



Holy Eucharist

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 • 10:30 AM

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about this community Trinity Lutheran Church is a diverse Christian community committed to sharing and teaching the Word of God. We welcome all people and serve to provide Christian education, witness and outreach. In response to God's grace, we are called to support and advocate for our dynamic community, care for others, worship God, develop leaders in our faith, and steward the gifts we have been given by God.

Our Values: Love + Community + Inclusion + Service + Creativity + Faithfulness + Learning

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today's worship The grumbling of the religious leaders in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God seeks and saves the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As the writer of 1 Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.

Please silence all electronic devices before the service.

*You are invited to participate throughout the service with the **bold** responses and in all hymns.*

GATHERING

prelude Prelude and Fugue in Baroque Style on *Nettleton*

Ethan Haman
(b. 1997)

welcome *Pr. Stephanie Jaeger*

introit All That Hath Life and Breath

Rene Clausen
(b. 1953)

*All that hath life and breath, praise ye the Lord!
Shout to the Lord, hallelujah!
Sing praise, give thanks, hallelujah!*

confession and forgiveness Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper
Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.
Amen.

✙ the sign of the cross is used
throughout the service to
symbolize the Holy Trinity and
Christ's crucifixion—some may
choose to cross themselves

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.
In the name of ✙ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!
Amen.

gathering hymn “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (ELW 807)

1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.
 Music: J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

greeting The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

hymn of praise “Gloria a Dios” (ACS 911)
Sung twice, in either Spanish or English

Glo - ria_a Dios, glo - ria_a Dios,
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God,

glo - ria_a Dios en los cie - los.
glo - ry to God in the high - est.

Paz pa - ra ti, paz pa - ra mí,
Peace be to you, peace be to me,

paz pa - ra to - da la tie - rra.
peace be to all, peace to all the earth.

Text: Marcus Veenstra; tr. composite
Music: Marcus Veenstra; arr. Greg Scheer, b. 1966

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

Amen.

All are seated

children's message *Children are invited forward for a message with Pr. Stephanie*

WORD

first reading Exodus 32:7-14

A reading from Exodus.

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

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

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

psalm 51:1-10 *The cantor sings the refrain once to introduce, then all repeat*

(accomp.) Hear me, hear me, hear me, Re-deem-er.

Send down your love to cleanse my soul.

The cantor chants the verses

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- ² Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.
- ³ For I know my offenses,
and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴ Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right in your
judgment. **Refrain**
- ⁵ Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- ⁶ Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom deep within.
- ⁷ Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.
- ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- ⁹ Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my wickedness.
- ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me. **Refrain**

second reading 1 Timothy 1:12-17

A reading from 1 Timothy.

¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

All stand for the Gospel Acclamation

gospel acclamation



The cantor chants the verse:

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life.

All repeat the Gospel Acclamation

gospel reading Luke 15:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated for the sermon

sermon *Pr. Stephanie Jaeger*

hymn of the day "Softly and Tenderly" (ELW 608)

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain
 watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
 par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!"

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909
 Music: Will L. Thompson

the apostles' creed **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

prayers *The assisting minister leads our prayers. You are invited to respond to each petition as follows:*

...God of grace,
Receive our prayer.

At the end of the prayers, the pastor says

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

peace The peace and love of Jesus Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

*During the passing of the
peace, many will shake
hands, hug, or simply make
a peace sign*

After exchanging a sign of peace, please be seated

announcements *Please see this week's Trinity Times for announcements*

installation of office coordinator We are delighted to announce that, after prayerful deliberation, Trinity Lutheran Church—Staten Island has appointed Nancy Kellogg Gray to serve in the position of Office Coordinator.

Our Lord Jesus, who came among us as a servant, calls us to faith and a life of loving service. Nancy, you come among us as one called to render the service of Office Coordinator, a gift from God to support the effective and faithful administrative functioning of our church.

Pastor: Nancy, in the presence of this assembly, will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility in the confidence that this call comes from God? Will you strive for excellence in your skills, and seek to grow in love for those you serve?

Office Coordinator: I will, and I ask God to help me

Pastor: Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.
Amen.

Pastor: People of God, will you receive Nancy as our new Office Coordinator as one sent to serve in the church of Jesus Christ? Will you pray for her, help and honor her for her work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Let us pray. O God of majesty, whom saints and angels delight to worship: Strengthen and bless your servant Nancy who, through the gifts of organization, care and compassion, seeks to enhance the administrative operations of this church. Unite us in common purpose as your church seeking to bless the lives of others with the love of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Pastor: Nancy, I now declare you installed as Office Coordinator. People of God, I present to you our Office Coordinator. Let us welcome Nancy in the name of Christ.

The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.

noisy offering *In addition to our regular offering, every second Sunday we collect coins and bills to benefit Feeding with TLC. If you wish to give online, please scan the QR code below and specify your gift for the feeding ministry.*



offering

The offering collected this Sunday supports the ministries of Trinity Lutheran Church. Our inclusive congregation has special commitments to the arts, addressing hunger and poverty in our community, and Christian education. Help us bring the healing love of God into the world by donating generously. To give online, scan the QR code.

anthem at the
offertory

Thee We Adore.

Thomas Candlyn
(1892-1964)

Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, thee, who in thy sacrament art pleased to be; both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail. Yet here thy presence we devoutly hail. O blest memorial of our dying Lord, who living bread to all doth here afford. O may our souls forever feed on thee, and thou, O Christ, forever precious be. Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God, cleanse us, unclean, in thy most cleansing flood; increase our faith and love, that we may know the hope and peace which from thy presence flow. O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see, may what we thirst for soon our portion be: to gaze on thee unveiled, and see thy face, the vision of thy glory and thy grace.

All stand for the Presentation of the Offering

presentation of the
offering

Refrain/Estribillo

To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,
da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;
y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.
Take my sil - ver and my gold,
not a mite would I with - hold;
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Refrain/Estribillo

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, adapt.

Music: William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954

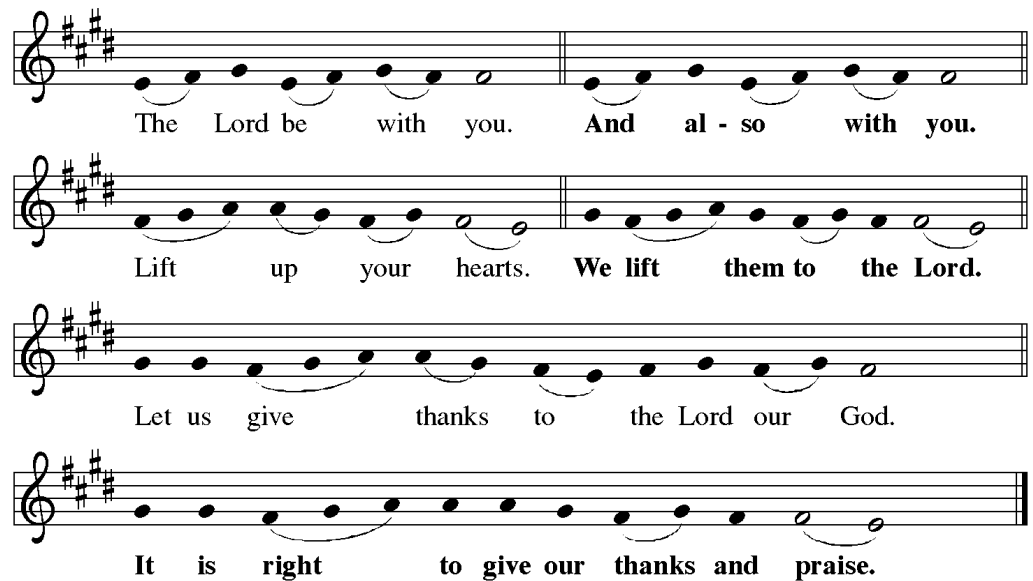
The assisting minister leads us in prayer

offering prayer

Lord of the harvest,
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

MEAL

the great thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor continues chanting

preface It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

sanctus

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.

thanksgiving at the table Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world, you gave your only Son, so that all those who believe in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

the lord's prayer Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

invitation to communion Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

All are welcome at Jesus' table of grace. We commune today at the kneelers at the front row of pews. Come forward to the kneeler closest to you via the center aisle, as indicated by the usher. You will receive the host from the pastor and wine or grape juice from the assistant. You may leave your used cup in the white bowls at the start of the side aisles as you return to your seats.

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.

communion hymn "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (ELW 789)



1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;

In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.

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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847
 Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

communion hymn "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises" (ELW 535)

Please note the refrain is sung twice each time

Refrain— sung twice each time

Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our

bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

End

ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain

I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

Text: South African; tr. Freedom Is Coming, 1984
Music: South African; arr. Freedom Is Coming

After communion, all stand and receive the blessing

table blessing May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ ☩ strengthen us and keep us in God's grace.

Amen.

The Assisting Minister leads us in prayer

prayer after communion O God,
through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.
Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need.
We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

SENDING

blessing The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
☩ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

sending hymn "Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing" (ELW 544)



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
 2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
 3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
 one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
 lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
 by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
 Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
 firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
 ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

Text: Howard C. A. Gaunt, 1902–1983, alt.
 Music: Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, adapt.

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dismissal Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
 Thanks be to God.

postlude Sortie in G Major

Charles Tournemire
(1870-1939)

We're glad you chose to worship with us this morning! We would love to meet you at Coffee Hour downstairs after the service.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher & Presider Rev. Dr. Stephanie Jaeger
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IN OUR PRAYERS

Amy Fittapaldi, Vincent Pizzolo, Gonca Latif-Schmitt and her family, Rita Fowler, Josie Honus, David Dowling, Tim Pranschke, Jörg and Madeline Dreusicke, the family and friends of RT Pranschke, Jasmine Drake, Joanna Smith, Perry Summerford, Denise Melious, Maria Alvarez Castro, Friends and Family of Phillip Herbst, Angel Luis Rios, Marlies Meyer, Glen Danischewski, Ronnie Bero, Sabina Baker, Mary Bruno, Pennington Family, Carmen Cognetta, Deacon Margaret Ann O'Donnell, Migdalia Jimenez, Laura Lupo, Jessica Desens, Edith Piazza, Alice Evensen, Sean C. Sweeney, Janet A. Cleary, George Turner, Christopher Jarrett, Meah Guzman, Carmen Aponte, and James Ciccolella

For those in our armed services, especially
Joshua Lentini, Sgt George E Turner, and the US Army

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