

Sunday, August 3, 2025  
The Eighth Sunday  
after Pentecost

11am: Trinity Lutheran Church (Livestream)  
401 5<sup>th</sup> Street N



 **PRELUDE**

 **WELCOME**

 **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Baptized into the love of God, let us confess our sin.

*We take time to reflect on our actions and choices.*

Merciful God,

**you free us to love others,  
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.**

**You lead us to 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.**

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

**Amen.**

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 *Son of God, Eternal Savior*

ELW 655



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,  
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.  
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;  
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,  
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.  
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.  
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:  
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;  
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,  
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.  
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.  
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855–1932

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710



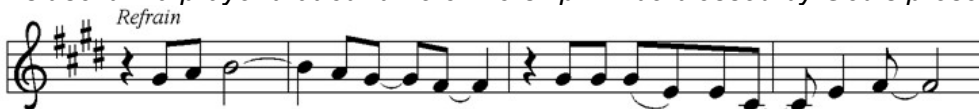
## GREETING

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.**



## KYRIE

*"Kyrie eleison," Greek for "Lord have mercy," is one of the most ancient prayers of the Christian Church. Lutherans use it in a prayer that our time of worship will be blessed by God's presence.*



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev - 'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Generous God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



## GETTING BACK TO BASICS



### FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

*The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a “vanity of vanities.” Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one’s work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.*

<sup>2</sup> Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. <sup>12</sup> I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup> applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. <sup>14</sup> I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me <sup>19</sup>—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup> So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup> because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup> What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup> For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**



## PSALM: Psalm 49:1-12

*The refrain will be played through once as introduction, and will then be sung by the congregation; the congregation will then repeat the refrain at the end of each set of verses, as indicated by "R"*



- <sup>1</sup> *Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,*  
<sup>2</sup> *you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.*  
<sup>3</sup> *My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding. R*
- <sup>4</sup> *I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.*  
<sup>5</sup> *Why should I be afraid in evil days,*  
*when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,*  
<sup>6</sup> *the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess,*  
*and boast of their great riches? R*
- <sup>7</sup> *One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another's life;*  
<sup>8</sup> *for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay it,*  
<sup>9</sup> *in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave. R*
- <sup>10</sup> *For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish*  
*and leave their wealth to those who come after them.*  
<sup>11</sup> *Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from*  
*generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.*  
<sup>12</sup> *Even though honored, they cannot live forever;*  
*they are like the beasts that perish. R*



## SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11

*Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.*

- <sup>1</sup> So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. <sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup> These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup> But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

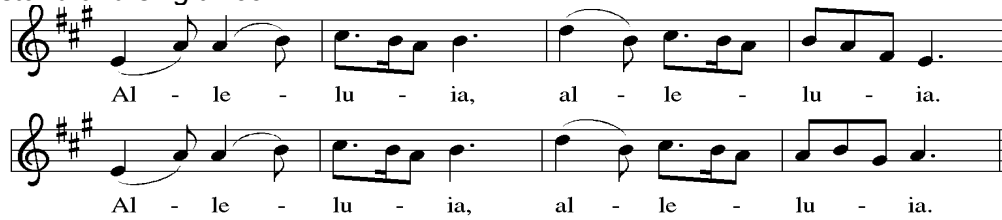
Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Please stand and sing twice:*



## GOSPEL: Luke 12:1, 13-21

*In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.*

The good news of God's love according to Luke.

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Meanwhile, when the crowd had gathered by the thousands, so that they trampled on one another, <sup>13</sup> someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." <sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup> And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup> Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

<sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup> So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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



## SERMON

*A brief period for silent meditation will follow at the conclusion of the sermon.*



## HYMN OF THE DAY *Faith Begins by Letting Go*

ACS 1004



- 1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,
- 2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem-'ry's roots a - live
- 3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,



tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:  
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,  
shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;



pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.  
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.  
till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

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## 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 OF INTERCESSION

Drawn into the embrace of the God, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

*After each petition:*

**God of grace, hear our prayer.**

*At the conclusion of the prayers:*

**Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**



## THE SHARING OF PEACE

*Instead of putting a donation in the offering plate during the next hymn, you can use the appropriate QR code to make a contribution on the church website; or you can mail an offering to the church.*

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1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,  
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;  
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.  
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,  
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
 Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.  
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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## OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good.  
**Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth,**  
**that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ,**  
**our Savior. Amen.**

## 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.

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:

You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more  
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.  
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here  
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.  
 You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,  
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!  
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!  
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
 now and forever. Amen.**





## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The kingdom of God is set before you.  
So let us eat and rejoice.



## LAMB OF GOD

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 *Break Now the Bread of Life* ELW 515

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you  
2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you  
3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly  
broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page  
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,  
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live  
I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.  
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!  
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.

Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888



## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Mothering 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.**

## BLESSING

May the love of God abound in you;  
may the grace of our Savior fill your hearts;  
and may the life of the Spirit ✝ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN *Lead Me, Guide Me*

ELW 768



Lead me, guide me, a - long the way; for if you  
lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each  
day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.  
I am weak and I need thy strength and power to  
Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness; be my  
I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am  
help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the darkness thy  
aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press. I am put - ting all my  
blind with - out thy light to see. Lord, just al - ways let me thy  
face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.  
trust in thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.  
ser - vant be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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

Go in peace; live by the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE



[Recording ends]



**After the service, please stay for a time of refreshments and conversation**



**Thank you to those serving this month:**

Service	Lectors	Communion Assistants	Altar Flower Sponsors
08/03	9:30	Combined service at Trinity Lutheran this week. No 9:30am service.	
	11:00	Gretchen Frederick	Lynne Tallon, Barb Macomb
08/10	9:30	Terri Craig	Betty Herzhauser
	11:00	Brenden Hall	Alan Due,
08/17	9:30	Gary Bartelt	Linda Gascon
	11:00	Teresa Zeoli	Paul Frakes, Ruth Kinsey
08/24	9:30	Rob Carter	Margarita Rodriguez
	11:00	Phil Rearick	Violet Prepost, Phil Rearick
08/31	9:30	Lou Carter	Betty Herzhauser
	11:00	Ruth Kinsey	Lynne Tallon, Barb Macomb

**Birthdays this week:**

08/06 - Jackie Gusdal  
08/08 - Adam Scott

**Anniversaries this week:**

- None -

**This Week's Calendar of Events:**

**Today (08/03)**

(no events scheduled)

**Monday (08/04)**

(no events scheduled)

**Tuesday (08/05)**

(no events scheduled)

**Wednesday (08/06)**

11:30am – Community Meal (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor at Trinity)  
6:00pm – Faith 2 Life Series (CommUNITY Room)

**Thursday (08/07)**

6:00pm – Grace Family Bible Study (CommUNITY Rm)

**Friday (08/08)**

9:30am – TLC Pantry (1<sup>st</sup> Floor at Trinity)  
9:30am – Dolores Food Pantry (CommUNITY Room)

**Saturday (08/09)**

9:00am – ASSIST Training (CommUNITY Room)  
9:00am – Hope Chest (Thrift Store)  
9:00am – Suncoast Conference Gathering  
(hosted by St. Paul's at St. John's Episcopal)

**Other Items of Interest:**

- **School Supply Drive:** Today was the last day to bring in school supplies. The donated supplies will be delivered to the schools.
- **Faith 2 Life:** our Wednesday evening series, is currently exploring "How Jesus Became God."
- **Calling All Knitters:** We have a member who has been gifted several in-progress sweaters and is looking for people who might be interested in finishing them up! There may also be additional yarn available (unrelated to the in-progress sweaters). All interested parties, call Pat Shipley! (727-709-6256)
- **Congregation Breakfast:** usually held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month is being moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday this month, due to the conflict with the Suncoast Conference Gathering.

## **Prayer List:**

### **For those ministering in our congregations:**

Pastor Paul Gibson  
Deacon Lynne Tallon  
Music Director Ross Kimura  
Music Director Brenden Hall

### **For those needing strength & healing:**

Dalton Miles	Andrea Chambers
Guy Smith	Eliza Walker
Bob Gascon	Paula Smith
Melody Cather	Vickie Clark
Terry Carden	Luke Mendenhall
Petra Young	Wyatt Fitzpatrick
Mike Lederhouse	Marjorie Smetana
Maureen Rogers	Terri Craig
Charlie Braitling	Jim & Edna Howell
Brenda Braitling	Debbie McNeilly
Teri Fitzpatrick	Dave McNeilly
Billy Boynton	Ana Rivera

### **For those suffering from cancer:**

Whitney & Greg Corrigan  
Frank Durilla  
Rick Jackson  
Rev. Pam Smith  
Rev. Ernest Knoche  
Jim Tallon  
Ron Oughton

### **For those homebound:**

Betty Aker  
Marion Cheslock  
Lorna Holder  
Judy Milanese  
Shirley Taylor

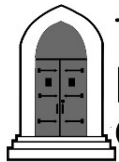
### **For those grieving the loss of a loved one:**

Mary Regan – ex-husband, Paul Zalatel  
Family & friends of Joanne Johnston  
Family & friends of Liz Karshner

*Prayer requests remain active for 3 months  
unless a shorter timeframe is requested.  
Please request a renewal if required after 3 months.*

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**Questions, Comments, Prayer Requests:**

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