

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ALL TOGETHER AGAIN SUNDAY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 • 10:30 AM

### 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

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

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 Fantaisie for Oboe and Organ in f minor Johann L. Krebs

Ruth Fabes, oboe

(1713-1780)

welcome Pr. Stephanie Jaeger

introit Cantate Domino

Giuseppe Pitoni (1657-1743)

Latin:

Cantate Domino canticum novum;

laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum. Laetetur Israël in eo qui fecit eum, et filii Sion exsultent in rege suo.

English Translation:

Praise ye the Lord. Sing unto the Lord

a new song,

and his praise in the congregation of saints. Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their

King.

(Psalm 149: 1-2)

forgiveness

confession and In the name of the Father,

and of the Holy Spirit.

and of the + Son.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God.

you free us to love others,

but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,

but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,

but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.

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

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. Amen.

gathering hymn

"O God, My Faithful God" (ELW 806)



Text: Johann Heermann, 1585-1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.
Music: Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1629-1701

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



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

prayer of the day

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through 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 Deuteronomy 30:15-20

A reading from Deuteronomy.

<sup>15</sup> "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. 16 If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup> loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

psalm 1 The assembly chants the **bold** verses in harmony or unison



- <sup>1</sup> Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!
- <sup>2</sup> Their delight is in the law | of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night.
- <sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not wither; everything they | do shall prosper.
- <sup>4</sup> It is not so | with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.
- <sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,\*
  nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.
- <sup>6</sup> For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.

## second reading Philemon 1-21

A reading from Philemon.

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To our beloved coworker Philemon, <sup>2</sup> to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup> because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. <sup>7</sup> I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

<sup>8</sup> For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, <sup>9</sup> yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup> I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup> Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. <sup>12</sup> I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. <sup>13</sup> I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, <sup>14</sup> but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. <sup>15</sup> Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, <sup>16</sup> no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup> So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup> If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. <sup>19</sup> I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup> Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup> Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

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 14:25-33

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>25</sup> Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup> saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' <sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated for the Homily

homily Pr. Stephanie Jaeger

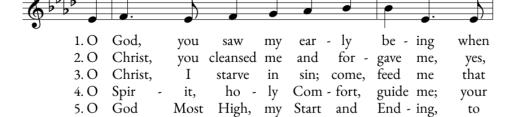
We will begin the Hymn of the Day seated

## hymn of the day "O God, You Saw My Early Being"

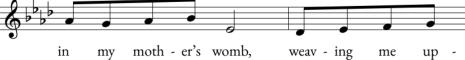
- 1 Solo
- 2 Lower voices
- 3 Choir
- 4 Treble voices

All stand during the interlude between the 4th & 5th verses

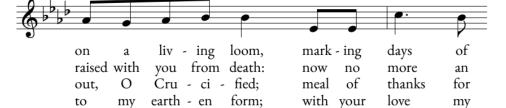
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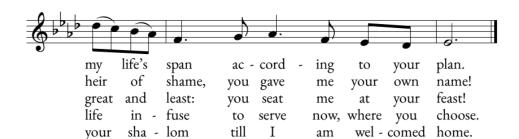






bur - ied you, your dy - ing breath; with you, when you died, ver - y blood poured giv - en keep through each storm, breath - ing life in me ev - 'ry fear, ev - 'ry care and time and





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This hymn was commissioned for the fortieth anniversary of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians and premiered at the 2025 biennial conference, "For all that is to be," Raleigh—Durham, North Carolina, August 4–8, 2025.

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.

pravers

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

After exchanging a sign of peace, please be seated

sign

announcements Please see this week's Trinity Times for announcements

# installation of campus minister

Today we welcome and install a new staff member, Bethany Day, as Wagner Campus Minister. This position is funded by a generous grant from the Metro New York Synod and other dedicated gifts.

Trinity members who have been affiliated with Wagner College are invited to come forward to assist with the rite of installation.

We are delighted to announce that, after prayerful deliberation, Trinity Lutheran Church has appointed Bethany Day to serve in the position of Wagner Campus Minister.

Our Lord Jesus, who came among us as a servant, calls us to faith and a life of loving service. Bethany, you come among us as one invited to render the service of Campus Minister, a gift from God to inspire the students, staff, and faculty of Wagner College to love God and live out their faith.

Pastor: Bethany, in the presence of this assembly, will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility as Wagner Campus Minister in the confidence that it comes from God? Campus Minister: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you carry out this ministry in accordance with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and in harmony with the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

Campus Minister: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Trusting in God's care, will you strive for excellence in your skills, and will you seek to grow in love for those you serve? Campus Minister: 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 Bethany as our new Wagner Campus Minister as one sent to serve in the church of Jesus Christ? Will you pray for Bethany, help and honor Bethany 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.

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. O God of majesty, whom saints and angels delight to worship: Strengthen and bless your servant Bethany Day who, through your gift of teaching and support for young adults, seeks to enliven the faith and life of the students of

Wagner College. Through this ministry give us new awareness of the gifts and needs of young adults, and of Wagner College as an academic community of our denomination, the ELCA. We pray this through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

Pastor: Bethany, I now declare you installed as Wagner Campus Minister. May almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be a faithful servant of Christ. People of God, I present to you our new Wagner Campus Minister. Let us welcome Bethany in the name of Christ.

The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.

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

anthem at the O God, Beyond All Praising

Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end. We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word; we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord. The flower of earthly splendor in time must surely die; its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high; but hidden from all nature, the eternal seed is sown, though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown. For Christ, your gift from heaven from death has set us free, and we through him are given the final victory! Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our king; and whether tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still: to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

All stand for the Presentation of the Offering.

presentation of the offering



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

Creator God,

in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.

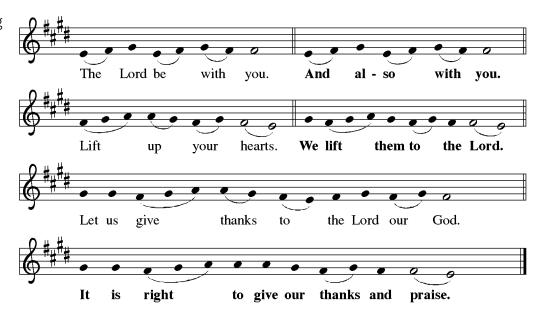
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor,

that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

## **MEAL**

the great thanksgiving

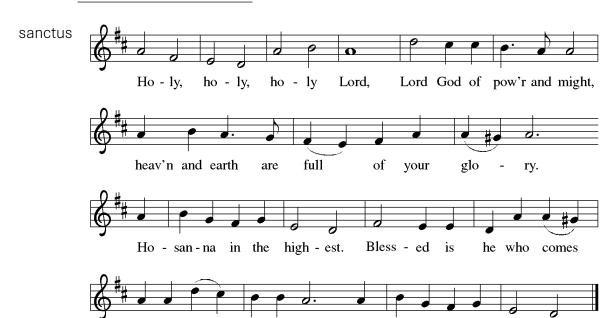


The pastor continues chanting

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: in the

name



of the Lord.

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.

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high - est.

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.

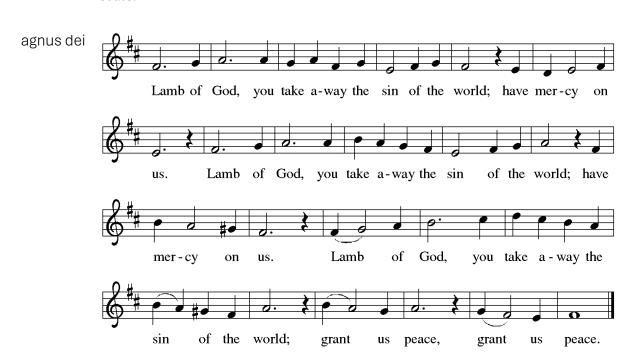
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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 The kingdom of God is set before us. Let us eat and rejoice.

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.



communion hymn "O Jesus, I Have Promised" (ELW 810)



Text: Joel W. Lundeen, 1918–1990 Music: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

## communion hymn "Ubi Caritas" (ELW 642)

 $Sung\ repeatedly\ until\ sung\ a\ capella\ a\ final\ time$ 



Text: Latin antiphon, 9th cent.; Taizé Community; tr. With One Voice Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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

Nurturing God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

Amen.

## **SENDING**

blessing The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace.

Amen.

sending hymn "Lead Me, Guide Me" (ELW 768)



Text: Doris Akers, 1922-1995 Music: Doris Akers

dismissal Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

postlude Paean from Diptych for Organ

Brenda Portman (b. 1980)

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

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Assisting Minister & Lector Regina Pearsall & Stephen Jaeger

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Flower Guild Lorraine Danischewski, Leanne Surace, Trent Whisenant

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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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