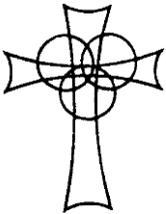




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at the tax booth, and He said to him,  
“Follow Me.”

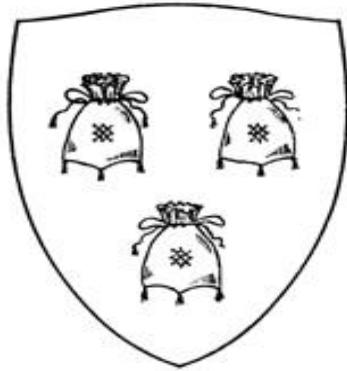
Matthew 9:9



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St. Matthew, also known as Levi, identifies himself as a former tax collector, one who was therefore considered unclean, a public sinner, outcast from the Jews. In the social context of the day, Matthew's countrymen would have also viewed him as a traitor and sell-out to the occupying Romans who he represented. Yet, this man who had devoted himself to acquiring money at the expense of his own people, was the one whom the Lord Jesus chose to call away from his occupation and wealth to become a disciple. And hearing that call, Matthew got up and walked away from his table, his money, and his old life (Matthew 9:9-13).

Not only did Matthew become a disciple of Jesus, he was also called and sent as one of the Lord's twelve apostles (Matthew 10:2-4). In time, he became the evangelist whose inspired record of the Gospel was granted first place in the ordering of the New Testament. Among the four Gospels, Matthew portrays Christ especially as the new and greater Moses, who graciously fulfills the Law and the Prophets (Matthew 5:17) and establishes a new covenant of salvation in and with His own blood (Matthew 26:27-28). Matthew's Gospel is also well-known and beloved for its record of the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12); for the Sermon on the Mount, including the Beatitudes and the Our Father (Matthew 5-7); and for the institution of Holy Baptism and the most explicit revelation of the Holy Trinity (Matthew 28:16-20).

Tradition is uncertain where his final field of labor was, yet nearly all agree that Matthew died a martyr's death. In Christian heraldry and art, Matthew is often symbolized as an apostle by moneybags, representing his original occupation. As an evangelist, Matthew and his Gospel are shown in the form of a winged man, drawn from the visions of Ezekiel and John (Ezekiel 1:10; Revelation 4:7), to symbolize how his Gospel begins with the proclamation of the humanity of Christ shown through "the book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham" (Matthew 1:1-17)

In celebrating this festival, we therefore give thanks to God that He has mightily governed and protected His Holy Church through this man who was called and sent by Christ to serve the sheep of His pastures with the Holy Gospel.

Drawn from the *Treasury of Daily Prayer* and *Celebrating the Saints*



# St. Matthew, Apostle And Evangelist

—September 21—

*The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**September 21, 2025**

## ***WELCOME TO WORSHIP!***

In the Name of Jesus Christ, Welcome! As the seasons change and time continues to run its appointed course, people are always confronted with how change-filled our lives can be. The Pastor and People of Trinity are happy that you have come to worship with us this morning and to receive strength for daily life and living through God's holy Word and Sacraments. We hope and pray that as you go back into the change-filled world we live in, the changeless Christ that we proclaim in this place will go with you.

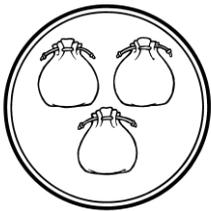
## ***PRAYER UPON ENTERING WORSHIP***

God, Source of all truth, by whose gracious will Saint Matthew became a follower of Christ and exchanged the profits of tax collecting for the enduring riches of Your wisdom; give us the courage to proclaim that same Gospel which he made known, so that, as ministers of Your Word, we also may discover true wealth in Your kingdom. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## ***CONCERNING HOLY COMMUNION***

Lutherans believe that in this Sacrament the very Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are present in, with, and under the physical elements of bread and wine. And this Sacrament is distributed to the Baptized of the Church who believe in the Presence of Christ in the Sacrament, sincerely repent of their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this Holy Meal. Those who are present at this celebration who are baptized, have been instructed in the meaning of this Supper, and believe likewise are welcome to commune with us at this Altar today. Anyone who desires, child or adult, may come forward to receive a blessing.

Persons who have questions about what Lutherans believe or have any spiritual concerns are asked to speak with an Usher so that they can direct you to the Pastor so that you may speak with him before communing.



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# The Festival Divine Service of Word and Sacrament on the Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist



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✠ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✠

✠ **The Preparation** ✠

The Prelude

“O Word of God Incarnate”

The Words of Welcome

*The Congregation rises.*

The Opening Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 523*

“O Word of God Incarnate”



1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
2 The Church from You, dear Mas - ter, Re - ceived the gift di - vine;  
3 O make Your Church, dear Sav - ior, A lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:  
And still that light is lift - ed O'er all the earth to shine.  
To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light as of old!



We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,  
It is the chart and com - pass That, all life's voy - age through,  
O teach Your wan - d'ring pil - grims By this their path to trace



A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.  
Mid mists and rocks and quick - sands Still guides, O Christ, to You.  
Till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, They see You face to face!

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The Invocation:

*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.

The Confession of Sins and Absolution:

**P** Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

**C** let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which clings so closely,

**P** looking to Jesus, the Founder and Perfecter of our faith,

**C** who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame,  
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. *Hebrews 12:1-2*

**P** With the saints before us, we too come before God, our Maker and Redeemer,  
confessing our sins and weaknesses to Him in penitence and faith, seeking His mercy.

*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.

✻ The Service of the Word ✻

The Introit of the Day

*Psalm 92:1-5; antiphon: Matthew 9:13b, c*

- P** I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.  
For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.
- C** **It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;**
- P** to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night,
- C** **to the music of the lute and the harp,  
to the melody of the lyre.**
- P** For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;  
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.
- C** **How great are your works, O LORD!  
Your thoughts are very deep!**
- 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** I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.  
For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.

The *Kyrie Eleison*:

- 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.

The Hymn of Praise:

*This Is the Feast*



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.



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



## The Salutation and Collect of the Day:



**P** The Lord be with you.



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

**P** Let us pray.

O Son of God, our blessed Savior Jesus Christ, You called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist. Through his faithful and inspired witness, grant that we also may follow You, leaving behind all covetous desires and love of riches; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*The Congregation is seated.*

## The Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 2:8—3:11*

<sup>2:8</sup>“But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Be not rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you.” <sup>9</sup>And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. <sup>10</sup>And he spread it before me. And it had writing on the front and on the back, and there were written on it words of lamentation and mourning and woe.

<sup>3:1</sup>And he said to me, “Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.” <sup>2</sup>So I opened my mouth, and he gave me this scroll to eat. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, “Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it.” Then I ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey.

<sup>4</sup>And he said to me, “Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with my words to them. <sup>5</sup>For you are not sent to a people of foreign speech and a hard language, but to the house of Israel— <sup>6</sup>not to many peoples of foreign speech and a hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to such, they would listen to you. <sup>7</sup>But the house of Israel will not be willing to listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to me. Because all the house of Israel have a hard forehead and a stubborn heart. <sup>8</sup>Behold, I have made your face as hard as their faces, and your forehead as hard as their foreheads. <sup>9</sup>Like emery harder than flint have I made your forehead. Fear them not, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house.” <sup>10</sup>Moreover, he said to me, “Son of man, all my words that I shall speak to

you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears. <sup>11</sup>And go to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD,’ whether they hear or refuse to hear.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

*Ephesians 4:7-16*

<sup>7</sup>But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it says,

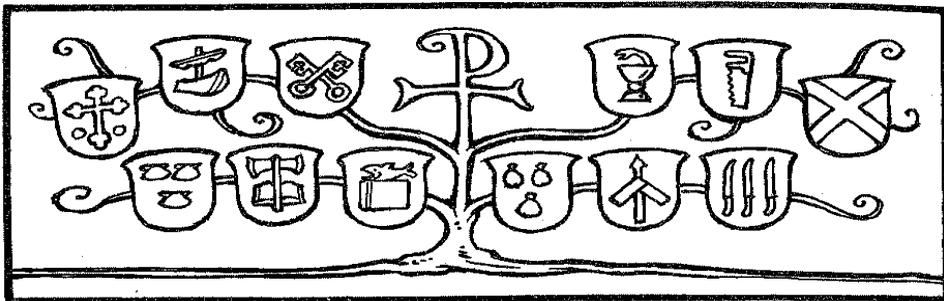
“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,  
and he gave gifts to men.”

<sup>9</sup>(In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup>so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. <sup>15</sup>Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*The Congregation rises.*



## The Gradual and Verse

*Psalms 119:105, 103; 45:1a, c*  
*Matthew 28:19a, 20b*

- P** Your word is a lamp to my feet  
 and a light to my path.
- C** **How sweet are your words to my taste,  
 sweeter than honey to my mouth!**
- P** My heart overflows with a pleasing theme;  
**C** **my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.**
- P** Alleluia. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.  
**C** **And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Alleluia.**

## The Holy Gospel

*Matthew 9:9-13*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.  
**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

<sup>10</sup>And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>12</sup>But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.

<sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*The Congregation is seated.*



The Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 518, stanzas 1, 25, 3

“By All Your Saints in Warfare”

We rise for stanza 3 in honor of the Holy Trinity

1 By all Your saints in war - fare, For  
 2 Praise, Lord, for him whose Gos - pel Your  
 △ 3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther And

all Your saints at rest, Your ho - ly name, O  
 hu - man life de - clared, Who, world - ly gain for -  
 wor - ship God the Son And sing to God the

Je - sus, For - ev - er - more be blest! For  
 sak - ing, Your path of suf - f'ring shared. From  
 Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One, Till

You have won the bat - tle That they might wear the  
 all un - righ - teous mam - mon, O raise our eyes a -  
 all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the

crown; And now they shine in glo - ry  
 new throne, That we in our vo - ca - tion  
 throne, As - crib - ing pow'r and glo - ry

Re - flect - ed from Your throne.  
 May rise and fol - low You.  
 And praise to God a - lone.

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The Sermon

The Invitation of the Gospel  
Text: Matthew 9:9-13

*The Congregation rises.*

The Nicene Creed:

- C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.
- A**nd 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.
- A**nd 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.
- A**men.

The Prayer of the Church:

- P** Gathered in the Name of Jesus and assured of His promised presence, let us call on our heavenly Father for ourselves, for our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the world, and for all people according to their needs.
- P** Let us pray that the Father of our Lord Jesus would continue to reveal His saving will through the faithful preaching of His Word, increase the faith and hope of all the saints, and grant us His lasting peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray that God would embolden our Trinity and Mekane Yesus congregations and all our sister churches throughout the world to make a steadfast confession of the truth and a bold witness to our only Savior, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

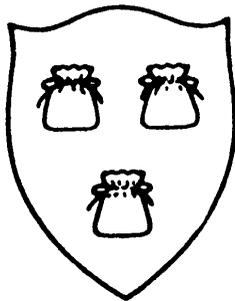
- P** Let us pray that God would have mercy on all who are outside the Church, using us to spread the Good News of salvation and granting repentance and new life to many.  
Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray that God would grant us the desire and ability to do His will, that we may resist all temptations to sin, and that our lives may be filled doing good works that please God and serve our neighbor. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray that the leaders of the nations would make decisions that reflect God’s care for the whole human family, guiding and protecting their citizens and working for the well-being of all. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray that those torn by the struggles of this life might be strengthened and sustained—the poor, the hungry and the homeless—and that those struck down, especially the unemployed, might be lifted up. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray that God would, according to His will, grant healing to the sick and infirm, especially \_\_\_\_\_, give them patience to endure during their time of suffering, and crown all their days with His mercy. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for all those who mourn the death of loved ones, (especially \_\_\_\_\_,) that they may be assured that for all those who followed Christ faithfully here on earth, a place has been prepared for them to live in the eternal joys of heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for \_\_\_\_\_ and all those who rejoice in the boundless goodness of the Lord, that they may give thanks in all things and continually rely upon the Lord, the giver of every good and perfect gift. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for all the people and concerns that have been committed to our prayers, especially \_\_\_\_\_ and all those we name before the Lord in the silence of our hearts... We pray that the Lord will indeed hear these prayers and grant them all according to His good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Let us pray that those who eat and drink the very Body and Blood of Christ may be strengthened in the true faith, and that with sins forgiven they may serve the neighbor in love. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord for the lives and witness of St. Matthew, the Prophet Jonah, and all of His saints. And let us pray that we may be encouraged by the witness of those who have gone before us and who now rest from their labors, that we may join with them on the Last Day and serve together in God's eternal kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** For all these and whatever other things You would have us ask, heavenly Father, we pray for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your only Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace:

- P** We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near. The Peace of the Lord be with you always!
- C** **And also with you.**

*The Congregation is seated.*



✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

The Hymn of Preparation

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 915*

“Today Your Mercy Calls Us”



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.  
 2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in  
 3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;  
 4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,  
 Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.  
 His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.  
 What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,  
 The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,  
 No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;  
 When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



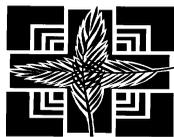
Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.  
 A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.  
 Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.  
 We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

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*The Congregation rises.*



## The Preface Dialogue:

**P** The Lord be with you.



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

**P** Lift up your hearts.



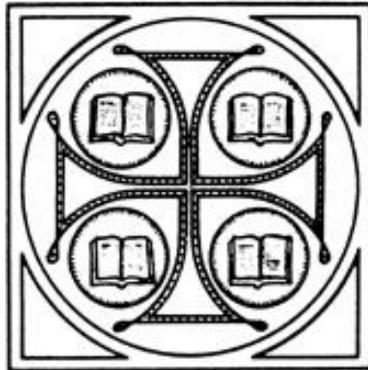
**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**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; for You have mightily governed and protected Your holy Church, in which the blessed apostles and evangelists proclaimed Your divine and saving Gospel. Therefore with patriarchs and prophets, apostles and evangelists, with Your servant Matthew, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:



The *Sanctus*:


**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
 pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
 glo - ry. 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.

## The 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.

## The Words of Our Lord:

- 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 ✠ 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 t, in remembrance of Me.”

## The Proclamation of Christ and the Lord’s Prayer:

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

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

- P** 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:

- 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 *Pax Domini*:

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



**C** A - - men.



The *Agnus Dei*:

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
 sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of  
 God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

*The Congregation is seated.*

## The Distribution of Holy Communion

*Holy Communion is celebrated in this place in the joyful confidence that Jesus Christ Himself comes to us to give us in bread and wine His very Body and Blood to offer to us the forgiveness of sins. All Baptized Christians who have been instructed in the meaning of this Sacrament and confess with us Christ's Real Presence in this Holy Meal are welcome to commune with us at this Altar. A fuller explanation of what Lutherans believe concerning Holy Communion may be found on page one of this worship folder.*

*Holy Communion is distributed to the congregation at the chancel rail. Please follow the direction of the ushers to make your way to the Altar. You may kneel or stand as you feel comfortable. The Sacrament is distributed in the following manner...Please extend your hand to the assistant to receive the Body of Christ. Christ's Blood may be received in one of two ways, using that which you feel most comfortable: 1) individual cups containing wine and white grape juice will be offered by the Pastor, or 2) drinking from the chalice. Children and those not wishing to receive the Sacrament are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.*

The Distribution Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 609

“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”



1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this  
 2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich  
 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shep - herd  
 4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live  
 grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;  
 e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their way  
 tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to me;



And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for  
 Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly in these  
 Christ, the Shep - herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His arms that  
 Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
 words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
 they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
 soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

5 Oh, how blest it is to know:  
 Were as scarlet my transgression,  
 It shall be as white as snow  
 By Thy blood and bitter passion;  
 For these words I now believe:  
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

*The Hymn continues on the next page...*

- 6 Now my conscience is at peace;  
 From the Law I stand acquitted.  
 Christ hath purchased my release  
 And my ev'ry sin remitted.  
 Naught remains my soul to grieve:  
 Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 7 Jesus sinners doth receive;  
 Also I have been forgiven;  
 And when I this earth must leave,  
 I shall find an open heaven.  
 Dying, still to Him I cleave:  
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

*Text: Erdmann Neumeister, 1671–1756; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt*

*Tune: MEINEN JESUM LASS' ICH NICHT (DARMSTADT), Neu-verfertigtes Darmstädtisches Gesang-Buch, 1699, Darmstadt*

*Text and tune: Public domain*

*The Congregation rises.*

The Post-Communion Canticle:

*Thank the Lord*

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a common time signature 'C' in a square box. The lyrics are: 'Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done. Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord rejoice and proud-ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-ises and leads His peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.' The piece concludes with a double bar line.

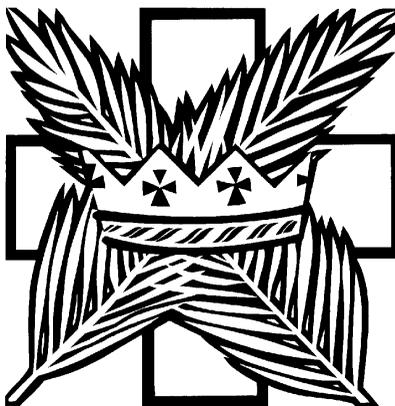
**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what  
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 es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks-  
 giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

The Post-Communion Collect:

- P** Let us pray.  
Gracious Lord, by our receiving this Holy Sacrament, renew the life of Your Church; keep us faithful to the teaching of the apostles and our celebrating the breaking of the bread, that we may ever be one in heart and soul, sealed and confirmed by Your love; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

The *Benedicamus* and Blessing:

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.
- P** Let us bless the Lord!  
**C** Thanks be to God!
- P** God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations, bring you, with Matthew and all the saints, to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city; and the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
- C** Amen.



The Hymn to Depart

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 582*

“God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”

God’s Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -  
 ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our  
 chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way, In death it  
 is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its  
 teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

*Text: Nikolai Fredrik Severin Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861–1925, alt.  
 Tune: REUTER, Friedrich O. Reuter, 1863–1924  
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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”

✠ *To God Be All Praise and Glory!* ✠



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### ***THOSE WHO SERVE US THIS MORNING IN WORSHIP***

The Celebrant & Preacher

The Lector

The Communion Assistant

The Worship Assistant

The Parish Musician

The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel

Sarah Lydia McCoyer

Helen Joynes

Paul Ritter

Skip Hall

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## NOTES AND NEWS

*LARGE PRINT HYMNALS* ... Copies of the *Lutheran Service Book* in Large Print are available for use during worship for those who may have need of them. You may find them on the literature table at the rear of the sanctuary, and please return them there following the service.

*MINISTRY PLANNING GROUP* ... Trinity's MPG will be meeting today following worship to tend to the business of our church family. If you have any concerns or questions regarding congregational matters, please speak with Helen Joynes or any of the other members of the MPG (Waymond Joynes, Gus Kruelle, Michael McCoyer, Vincent Peele, Paul Ritter).

*PORTALS OF PRAYER* ... Copies of the October-December 2025 edition of our church's daily devotional guide can be picked up from the literature table at the rear of the sanctuary, and both regular and large print versions are available.

*LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS...* It is that time again when you need to renew your subscription to *The Lutheran Witness* or to become a new subscriber. The current rate for 2026 is **\$22.00 per subscription**. *The Lutheran Witness* has timely, informative articles about the faith life of fellow Missouri Synod Lutherans. If you wish to renew or subscribe, please make your check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church with the notation, Lutheran Witness, and place them in the offering plate (A special offering envelope is available in your box set for this purpose). Deadline for ordering is **Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**.

*OUR PRAYER LIST ...* We are pleased to have an active ministry of prayer among us, attested by the weekly “O Christ, Hear Us” page in the bulletin, inviting us all to remember these persons and needs in our prayer during worship at Trinity and in our own personal prayers during the week. We kindly ask you to also help us keep this list current and up to date by letting us know of any changes or deletions which need to be made. To do this please contact Pastor or the church office with a note that can be placed in the offering basket at church, or with an email.

*ALTAR FLOWERS ...* The flower chart for **2025** is now available for you to donate floral arrangements to adorn the Lord’s Altar in honor of special occasions or in memory of loved ones. The chart can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. The donation for a single arrangement is now **\$50.00**, the increase owing mainly to delivery charges. If you have any questions, please contact Rona by calling the church office or by email ([trinity-elc-office@verizon.net](mailto:trinity-elc-office@verizon.net))

*LUTHERAN RADIO ONLINE AND ON THE AIR FOR YOU THIS WEEK:*

**KFUO Radio**, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on **KFUO.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: **@KFUOradio** on [Facebook](#), [X](#), and [Instagram](#).

**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org:** We’re continuing our study “Majoring in the Minors” on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 9 a.m. ET)! This week, we’ll study the book of Micah, covering chapters 2-6. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 12 p.m. ET) as we study the return of God’s people from exile. This week, we are wrapping up our study with a look at Nehemiah 10-13. Stay tuned for our next TSW study on the Gospel of Matthew! Don’t forget to join us this Saturday (September 27 at 11 a.m. ET) for Concord Matters. Pastor Finnern will be taking us through Part 2 of our study of the 8th commandment in the Large Catechism. Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or in the KFUO Radio app!

***THE LUTHERAN HOUR*** ... God made us to move—toward Him in faith and toward our neighbor in love. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, September 28, 2025, for this message from Lutheran Hour Speaker, the Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "On the Way, Already Home", locally on WFAX 1220 AM or 100.7 FM at 11:00 AM and 10:00 PM, as well as at 5:00 AM and 6:00 PM on Saturdays. If you are out of the radio station's range you may listen online to WFAX worldwide at WFAX.com. The Lutheran Hour can also be heard online on KFUE.org on Sundays at 12:30 PM and 5:00 PM. For more information on this media ministry, or to listen to messages on demand, visit the Lutheran Hour Ministries website at lhm.org, under "Media" and "The Lutheran Hour".

***REMEMBERING THE SAINTS*** ... In our weekly Prayer of the Church, the final petition is dedicated to all of the Faithful Departed who are now with the Lord and a part of the Church Triumphant. As a part of this remembrance, we recall by name the saints who are on the calendar of Feasts, Festivals, and Commemorations of our church and remembered during the current week. Some have asked for more information about these saints; so, biographies for each saint, along with a prayer and suggested Scripture readings, are now available for you on our church website.

***THIS WEEK'S FEAST AND COMMEMORATION...***

September 21

**St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

September 22

**Jonah, Old Testament Prophet**

Visit <http://tlcmr.org/worship/celebrating-the-saints/> where you can learn more about the cycle of saints' days on the church calendar and find the biographies for each saint listed by month.



*COMPASSION CENTER NEWS*... Our Compassion Center is open and is serving members of our community with their needs for food and clothing. If you are able to volunteer during the Center's open hours, please contact Elma. Thank you all for your continued help and support and prayers.

In an effort to keep the cupboards full at the Compassion Center during this ongoing time of need in our community, we will continue to need your generous donations of food. All non-perishable foods are welcome, and especially needed items include:

Peanut Butter; Pasta; Pasta Sauce; Macaroni & Cheese; Canned Tuna and Chicken;  
Canned Fruit; Soup.

Clothing donations are also welcome. There is a need for boys' and men's clothing, especially pants.

There is also a need for diapers, especially sizes 4, 5, and 6.

Donations can be dropped off at the Center during Center hours. And you can also leave your donations at church, and we will make sure that they are delivered to the Compassion Center. Thank you for your loving and generous support.

Center Hours: Mondays & Tuesdays: 10 AM – 4 PM  
Wednesdays: 10 AM – 2 PM

Elma Pervaiz, Coordinator, LMS Compassion Center, Hyattsville, MD  
Center Phone Number: 301-277-2302, ext. 23



*PREPARING FOR THE COMING WEEK ...*

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (LSB Proper 21C)

September 28, 2025

Scripture Readings: Amos 6:1-7

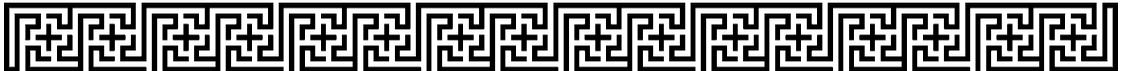
1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

**PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21 – 28**

*May Be Subject to Change*

<b>Today</b>	<i>The Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</i> <i>The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
	9:30 AM      Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	10:45 AM     Ministry Planning Group (MPG) Meeting
	12:00 PM     EECMYM Worship (at church in person)
<b>Monday</b>	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM    Compassion Center Open
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 AM—Noon        Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM    Compassion Center Open
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 AM—Noon        Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM    Compassion Center Open
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 AM—Noon        Church Office Open
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<i>The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
	9:30 AM      Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	10:45 AM     Trinity Singers Rehearsal
	12:00 PM     EECMYM Worship (at church in person)



**CHURCH STATISTICS**

Sunday, September 14, 2025

Worship Attendance: 22; Communed: 21.

*MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR AUGUST 2025:*

- General Offerings received (5 Sundays): \$14,071
- General Offerings needed to meet the 2025 budget: \$14,938
- Withdrawals from Thrivent (money market): \$0
- Remaining Balance in Thrivent mutual funds: ~\$43,592

*This was our biggest month of offerings for the year! For the entire year, our offerings are about \$12,000 below budget, and we've withdrawn \$11,500 from our Thrivent savings. However, some of our expenses have also been below budget, particularly property expenses (beyond the sidewalk), and property insurance. Thank you for your continued generosity!*

✠ **O Christ, Hear Us!** ✠

**Intercessions for the Week of September 21, 2025**

**Prayers for Continued Healing and Help**

*For Members of Our Trinity Family:*

John, Julie & Kenny, Diane, Travis, Waymond, August, David, Ernie, Paul, and Angela

*For Those Who Have Asked of Our Prayers:*

Luke, grandson of Charlie & Jean; Betty, mother of Helen;  
Susan, relative of Gus & Betty; Britnany, niece of Lynda; Juliet, mother of Ras-I;  
Linda, daughter of Gus & Betty; Dennis & Caron, former Concordia School Teachers;  
Jari, former Concordia Teacher; Catelyn, step-granddaughter of Ernie;  
Nathan, son of Art; Bernie, friend of Trinity; Robin, daughter of Vincent & Tracy;  
Doris, mother of Vincent; Orbelina & Family, mother of former Concordia Students;  
Phillip & Amanda and Family, friends of Michelle; Kay & Bob, relatives of Carole;  
Kumar, co-worker's spouse of Joyce; Craig, husband of Edith;  
Steve, father-in-law of Michelle; Denise, fiancée of Mark; Lori, friend of Carole;  
Raymond, brother of Joy; Nancy & Family, sister of Vincent; Daniel, friend of Cullen;  
Donald, friend of Cullen; Mr. Emanuel, husband of Shelda;  
Mary, former Concordia Teacher; Laura, granddaughter of Gus & Betty;  
Jim, friend of Michelle; Millie, co-worker of Joyce; Dale, son of Gus;  
Pat, mother of Kim; Sean, friend of Joyce & Dave; Eleanor, former Concordia Teacher;  
Cora, aunt of Tracy & Vincent; The Coopers, friends of Tracy & Vincent

**Thanksgivings and Blessings**

Susan Kennedy, who celebrates her birthday this week.

David & Lizbeth Varona, who celebrate their wedding anniversary this week.

**We Keep In Our Prayers**

- ✠ Our Trinity family, our ministries, and our mission.
- ✠ Pastor Gugssa Biru and the people of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus in Maryland.
- ✠ For the Lord to continue to move the hearts of our Trinity Members to a deeper realization of our part in His mission to the world and to be *Ablaze!* with a desire to tell the Good News about Jesus with those whom we come into contact in our lives.

- ✘ For the work of our Compassion Center, for Elma Pervaiz, our center coordinator, and for Redeemer Lutheran and the Lutheran Mission Society, our mission partners.
- ✘ For our brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer persecution for the faith and Name of Jesus, even to the point of shedding their blood.
- ✘ For peace in our world, especially in those places that are affected by war, oppression, or acts of terror.
- ✘ Our government leaders, and for the members of our armed forces.
- ✘ For all those affected and recovering from the effects of natural disasters.
- ✘ For peace and reconciliation that brings an end to racism and bigotry in our nation and world.
- ✘ For calm, civility, and peace in our nation's political and social discourse.
- ✘ For peace in our neighborhoods and for an end to violence.
- ✘ For the students, teachers, and staff in our educational institutions.
- ✘ For all those we know who are sick, who grieve, and who are in any need of prayer.



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***Sunday Mornings:***  
Worship with Holy Communion – 9:30 AM

*Worship Services are livestreamed on Facebook Live  
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*The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel, Pastor*



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