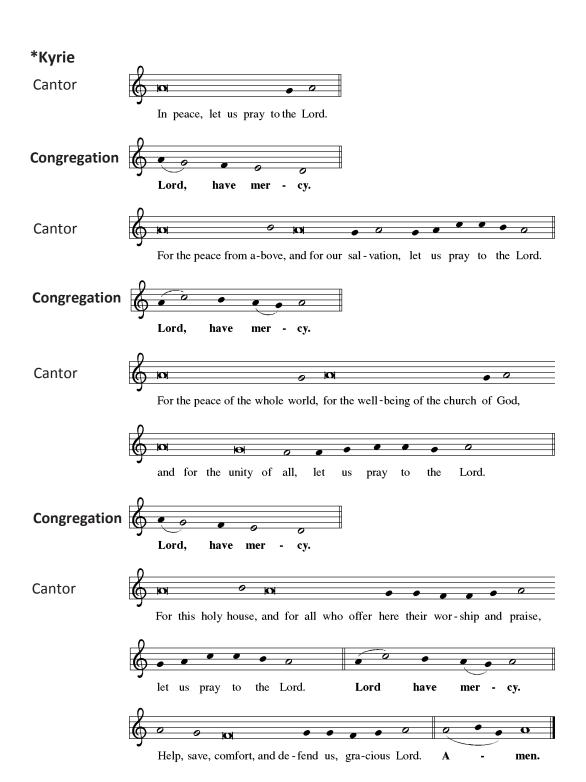
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

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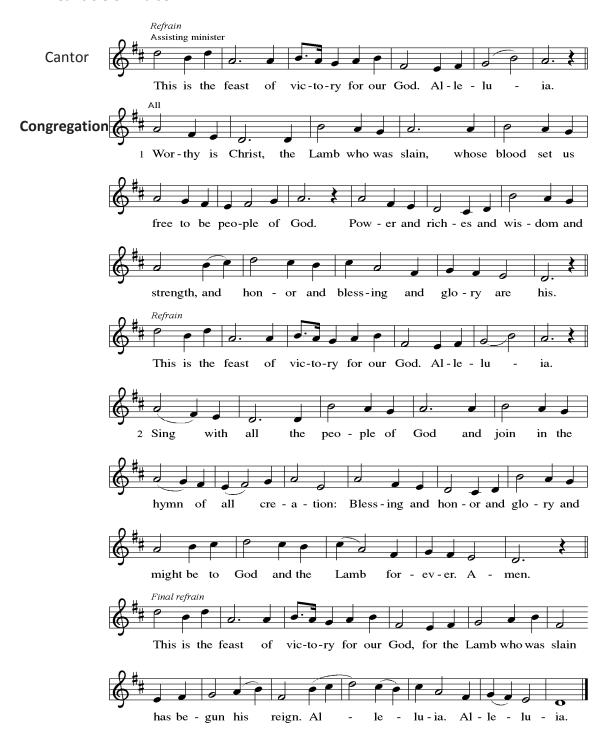
*Greeting

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.

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

Special Music

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Sr. Choir

First Reading: Genesis 2: 18-24

Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other "one flesh." The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).

¹⁸The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;

this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Psalm: Psalm 8

Second Reading: Hebrews 1: 1-4; 2: 5-12

Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?

⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, ⁸subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

²you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger. ³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses, ⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:

⁷all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

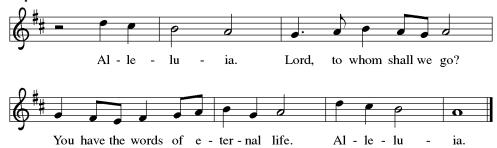
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¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclama-



*Gospel: The holy gospel according to Mark, the 10th chapter.

Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

Sermon Pastor Erik Feig

Hymn of the Day

"Let All Things Now Living"

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*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 into hell. 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

Let us pray.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

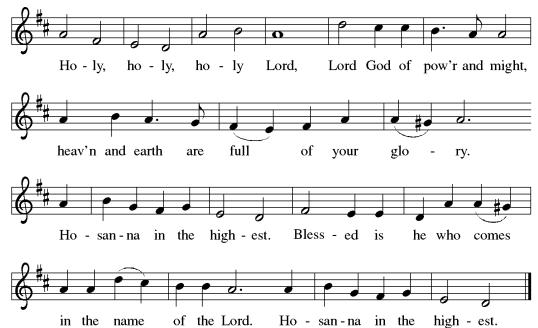
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Preface

*Holy, Holy, Holy



*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

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.

Communion Hymns: 575, 522, 496

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, O God, that you welcome us to your table and satisfy our deepest hunger and thirst. By your gifts of word and holy meal, strengthen us to take up the cross as we go about our callings in this world, following after Jesus Christ, our servant Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

*Blessing

Like children in the arms of Jesus, receive blessing: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

*Sending Hymn

"Go, My Children, With My Blessing"

#543

*Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude



News & Announcements

Volunteers Readers needed

We are looking for volunteers to read the scripture lessons at the 8:30 Sunday service. Feel free to sign up using the following web address. Once you are on the site, enter your name and email for the time that you are available. You will receive a reminder email a few days prior and the office will send you the scripture lessons you will read. Thank you!

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E44ACAB22A2F94-sunday

Service

News & Announcements

From the Heart Food Pantry food of the month for September is Canned meals/meat. Donations can be dropped in the box in the narthex to help with the needs. For more info call Sandy at 608-792-9339. Come on any Monday and see what God is doing around here. Monday Meals is 5-6pm and From the Heart Food Pantry is 5:30-7:30pm.

The **Love Thy Neighbor** jar for September is for **St Clare Health Mission**, in memory of Dr Brekke. This is a unique giving opportunity provided at each weekend worship service. Children from the congregation gather money during the worship service and put in the jar up by the altar. The money is given to a different ministry outside of the church each month.

Memorials

General Fund:

In memory of Charlene Eggum, given by Art & Judy Ford, and Julie Smith In memory of Kim Hollowitsch, who would have been 40 on Sept 25th, given by her mom & family

From the Heart Food Pantry:

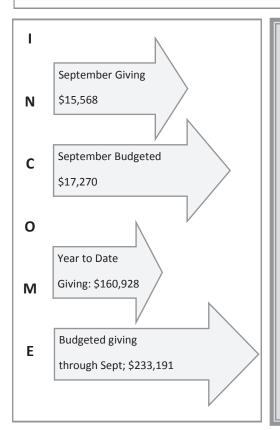
In memory of Patricia Thomas, given by Art & Judy Ford and Julie Smith

Endowment Fund:

In memory of Pat Thomas, given by Tom Bruemmer

Children's Clothes Closet:

In memory of Patricia Thomas, given by Brian Koste



Love God,

Love our Neighbors,

Serve the World

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Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 8:30-4:30

Bulletin deadline: Noon at Wednesday

Service Times

Saturdays 5:30pm

Sundays 8:30 & 10:30

Radio Broadcast Sunday morning at 8:30 WKTY 580 AM

This Week at Trinity

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

9a TOPS

5-6p Monday Meals

6:30 Bell Choir

5:30-7:30p From the Heart Food Pantry

7p Women's Bible Study

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

6:30p Council

6:30p Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

6:15 C.I.A.

6:45 Confirmation

7p Choir

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10