Sunday, August 10, 2025 The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30am: Hope Lutheran Church 1801 62nd Avenue N

11am: Trinity Lutheran Church (Livestream)

401 5th Street N





■ 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.

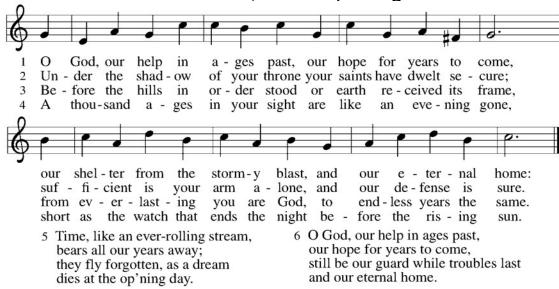
You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ⊕ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

Amen.





GATHERING HYMN O God, Our Help in Ages Past



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Music: St. Anne, William Croft, 1678–1727

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.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

💃 GETTING BACK TO BASICS



FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

¹ After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.



PSALM: Psalm 33:12-22

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"



- ¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!
- ¹³ The Lord looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.
- ¹⁴ God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.
- ¹⁵ God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds. R
- ¹⁶ A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.
- ¹⁷ The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.
- 18 Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O Lord, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,
- ¹⁹ to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine. R
- ²⁰ Our innermost being waits for you, O Lord, our helper and our shield.
- ²¹ Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.
- ²² Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you. R



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SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

- ¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
- ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.
- ⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."
- ¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand and sing twice:





GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief



comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

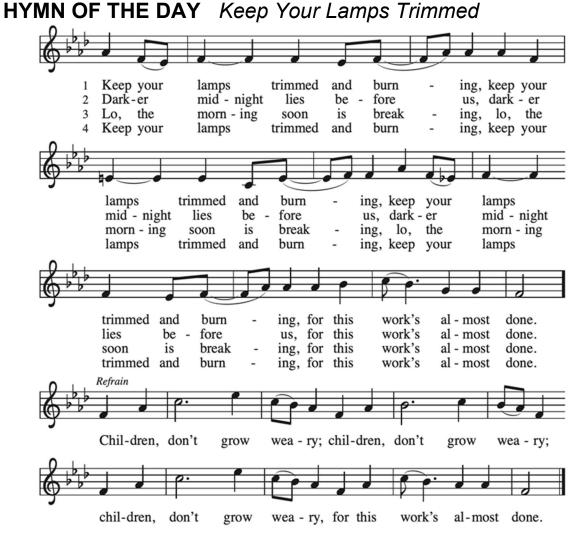
³⁵ "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹ But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

५ SERMON

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



Text: African American spiritual

Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual



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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.

A PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn into the embrace of 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.



Solution Offertory HYMN The God of Abraham Praise (v 1,2,4)

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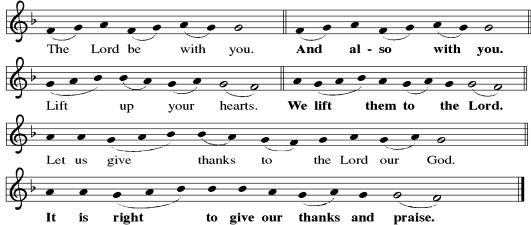
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Music: Jewish melody; arr. Meyer Lyon, 1751-1797

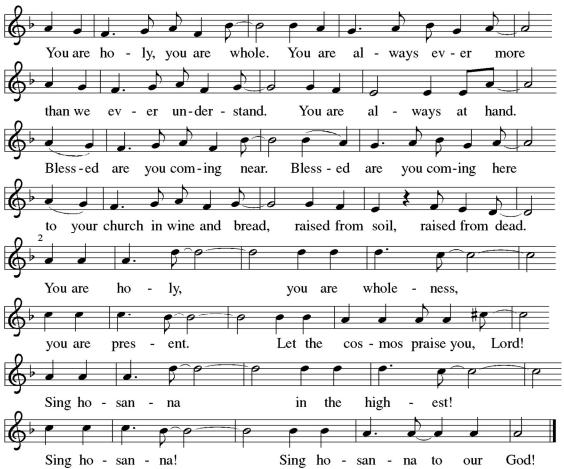
OFFERING PRAYER

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



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:



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

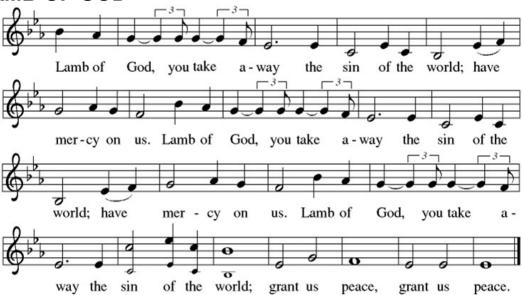
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

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







ELW 502



Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877 Music: St. Columba, Irish tune

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace.

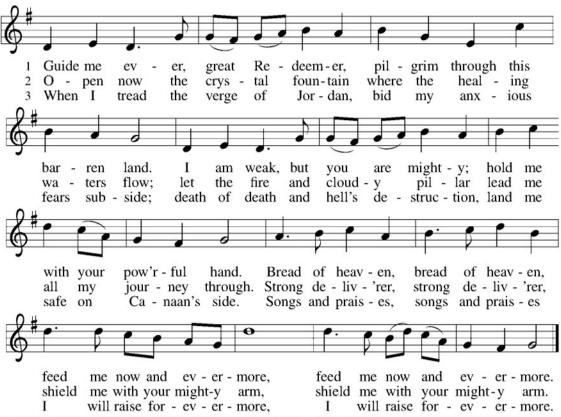
Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

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.



ELW 618



Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt. Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

DISMISSAL

Go in peace; live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.





[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	The people of Hope – to the glory of God
08/10	9:30	Terri Craig	Betty Herzhauser	Linda Gascon – IMO her parents
	11:00	Brenden Hall	Alan Due,	(open for sponsorship)
08/17	9:30	Gary Bartelt	Linda Gascon	(open for sponsorship)
	11:00	Teresa Zeoli	Paul Frakes, Ruth Kinsey	(open for sponsorship)
08/24	9:30	Rob Carter	Margarita Rodriguez	The people of Hope – to the glory of God
	11:00	Phil Rearick	Violet Prepost, Phil Rearick	Tom & Marty Snapp – In Honor Of their Anniversary
08/31	9:30	Lou Carter	Betty Herzhauser	(open for sponsorship)
	11:00	Ruth Kinsey	Lynne Tallon, Barb Macomb	(open for sponsorship)

Birthdays this week:

08/11 - Joe Melancon 08/14 - Avery Jones 08/11 - Anxley Miles 08/16 - Toni Durilla 08/12 - Alex Bradford 08/16 - Philip Portman

08/12 - Greg Daniels

Anniversaries this week:

08/11 - Jan & Paul Frakes

This Week's Calendar of Events:

Today (08/10)

9:00am - ASSIST Training (CommUNITY Room)

12:45pm — Constitution Conversations (2nd Floor at TLC)

Monday (08/11)

4:00pm - Constitution Conversations (Library at Hope)

Tuesday (08/12)

(no events scheduled)

Wednesday (08/13)

11:30am – Community Meal (3rd Floor at Trinity)

6:00pm - Faith 2 Life Series (CommUNITY Room)

Thursday (08/14)

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

Friday (08/15)

9:30am – TLC Pantry (1st Floor at Trinity)

9:30am - Dolores Food Pantry (CommUNITY Room)

6:00pm - Film & Faith (CommUNITY Room)

Saturday (08/16)

9:00am - Hope Chest (Thrift Store)

10:00am – Congregation Breakfast (Village Inn: 4th St.)

Other Items of Interest:

- 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)
- Friday's Film & Faith Event: The film will be "Passengers" – a 2016 film starring Jennifer Lawrence and Chris Pratt. A story of faith, destiny, and forgiveness.

Choir Party!

Have you been thinking about joining the choir (vocal or bell)? To kick off the new "season" the combined choirs of Trinity and Hope will be hosting a party NEXT Friday (Aug 22nd) at Hope. Contact Brenden or Ross for more information!



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:

Bob Gascon Eliza Walker Melody Cather Paula Smith Terry Carden Vickie Clark

Petra Young
Mike Lederhouse
Maureen Rogers
Marjorie Smetana

Charlie Braitling Terri Craig

Brenda Braitling
Teri Fitzpatrick
Billy Boynton
Andrea Chambers

Jim & Edna Howell
Debbie McNeilly
Dave McNeilly
Ana Rivera

Prayer requests remain active for 3 months unless a shorter timeframe is requested.

Please request a renewal if required after 3 months.

☐ Pastor's weekly announcements, etc. ☐ Office's Monthly Newsletter, etc.

For those suffering from cancer:

Whitney & Greg Corrigan

Frank Durilla
Rick Jackson
Rev. Pam Smith
Rev. Ernest Knoche

Jim Tallon Ron Oughton Barbara

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 Family & friends of Chan Ros

Welcome, visitors! Please tell us something about yourself. Fill out the form below or scan one of the provided QR Codes to contact us digitally.





Today's Date: 08/10/25

	Questions, Comments, Prayer Requests:
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