Sunday, August 17, 2025 The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

11am: Trinity Lutheran Church (Livestream)

401 5th Street N



♣ PRELUDE



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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.

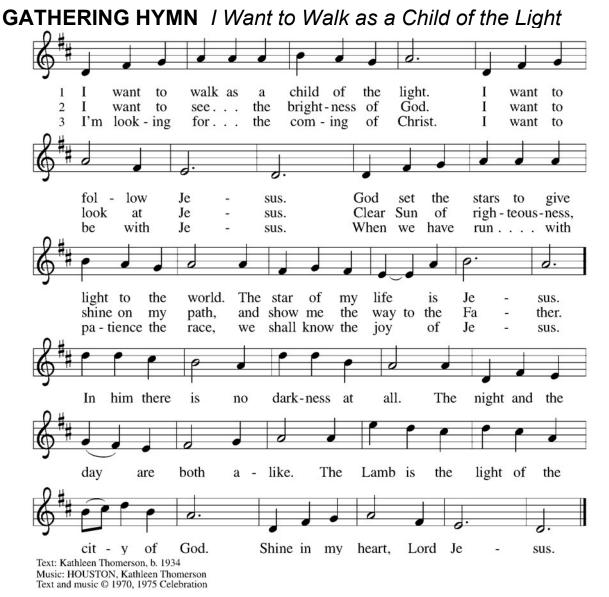
Amen.

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.



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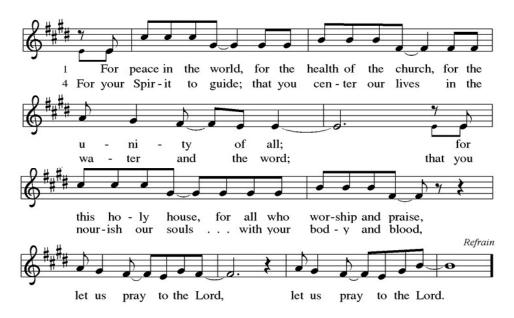
GREETING

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.







God of righteousness, you love justice, you hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to stand with the oppressed and the marginalized and look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GETTING BACK TO BASICS

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:23-39

Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.

²³ Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? ²⁴ Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. ²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" ²⁶ How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷ They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. ²⁹ Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.



PSALM: Psalm 82

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"



- ¹ God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgment in the midst of the gods:
- ² "How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked? R
- ³ "Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;
 ⁴ rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.
- ⁵ They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken. **R**
- ⁶ "Now I say to you, 'You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High; ⁷ nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.'"
- ⁸ Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own. R

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29—12:2

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this "cloud of witnesses," we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when

the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. 30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. 31 By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. 32 And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. 39 Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40 since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand and sing twice:



GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56

Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to his disciples:] ⁴⁹ "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

<mark>≒</mark> SERMON

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



HYMN OF THE DAY By Gracious Powers



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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

Because God is near to us, let us pray for the church, for creation, and all people in need.

After each petition:

Hear us, O God; your mercy is great.

At the conclusion of the prayers:

Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion. 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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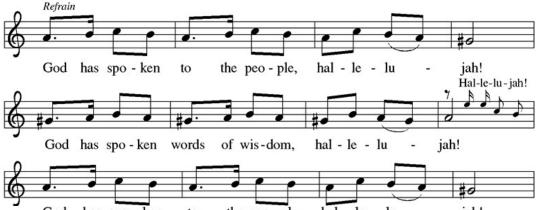


Open Your Ears

- pen your ears, O faith-ful peo-ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word. They who have ears to hear the mes-sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear



God has spo - ken the peo - ple, - le - lu jah! to hal has spo-ken words of wis-dom, hal - le - lu jah!

Text: Hasidic traditional; Willard F. Jabusch, b. 1930, English version

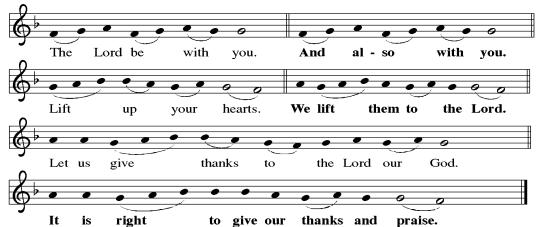
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OFFERING PRAYER

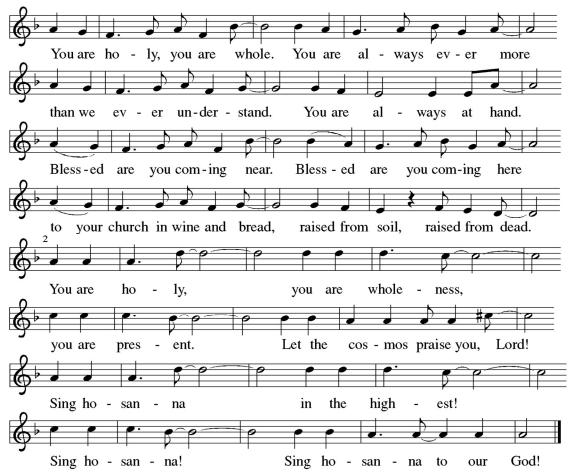
Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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





COMMUNION HYMN God, When Human Hearts are Broken



Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823-1889

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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.**







Text: J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt. Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

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 – In memory of her parents
	11:00	Brenden Hall	Alan Due,	(open for sponsorship)
08/17	9:30	Gary Bartelt	Linda Gascon	The people of Hope – to the glory of God
	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:

08/18 - Kathryn Gill

08/21 - Matthew Reitz

08/21 - Ann Yodjas

Anniversaries this week:

- none -

This Week's Calendar of Events:

Today (08/17)

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

1:30pm- Craig Mowrer Celebration of Life

Monday (08/18)

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

5:30pm – Trinity Council Meeting (2nd Floor at Trinity)

Tuesday (08/19)

(no events scheduled)

Wednesday (08/20)

9:00am - Quilting (CommUNITY Room)

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

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

Thursday (08/21)

5:30pm - City Council Meeting (City Hall)

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

Friday (08/22)

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

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

6:00pm - Choir Party! (CommUNITY Room)

8:00pm - Faith After Dark (CommUNITY Rm)

Saturday (08/23)

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)? Come to the CHOIR PARTY on Friday evening in the CommUNITY Room!

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 Jim & Edna Howell
Teri Fitzpatrick Debbie McNeilly
Billy Boynton Dave McNeilly
Andrea Chambers Ana Rivera

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

Please request a renewal if required after 3 months.

For those suffering from cancer:

Whitney & Greg Corrigan

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

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.



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Today's Date: 08/17/25

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