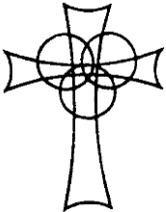


L U K E 1 7 : 6



if  
you  
had faith  
the size of  
a mustard seed...



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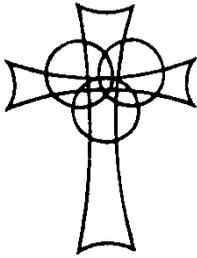
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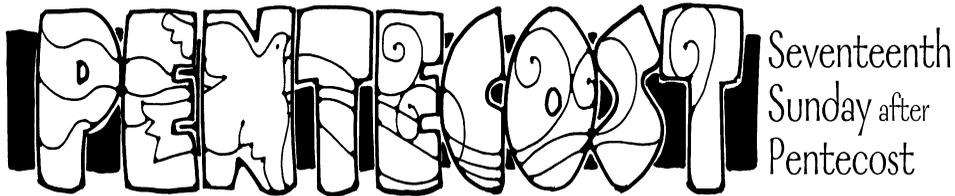
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**OCTOBER 5, 2025**

***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***

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.



## THE DIVINE SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

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✠ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✠

### ✠ **The Preparation** ✠

The Prelude

“Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”

The Words of Welcome

*The Congregation rises.*

The Opening Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 497*

“Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord, With all Your grac - es  
2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, Now cause the Word of  
3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, Grant us the will Your



now out - poured On each be - liev - er's mind and heart;  
life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right  
work to do And in Your ser - vice to a - bide;



Your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the  
And call Him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry  
Let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by Your



bright - ness of Your light In ho - ly faith Your Church u - nite;  
er - ror keep us free; Let none but Christ our mas - ter be  
pow'r pre - pare each heart, And to our weak - ness strength im - part

From ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry tongue This to Your  
 That we in liv - ing faith a - bide, In Him, our  
 That brave - ly here we may con - tend, Through life and

praise, O Lord, our God, be sung: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Lord, with all our might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 death to You, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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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** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

The Introit of the Day

*Psalm 119:162, 164-165, 167; antiphon: verse 166*

**P** I hope for your salvation, O LORD,  
and I do your commandments.

**C** I rejoice at your word  
like one who finds great spoil.

**P** Seven times a day I praise you  
for your just and righteous decrees.

**C** Great peace have those who love your law;  
nothing can make them stumble.

**P** My soul keeps your testimonies;  
I love them exceedingly.

**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 hope for your salvation, O LORD,  
and I do your commandments.

The Hymn of Praise:

*Gloria in Excelsis*

**A** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.

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



Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we  
 praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly  
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You  
 take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
 us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the  
 Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a - lone are the  
 Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord, You a -  
 lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

The Salutation and Collect of the Day:



**P** The Lord be with you.



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

**P** Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*The Congregation is seated.*

The Old Testament Reading

*Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4*

<sup>1:1</sup>The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not hear?

Or cry to you “Violence!”  
and you will not save?

<sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see iniquity,  
and why do you idly look at wrong?  
Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.

<sup>4</sup>So the law is paralyzed,  
and justice never goes forth.  
For the wicked surround the righteous;  
so justice goes forth perverted. . . .

<sup>2:1</sup>I will take my stand at my watchpost  
and station myself on the tower,  
and look out to see what he will say to me,  
and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

<sup>2</sup>And the LORD answered me:

“Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so he may run who reads it.

<sup>3</sup>For still the vision awaits its appointed time;  
it hastens to the end—it will not lie.

If it seems slow, wait for it;  
it will surely come; it will not delay.

<sup>4</sup>“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,  
but the righteous shall live by his faith.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

*2 Timothy 1:1-14*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, <sup>7</sup>for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

<sup>8</sup>Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, <sup>11</sup>for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, <sup>12</sup>which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. <sup>13</sup>Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*The Congregation rises.*



The Gradual and Verse:

*Psalms 91:11; 103:1  
Luke 17:3b*

- P** He will command His angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.
- C** **Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**
- P** Alleluia. If your brother sins, rebuke him,  
**C** **and if he repents, forgive him. Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel

*Luke 17:1-10*

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! <sup>2</sup>It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. <sup>3</sup>Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, <sup>4</sup>and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.”

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup>“Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table’? <sup>8</sup>Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink’? <sup>9</sup>Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’”

- 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 # 587

“I Know My Faith Is Founded”



1 I know my faith is found - ed On Je - sus Christ, my  
 2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, For Sa - tan seeks by  
 3 In faith, Lord, let me serve You; Though per - se - cu - tion,



God and Lord; And this my faith con - fess - ing, Un -  
 night and day To rob me of this trea - sure And  
 grief, and pain Should seek to o - ver - whelm me, Let



moved I stand on His sure Word. Our rea - son can - not  
 take my hope of bliss a - way. But, Lord, with You be -  
 me a stead - fast trust re - tain; And then at my de -



fath - om The truth of God pro - found; Who trusts in hu - man  
 side me, I shall be un - dis - mayed; And led by Your good  
 par - ture, Lord, take me home to You, Your rich - es to in -



wis - dom Re - lies on shift - ing ground. God's Word is  
 Spir - it, I shall be un - a - fraid. A - bide with  
 her - it As all You said holds true. In life and



all - suf - fi - cient, It makes di - vine - ly sure; And  
 me, O Sav - ior, A firm - er faith be - stow; Then  
 death, Lord, keep me Un - til Your heav'n I gain, Where



trust - ing in its wis - dom, My faith shall rest se - cure.  
 I shall bid de - fi - ance To ev - 'ry e - vil foe.  
 I by Your great mer - cy The end of faith at - tain.

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The Sermon

Hold on to the Word

Text: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

*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.
- And 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.
- And 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.
- Amen.

The Prayer of the Church:

- P** Let us pray for all God's people, His church, and her mission throughout the world, and for all people in need of God's care, that the Lord's peace may prevail in varying and difficult circumstances.
- P** O heavenly Father, Your Word is indeed very precious to those of us who believe. Through Your Law You show us our sin so that we may see our need for Jesus, our Savior. Through Your Gospel You declare us to be forgiven through the grace of Christ. Increase our faith that we may firmly believe Your eternal truths, relying only on You. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

**P** O heavenly Father, Your holy Word was taught to both Lois and Eunice, who in turn instructed Timothy. This day we give thanks to You for the work entrusted and undertaken by our sisters in Christ, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. May they be bold and faithful to impart and support the work of Your kingdom that many may be brought to Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O heavenly Father, Your Word is planted in remote places where we cannot go. Despite many barriers the Good News of Jesus Christ is proclaimed into the ears, hearts, and lives of those who desperately need their Savior. We pray that Your holy Word would spread throughout the north, south, east and west that all inhabitants from the corners of the globe would know the eternal peace of Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O heavenly Father, Your Word reminds us that in Your hand rests all the power of man. Bless the nations of the world, that as all people seek peace and justice among us, we may see even in our own day Your gracious Lordship over all things. Guide with wisdom and patience the leaders of this and every nation, that in their labors the rights and dignity of every life may be preserved. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O heavenly Father, Your Word is sufficient in its grace and comfort, its mercy and peace, its strength and hope for all who suffer chronic illness, for those who anticipate or are recovering from surgery, for those managing acute pain, and for those near death. Especially do we pray for \_\_\_\_\_. Bless them and magnify the skills of doctors, nurses and medical technicians who attend to the needs of those who are sick and suffering that they may receive blessings according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O heavenly Father, Your Word reminds us that our times are in Your hands. We rejoice along with \_\_\_\_\_ and all who celebrate in the rich and abundant gifts of Your love and care. May we all ever be reminded that You alone are the Giver of every good and perfect gift, and to You alone belongs all glory and praise. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O heavenly Father, Your Word is our guide in life and the foundation of our hope in the hour of death. Bring Your peace and comfort to (\_\_\_\_\_ and) all those who mourn the loss of loved ones. May Your Word give all those who mourn the assurance and hope that is found in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O heavenly Father, Your Word reminds us to pray continually for ourselves and for all those in any need. To Your divine care we offer our prayers for \_\_\_\_\_ and for all of the other people and concerns we place before You now in the silence of our hearts... Hear all of these prayers, and grant them all according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O heavenly Father, Your Word became flesh and dwelt among us. This day we rejoice that our sins are forgiven in the washing of Baptism, the declaration of absolution, and the eating and drinking of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Continually strengthen our faith through Your Word and prepare our hearts to faithfully receive this divine gift which brings the immortal Body and Blood of Jesus to our very lips. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O heavenly Father, Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ, by His life, death, and resurrection has opened the doors of everlasting life to all who believe and trust in the salvation He won for all who believe in Him. We give You thanks for the Patriarch Abraham, Philip the Deacon, Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, and all of Your faithful ones, who, having trusted in Your mercy and promise in this life, now rest forever with You in Your kingdom. Keep us faithful to You and Your Word, so that we too may at last enter into the glory You have prepared for all the faithful. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; 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 Sharing of the Peace:

**P** “Where two or three are gathered together in My Name,” says the Lord,  
“there am I in the midst of them.”

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 # 589

“Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens”



1 Speak, O Lord, Your ser - vant lis - tens, Let Your Word to  
 2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near You And to lis - ten  
 3 Lord, Your words are wa - ters liv - ing When my thirst - ing  
 4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let Your words in



me come near; New - born life and spir - it give me,  
 to Your voice; Let me ev - er love and hear You,  
 spir - it pleads. Lord, Your words are bread life - giv - ing;  
 me take root. May Your Spir - it e'er be near me



Let each prom - ise still my fear. Death's dread pow'r, its in - ward  
 Let Your Word be now my choice! Man - y hard - ened sin - ners,  
 On Your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, Your words will be my  
 That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly sing Your



strife, Wars a - gainst Your Word of life; Fill me, Lord, with  
 Lord, Flee in ter - ror at Your Word; But to all who  
 light Through death's cold and drea - ry night; Yes, they are my  
 praise, From my heart glad an - thems raise, Till my high - est



love's strong fer - vor That I cling to You for - ev - er!  
 feel sin's bur - den You give words of peace and par - don.  
 sword pre - vail - ing And my cup of joy un - fail - ing!  
 praise is giv - en In the end - less joy of heav - en.

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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.



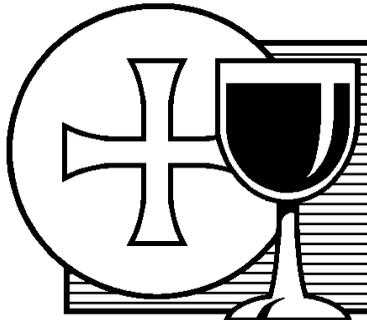
**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels 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 Lord's Prayer:

**P** Lord, 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 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."

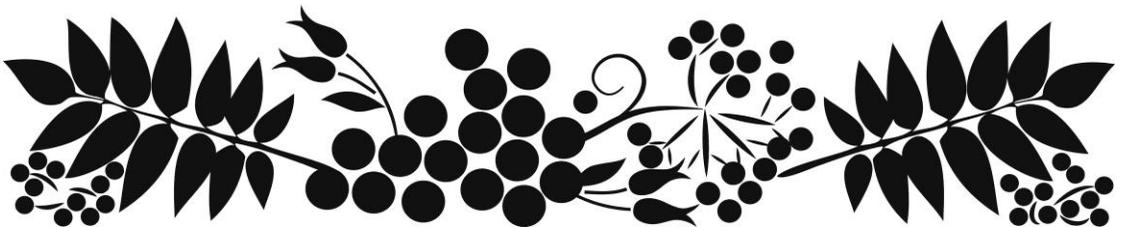
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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 # 625*

## “Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread”



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, life - giv - ing bread, May I in grace  
 2 To pas - tures green, Lord, safe - ly guide, To rest - ful wa -  
 3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's de - light, For full and free  
 4 I do not mer - it fa - vor, Lord, My weight of sin



pos - sess You. Let me with ho - ly food be fed,  
 ters lead me; Your ta - ble well for me pro - vide,  
 re - mis - sion I come with prayer be - fore Your sight  
 would break me; In all my guilt - y heart's dis - cord,



In hun - ger I ad - dress You. Pre - pare me well  
 Your wound - ed hand now feed me. Though wea - ry, sin -  
 In sor - row and con - tri - tion. Your righ - teous - ness,  
 O Lord, do not for - sake me. In my dis - tress



for You, O Lord, And, hum - bly by my prayer im - plored,  
 ful, sick, and weak, Ref - uge in You a - lone I seek,  
 Lord, cov - er me That I re - ceive You wor - thi - ly,  
 this com - forts me That You re - ceive me gra - cious - ly,



Give me Your grace and mer - cy.  
 To share Your cup of heal - ing.  
 As - sured of Your full par - don.  
 O Christ, my Lord of mer - cy!

*Text: Johann Rist, 1607–67; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806–74, alt.*

*Tune: Theütsch kirchen ampt, 1525, Strassburg*

*Text and tune: Public domain*

*The Congregation rises.*

## The Post-Communion Canticle:

*Thank the Lord*

**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what  
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -  
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-  
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.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

The Benediction:

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



The Hymn to Depart

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 923*

“Almighty Father, Bless the Word”

1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your  
 2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward  
 △ 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all  
 grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious  
 now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who  
 crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye  
 seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!  
 wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.  
 heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

*Text (sts. 1–2): Church Poetry, 1823, Philadelphia, alt.; (st. 3): Thomas Ken, 1637–1711*  
*Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois*  
*Text and tune: Public domain*

The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“Almighty Father, Bless the Word”

✠ *To God Be All Praise and Glory!* ✠



*OUR 95<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY YEAR!* ... October 11<sup>th</sup> will mark the 94<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of our Trinity Congregation and the beginning of our 95<sup>th</sup> Year. We will kick off this year of celebration next Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> with a festive Divine Service. The following Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, join us for a celebratory Potluck meal following worship. Please speak with Carole Dingess to help us coordinate our menu for this joyous time of fellowship.

*PASTORAL INSTALLATION* ... We rejoice with our brothers and sisters at Redeemer Church in Hyattsville as they celebrate the gift of receiving a new Pastor to serve in their midst. We are invited to attend the installation service for The Reverend Steven Hicks next Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 PM. A reception for their new Pastor and family will follow the service.

*HELP KEEP TRINITY BEAUTIFUL* ... We have scheduled a church clean-up day for **Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9:00 AM**, so that we can tend to the needs of our church home's outward appearance. We hope you can join us. If you have any questions or concerns that we should address, please speak with Helen Joynes or Paul Ritter.

*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)).

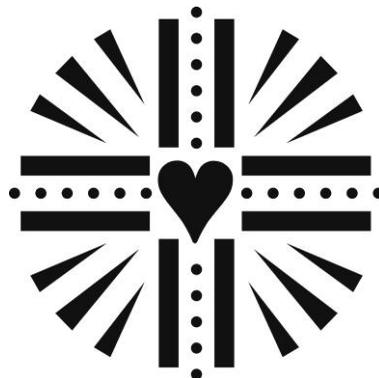


*LUTHERAN RADIO ONLINE AND ON THE AIR FOR YOU THIS WEEK:*

**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](https://www.facebook.com/KFUOradio) on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/KFUOradio), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/KFUOradio).

**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org:** Starting tomorrow, we are beginning a new series on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 9 a.m. ET)! The series will be centered on Christian marriage, and will look at Song of Solomon, as well as select chapters in Genesis and Ephesians. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 12 p.m. ET) as we continue our series on the Gospel of Matthew! This week’s study will take us through chapters 5-8. Don’t forget to tune in to Concord Matters this Saturday (October 11 at 11 a.m. ET)! We’ll be wrapping up our study of the Ten Commandments as confessed 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*** ... Forgiveness isn't a formality with God. Forgiveness is formative. It changes us. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, October 12, 2025, for a message from Lutheran Hour Speaker, the Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "When a Cakewalk Becomes a Crucible", 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 KFUO.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](http://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 COMMEMORATIONS...*

October 7      **Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, Pastor**  
October 9      **Abraham, Old Testament Patriarch**  
October 11     **Philip the Deacon, New Testament Saint**  
**Founding of Trinity Congregation, 1931**

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.

Owing to the continued increased need in our community, our Compassion Center has exhausted its Maryland Food Grant for the year. In order to keep our pantry shelves well-stocked for the remainder of the year, we will continue to need your generous donations of food. All non-perishable foods are welcome, and especially needed items include:

Cereal; Peanut Butter; Pasta and Pasta Sauce; Macaroni & Cheese; Rice; Soups;  
Canned Tuna and Chicken; Canned Fruit; Canned Vegetables (both green and color)

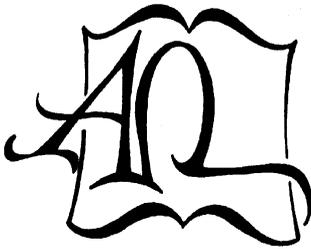
Clothing donations are also welcome. There is a need for boys' (sizes 10-18), girls' (sizes 10-14), and men's (especially small and medium) clothing.

There is always a demand for diapers and wipes, especially sizes 3, 4, 5, and pull-ups 2T-4T.

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 SUNDAY ...*

The 94<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of Trinity Congregation  
(Observed)

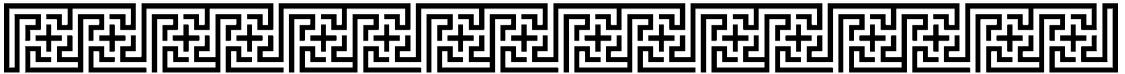
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (LSB Proper 23C)

October 12, 2025

Scripture Readings: Ruth 1:1-19a

2 Timothy 2:1-13

Luke 17:11-19



**PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 5 – 12**

*May Be Subject to Change*

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| <b>Today</b>       | <i><b>The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</b></i>  |
|                    | 9:30 AM                      Worship with Holy Communion<br>(at church in person and via Facebook Live) |
|                    | 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><b>The 94<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of Trinity Congregation</b></i>                   |
|                    | <i><b>The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b></i>   |
|                    | 9:30 AM                      Worship with Holy Communion<br>(at church in person and via Facebook Live) |
|                    | 10:45 AM                    Trinity Singers Rehearsal   |
|                    | 12:00 PM                    EECMYM Worship (at church in person)  |
|                    | 3:00 PM                      Installation Service for Pastor Steven Hicks<br>at Redeemer-Hyattsville    |





## CHURCH STATISTICS

Sunday, September 28, 2025

Worship Attendance: 17; Communed: 17.

### *MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025:*

General Offerings received (4 Sundays): \$7,576

General Offerings needed to meet the 2025 budget: \$11,951

Withdrawals from Thrivent (money market): \$0

Remaining Balance in Thrivent mutual funds: ~\$43,592

(Total Withdrawals from Thrivent this year: \$11,500)



✠ **O Christ, Hear Us!** ✠

**Intercessions for the Week of October 5, 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;  
Kelly, co-worker's spouse of Joyce

**Thanksgivings and Blessings**

Vincent Peele, Charli Holland, Hallie Maddox, and David Reichelt, who celebrate their birthdays 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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4000 – 30<sup>th</sup> Street  
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Mount Rainier, Maryland 20712

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

*Worship Services are livestreamed on Facebook Live  
For more information, please visit the church website.*

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Church Web Site: [www.tlcmr.org](http://www.tlcmr.org)  
*The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel, Pastor*



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