

Sunday, September 21, 2025

The Fifteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

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

11:00am: Trinity Lutheran Church (Livestream)
401 5th St N



 **PRELUDE**

 **WELCOME**

 **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
our light, our strength, and our salvation.
Amen.

In the presence of God and of one another,
let us confess our sin.

We take time to reflect on our actions and choices.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your people, but we do not follow your ways.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your goodness to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive us.
Rejoice over us as the lost
who have been found.
Amen.

Jesus Christ came into the world
to save sinners just like us.
Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
In the name of ✠ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!



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.

Refrain



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 and 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,

Refrain

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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

God around us and within us, we gather together in the name of your Son to learn how to love one another. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



GETTING BACK TO BASICS



FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7

Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.

⁴ Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵ saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier and practice deceit with false balances, ⁶ buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat." ⁷ The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

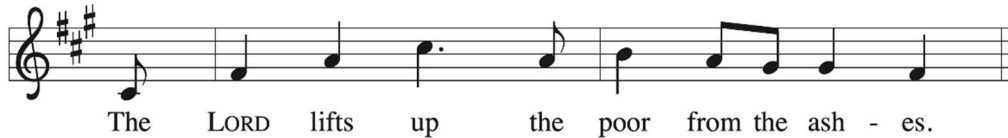
Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.



PSALM: Psalm 113

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 Give praise, you servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

² Let the name of the Lord be blessed, from this time forth forevermore. **R**

³ From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the Lord be praised.

⁴ The Lord is high above all nations; God's glory above the heavens. **R**

⁵ Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high,

⁶ but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

⁷ The Lord takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

⁸ enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers of the people. **R**



SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.

¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³ This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, ⁴ who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For "there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. ⁷ For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand and sing twice:





GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ² So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.'
³ Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.'
⁵ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶ He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.'
⁷ Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.'
⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes. ¹⁰ Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.
¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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 *Let Streams of Living Justice*

ELW 710

1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
 2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
 3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;
 give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
 for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
 your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.
 The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
 Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
 Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,
 the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
 on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
 our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.
 Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
 O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
 In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;
 a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
 dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
 your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

Text: William Whitla, b. 1934
 Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934
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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

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

After each petition:

God of grace; **receive our prayer.**

At the conclusion of the prayers:

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

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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.



OFFERTORY HYMN

We Are an Offering

ELW 692

We lift our voi - ces, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voi - ces, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voi - ces, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

Text and music: Dwight Liles, 1957
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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 on you. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.
²
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

Come to this meal of mercy.
Jesus welcomes us!



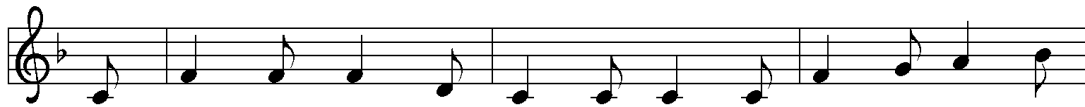
LAMB OF GOD

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 *I Come With Joy*

ELW 482



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. O God, through this meal
 you have strengthened us to be your servants.
 Send us to do good and to share our lives with all in need.
 We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.



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 *Be Thou My Vision*

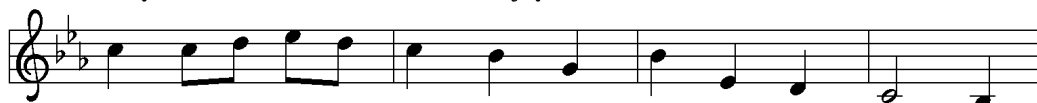
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1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Rejoice in love.
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
09/07	9:30	Gary Bartelt	Gary Bartelt
	11:00	Combined service at Hope Lutheran this week. No 11:00am service.	
09/14	9:30	Lou Carter	Margarita Rodriguez
	11:00	Marty Snapp	Alan Due
09/21	9:30	Terri Craig	Betty Herzhauser
	11:00	Lynne Tallon	Violet Prepost, Ruth Kinsey
09/28	9:30	Gary Bartelt	Linda Gascon
	11:00	Stephen Hewitt	Violet Prepost, Phil Rearick

Birthdays this week:

09/21 - Lisa Johnson 09/26 - Trudy Daniels
 09/23 - Sheila Johnson 09/26 - Justin Fitzpatrick
 09/25 - Isabella Laureano 09/27 - Donna Watson
 09/25 - Helen Mowrer

Anniversaries this week:

09/25 - Kristie & Jivany Laureano

This Week's Calendar of Events:

Today (09/21)

12:45pm – Constitution Conversations (Trinity 2nd Floor)
 3:00pm – Installation Service (Prince of Peace, Largo)

Monday (09/22)

4:00pm – Constitution Conversations (Hope Library)

Tuesday (09/23)

7:00pm – Meadowlawn Association (CommUNITY Rm)

Wednesday (09/24)

10:00am – Women of Hope Bible Study (Hope Library)
 11:30am – Community Meal (Trinity 3rd Floor)

Thursday (09/25)

6:00pm – Grace Family Bible Study (CommUNITY Room)
 6:30pm – Vocal Choir Practice (Hope Sanctuary)

Friday (09/26)

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

Saturday (09/27)

9:00am – Hope Chest (Thrift Store)

Further Info & Items of Interest:

- **Installation Service:** Installation of Rev. Gregory Hoffman & Rev. Rachel Hoffman as Senior Pastor and Pastor at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (455 Missouri Ave N, Largo, FL 33770)
- **Faith 2 Life:** You may have noticed that there is no Wednesday evening Bible study this week! We completed our series on “How Jesus became God” and are taking a 2-week break before beginning our new series, called “Why the Bible?” The new series will begin on Oct. 8 and will address questions about reading and understanding the Bible.
- **Food Pantry:** Our current focus for donations/ “in-gathering” is for anything required for our food pantries! The pantry at Trinity deals mostly with bagged lunches with PB&J sandwiches and ready-to-eat snack items. (note: our clients prefer that we use *smooth* peanut butter, not crunchy). The pantry at Hope offers a wider array of grocery items for families suffering from food insecurity. They have specifically requested the following:
 - Laundry Pods • Canned Soup
 - Toilet Paper • Canned Vegetables
 - Pasta • Cereal
 - Mac & Cheese

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:

Melody Cather	Bob Gascon
Petra Young	Elmer Goetz
Mike Lederhouse	Myrtle Munsch
Maureen Rogers	Sandra Hill & family
Charlie Braitling	Teri Fitzpatrick
Brenda Braitling	Justin Fitzpatrick
Andrea Chambers	Paula Smith
Eliza Walker	Vickie Clark
Wyatt Fitzpatrick	Luke Mendenhall
Marjorie Smetana	Guy Smith
Jim & Edna Howell	Joyce Dare
Debbie McNeilly	Cecil Miles
Dave McNeilly	Linda Miles
Ana Rivera	Sandra Marzan

For those suffering from cancer:

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

For those homebound:

Lorna Holder	Marion Cheslock
Shirley Taylor	Judy Milanese
Betty Aker	Scheryl Hill (hospice)

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 Craig Mowrer
Family & friends of Chan Ros
Family & friends of Barbara Johnson
Family & friends of Sheila Johnson
Family & friends of David Larson
Family & friends of Gerda Fjogreen Peterson

Welcomę, 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:

09/21/25

Name and Address
Email
Phone
Home church, city, and state

Questions, Comments, Prayer Requests:

- ☐ I'm visiting: ☐ First time ☐ Repeat
☐ I just moved here
☐ Please add me to your email list(s)
☐ Pastor's weekly announcements, etc.
☐ Office's Monthly Newsletter, etc.

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