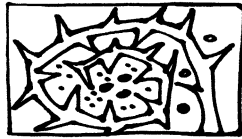
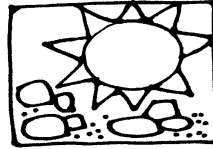




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a path...

Some fell
on rocky
soil ...

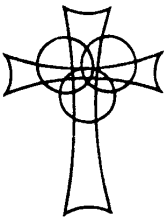


Other seeds
fell among
thorns...

but some
fell on
good soil!



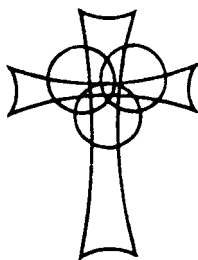
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The 7th Sunday after Pentecost

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

In the Lord's Name, Welcome! In this season for rest and relaxation, the Pastor and People of Trinity are happy that you have come to worship this morning to find rest and refreshment for your soul. May Christ, who promises rest for the weary, strengthen you with His gifts in Word and Sacrament as you pass this hour in this "spiritual oasis."

PRAYER UPON ENTERING WORSHIP

Almighty God, we thank You for planting in us the seed of Your Word. By Your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through 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.



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✠ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✠

✠ **The Preparation** ✠

The Flute and Piano Prelude

“Thy Word”

The Words of Welcome

The Congregation rises.

The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 901
“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so
3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be

en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,
du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,
gift di - vine. How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;
done in - deed. May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee

Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed
There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O
Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I
May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing
While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the



is this place,	Filled with sol - ace,	light, and grace!
en - ter Thou;	Let it be Thy	tem - ple now!
hear may be	Fruit - ful un - to	life in me.
star through life,	As my com - fort	in all strife.
foun - tain flows;	Here is balm for	all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650–80

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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 Our Help is in the Name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 103:15-19; antiphon: verse 8

- P** The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- C** As for man, his days are like grass;
he flourishes like a flower of the field;
- P** for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.
- C** But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those
who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
- P** to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.
- C** The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.
- 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** The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Kyrie Eleison:



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

The *Gloria in Excelsis*:



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

The Salutation and Collect of the Day:

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Congregation is seated.

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
¹²“For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the LORD,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

Romans 8:12-17

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Trinity Singers

“The Sower”

The Congregation rises.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear. ...

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**



The Apostles' Creed:

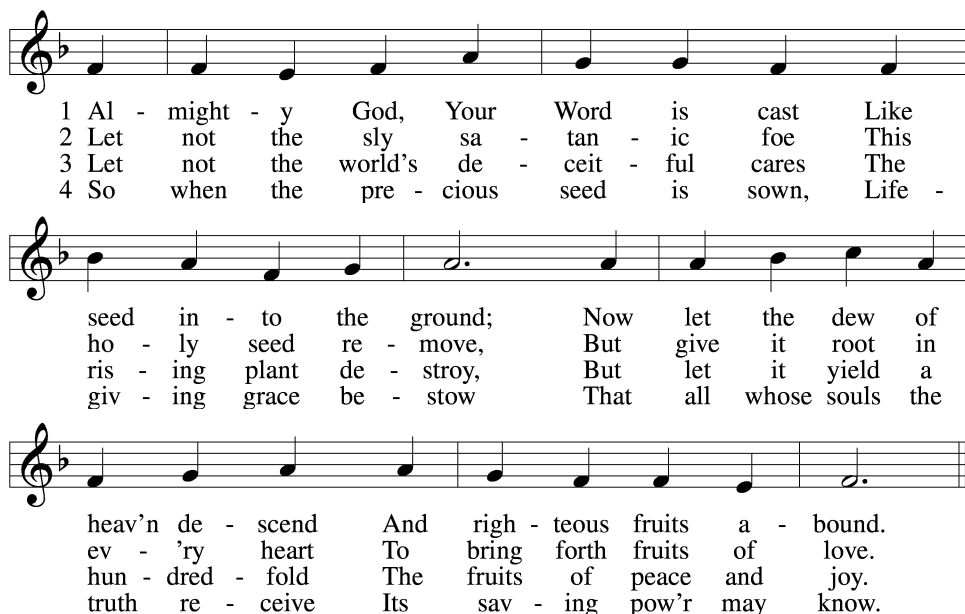
C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
 And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and
 was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints;
 the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life ✠ everlasting.
 Amen.

The Congregation is seated.

The Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 577

“Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast”



1 Al - might - y God, Your Word is cast Like
 2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe This
 3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The
 4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, Life -

seed in - to the ground; Now let the dew of
 ho - ly seed re - move, But give it root in
 ris - ing plant de - stroy, But let it yield a
 giv - ing grace be - stow That all whose souls the

heav'n de - scend And righ - teous fruits a - bound.
 ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.
 hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.
 truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.

Text: John Cawood, 1775–1852, alt.

Tune: ST. FLAVIAN, The Whole Booke of Psalmes, 1562, London

Text and tune: Public domain

The Sermon

Pastor Rudy Kampia

The Congregation rises.

The Prayer of the Church:

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** Almighty Father, the Word goes forth from Your mouth and does not return to You empty. Provide for the continued proclamation of Your Word, that those who do not yet know You may come to join us in the confession of Your Name, so that together we may go out in joy and be led forth in peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty Father, You have planted Your Word within us, watered us with the promises of Baptism, and nourished us in the good soil of Your Church. Keep us ever faithful to that which You have given us, and let us never fall away from You. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty Father, give Your blessing to our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, especially as it prepares to meet in convention this week. Grant that every decision made will promote the unity of faith and love within our fellowship so that we may continue to proclaim the Good News of Christ Crucified and Risen in our congregations, ministries, and missions throughout our nation and world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty Father, all the nations of the earth are Yours, and besides You there is no other God. Give those who lead the desire for peace and stability and a concern to govern wisely. Let them plead the cause of the widow and orphan and serve the needs of the least among them. Bring an end to war and strife, and allow all to live in peace and safety. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty Father, look with mercy upon those who suffer from illness of body or mind. Be especially with _____. Comfort them with Your presence. Give them healing if it be Your will; patience to endure suffering; and knowledge that no matter what they go through, they are Your dear children and that the glory of Christ awaits them. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Father, accept our gratitude for all Your benefits to us, especially for _____. May we all use Your blessings in such a way that You receive the glory from us as Your dearly loved children. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Father, grant Your comfort to all those who mourn [especially _____]. Give them peace, comfort, and hope in the sure and certain promise of resurrection to those who have lived and believed in the Lord Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Father, You care for every child of Your creating. Hear the prayers of Your children for all of the needs and concerns we have, especially for _____, as well as the requests of those who have asked for our prayers, which we present to You from the things unspoken and hidden in our hearts.... And we pray You to hear and accept our prayers, granting us all things that are best for us according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Father, we gather again at the Table of Your Son to receive His Body and Blood in the Blessed Sacrament. May we eat and drink in faith, receiving that which was given and shed for us for our benefit. Let what we receive here strengthen us in our trust in You and our service toward others. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Father, we join our prayer and praise with Ruth and all the generations of the faithful who have called You Father and are now before Your throne of grace. Bring us at last with them together into the life that awaits us at the coming of Your Son, Jesus. 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.

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 # 584

“Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing”

1 Faith and truth and life be - stow - ing, O - pen now the
2 May the Spir - it's pow'r un - ceas - ing Bring to life the

Scrip - tures, Lord, Seed to life e - ter - nal sow - ing,
hid - den grain, Dai - ly in our hearts in - creas - ing,

Scat - tered on the wind a - broad. Let not hearts, Your
Bear - ing fruit that shall re - main. So in Scrip - ture,

Word re - ceiv - ing, Like a bar - ren field be found, Choked with
song, and sto - ry, Sav - ior, may Your voice be heard. Till our

thorns and un - be - liev - ing, Shal - low earth or ston - y ground.
eyes be - hold Your glo - ry Give us ears to hear Your Word.

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Tune: Holy Manna, Columbian Harmony, 1825, Cincinnati

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The Congregation rises.



The Preface Dialogue:

P The Lord be with you.

C And also 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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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 God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer:

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His Body and Blood. Hear us as we pray in His Name and as He has taught us:
- 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:

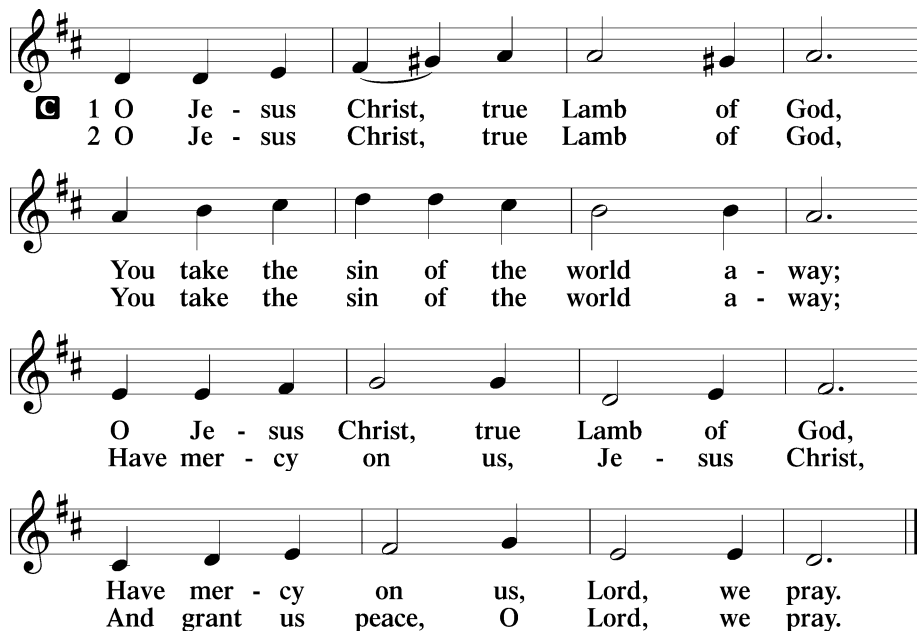
- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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 **Amen.**



The *Agnus Dei*:


1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Text: Stephen P. Starke**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.

Music at the Distribution:

“Sons of God” – The Trinity Singers

The Congregation rises.

The Nunc Dimittis:

1 O Lord, now let to Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to now, Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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 Amen.

The *Benedicamus* and Benediction:

P Let us bless the Lord.

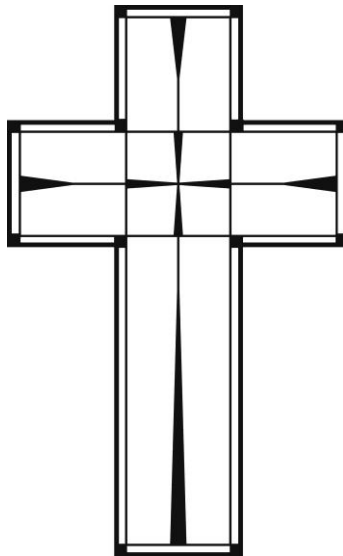
C Thanks be to God.

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 ✠ give you peace.

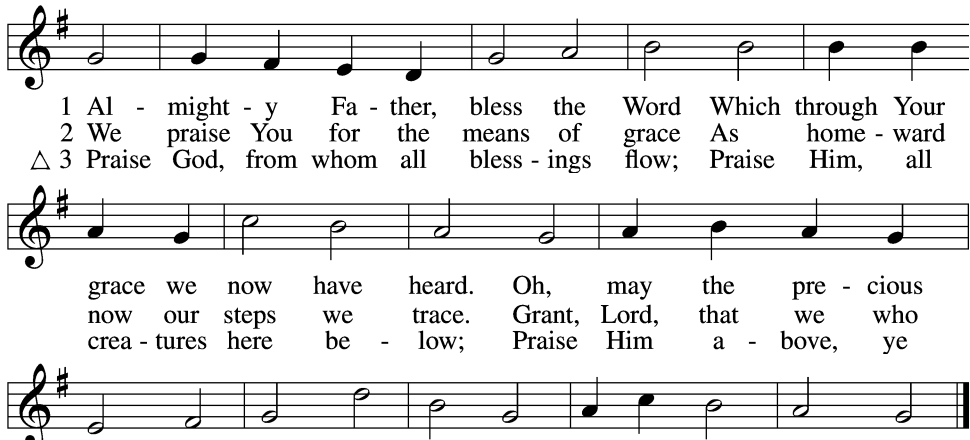
C Amen.



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: OLD HUNDREDTH, Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois**Text and tune: Public domain*

The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

✠ *To God Be All Praise and Glory!* ✠

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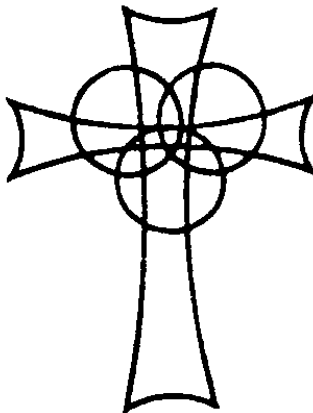
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The Lector
The Communion Assistant
The Worship Assistant
The Flutist
The Choir
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NOTES AND NEWS

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.

OUR THANKS TO ... Pastor Rudy Kampia for being among us today leading us in worship and bringing the message from the Word while Pastor Schiebel is away on vacation. Pastor Kampia is the Pastor Emeritus of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Hyattsville, Maryland. Thank you for your service today, and we look forward to your being with us again next Sunday.

SPECIAL OFFERING APPEAL FOR JULY ... During this month, we ask our Trinity Family to consider giving special gifts towards our Improvement Fund to assist in defraying the cost of upcoming planned work to paint the eaves on the church building, and to make repairs and paint the frame of our Luther Rose window. We have used our budgeted amount for maintenance and repairs for this year on other projects, and while we can use a portion of our savings to cover the costs for this project, any gifts received through this appeal will aid us in retaining a larger amount of our savings' principal for use another day.

If you are able to give towards this project, please mark your check as being for the Improvement Fund, or use the special offering envelope found among those for July in your box set. (Additional envelopes will also be available in the narthex.) Any questions concerning this appeal and project can be directed to Helen Joynes or Michael McCoyer.

PASTOR ON VACATION ... Pastor and Kim will be taking some time away for some rest and relaxation over this Sunday and next. Pastor will be "off duty" through Sunday, July 19th. Lord willing, he will return to his regular pastoral duties on Monday, July 20th (which just also happens to be the 29th Anniversary of his installation as Trinity's Pastor). In his absence, arrangements have been made for any pastoral emergencies that could arise. Should you need pastoral care, please contact Congregational President Helen Joynes at 240-605-8874 and she will be able to connect you with the Pastor on call.



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 **2026** is 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 remains at **\$50.00**, mainly owing to delivery charges, which we hope will not increase. If you have any questions, please contact Rona by calling the church office or by email (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 KFUE.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUOradio on [Facebook](#), [X](#), and [Instagram](#).

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Tune in for “The Reign of Heaven Stands Near”, our study of the book of Matthew on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 9 a.m. ET)! On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 12 p.m. ET), we’re discussing the book of Acts. Follow along as we pick up with chapter 13. Stay tuned for this week’s edition of Concord Matters (July 18 at 11 a.m. ET)! Pastor Finnern is beginning a short study on private confession. Find your favorite programs on demand by visiting kfuo.org!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR ... A day will come when the grief will end, the groans will be silenced. Jesus will return and the dead in Christ will arise with bodies glorified. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, July 19, 2026, for this message from Lutheran Hour Guest Speaker, the Rev. Dr. Glenn Nielsen, “From Groans to Glory”. The Lutheran Hour can be heard online on KFUE.org on Sundays at 12:30 PM and 5:00 PM, as well as on SiriusXM’s Family Talk 131 channel on Sundays at 10:00 AM. For more ways to listen, to hear messages on demand, or for more information on this media ministry, visit the Lutheran Hour Ministries website at www.lhm.org, and click on “The Lutheran Hour” link. You can also view many of the other devotional and spiritual life materials provided by Lutheran Hour ministries as well.

OTHER MEDIA MINISTRIES FOR YOUR LISTENING AND VIEWING ...

LUTHERAN PUBLIC RADIO lutheranpublicradio.org

24/7 internet radio station with *Sacred Music for the World*.

ISSUES, ETC issuesetc.org

A program of *Christ-Centered, Cross-Focused Talk Radio*.

Airs Monday-Friday from 4-6 p.m. ET, both on its website and on kfu.org.

Archived shows are also available to listen to at any time.

WORSHIP ANEW worshipanew.org

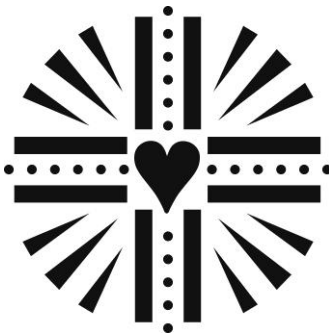
Weekly Lutheran Worship services online and devotions.

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 COMMEMORATION...

July 16 **Ruth, Old Testament Saint**

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, our center coordinator. Thank you all for your continued help and support and prayers.

There continues to be increased need to help feed those in our community. In order to keep our pantry shelves well-stocked to meet the needs of our neighbors, we will continue to receive 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)

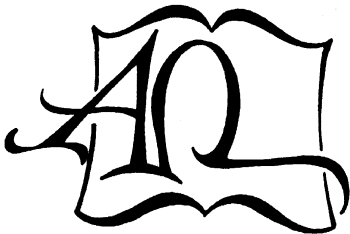
Clothing donations are also welcome. There is a need for boys' (sizes 10-18), girls' (sizes 10-14), and men's (especially small and medium) clothing.

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 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (LSB Proper 11A)

July 19, 2026

The Reverend Rudy Kampia,

Guest Celebrant & Preacher

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 44:6-8

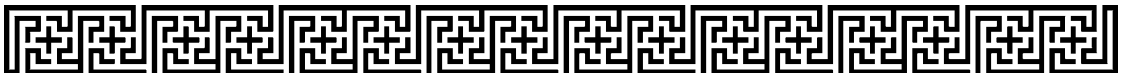
Romans 8:18-27

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 12 – 19

May Be Subject to Change

Today	<i>The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
	9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live) The Rev. Rudy Kampia, Guest Pastor
	10:45 AM	Trinity Singers Rehearsal
	12:00 PM	EECMYM Worship (at church in person)
Through July 19th	<i>Pastor Schiebel is on vacation</i>	
Monday	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
Tuesday	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
	9:00 AM—Noon	Church Office Open
Wednesday	9:00 AM—Noon	Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
Thursday	9:00 AM—Noon	Church Office Open
Next Sunday	<i>The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	
	9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion The Rev. Rudy Kampia, Guest Pastor (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	12:00 PM	EECMYM Worship (at church in person)



CHURCH STATISTICS

Worship attendance statistics for Sundays, July 6th, 12th, and 19th will be published in the July 26th edition of the Sunday Bulletin.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR JUNE 2026:

General Offerings received (4 Sundays): \$8,799
 General Offerings needed to meet the budget: \$11,148
 Withdrawals from Thrivent (money market): \$0
 Balance in Thrivent mutual funds: \$60,421 (as of 5/8/26)

MID-YEAR SUMMARY:

General Offerings received: \$70,033
 Offerings needed (half of annual budget): \$72,461

✠ **O Christ, Hear Us!** ✠

Intercessions for the Week of July 12, 2026

Prayers for Continued Healing and Help

For Members of Our Trinity Family:

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

For Those Who Have Asked of Our Prayers:

Luke, grandson of Charlie & Jean; Britnany, niece of Lynda; Juliet, mother of Ras-I;
Linda, daughter of Gus & Betty; Caron, former Concordia School Teacher;
Jari, former Concordia School Teacher; Nathan, son of Art; Bernie, friend of Trinity;
Robin, daughter of Vincent & Tracy;
Orbelina & Family, mother of former Concordia Students;
Kay & Bob, relatives of Carole; Craig, husband of Edith;
Steve, father-in-law of Michelle; Denise, fiancée of Mark; Raymond, brother of Joy;
Daniel, friend of Cullen; Mr. Emanuel, husband of Shelda;
Mary, former Concordia Teacher; Jim, friend of Michelle; Millie, co-worker of Joyce;
Pat, mother of Kim; Sean, friend of Joyce & Dave; Kelly, co-worker's spouse of Joyce;
Leo, relative of Carole; Carolyn, daughter of Susan; Ann, friend of Judy;
Shirley, aunt of Kim; Eliot, son of Ryan & Ryann; Kaylee, great-niece of Noel;
Lucy, friend of Tracy; Ralph, uncle of Vincent & Tracy

Thanksgivings and Blessings

Michael Hudson, Richard James, and Ernie Ritter, who celebrate their birthdays
this week.

Waymond & Helen Joynes, 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
Jesus 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 Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, its leaders and mission, and for God's blessing as we prepare to meet in Convention this summer, that we may always walk together in the bond of peace and proclaim the Risen Christ to the world.
- ✘ For our Southeastern District, its Congregations, Schools, and Ministries, that by our work and witness we will connect people to Jesus so that lives are transformed and the kingdom of God will grow.
- ✘ 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.





***Celebrating the Gift of Ninety-Five Years of
God's Love and Grace!***

***...as it was in the beginning,
is now,
and will be forever.
Amen!***

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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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The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel, Pastor



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