

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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WORSHIP at 8:30 and 11:00AM

All are welcome at Trinity for this Sabbath time of prayer and praise!

In preparation for worship, as the prelude begins,
please observe a period of silence and contemplation.

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 22, 2025

The * indicates when the congregation stands, if able.
Congregational responses are in **bold**.

PRELUDE: Voluntary in C Major - Charles Vincent
William Musselman, Organist

This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

***WELCOME**

P. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

***ENTRANCE HYMN**

All Are Welcome

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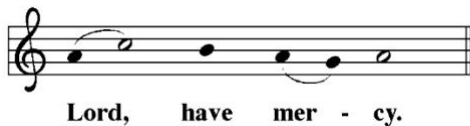
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



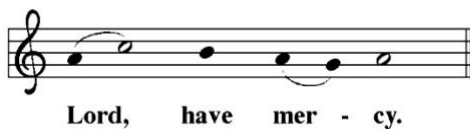
P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the
church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship
and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.



HYMN OF PRAISE

O Spirit All-Embracing – vs. 3



1 O Spir - it all-em-brac-ing and coun-sel - or all - wise,
 2 O Beau - ty ev - er blaz-ing in flow - er, field, and face,
 3 Come, pas - sion's pow - er ho - ly, your in - sight here im - part,



un - bound - ed splen - dor grac-ing a shore - less sea of skies:
 you show your - self a - maz-ing in un - ex - pect - ed place.
 and give your ser - vants low - ly an un - der-stand-ing heart



un - fail - ing is your trea - sure, un - fad - ing your re - ward;
 We see you and re - mem - ber what once our dreams had been;
 to know your care more clear - ly when faith and love are tried,



sur - pass - ing world - ly plea - sure, the rich - es you af - ford.
 you fan the glow - ing em - ber and kin - dle hope with - in.
 to seek you more sin - cere - ly when false i - deals have died:



Come, stream of end - less flow - ing, and res - cue us from death;
 Come, fire of glo - ry gra - cious, bless all who trust in you;
 for vi - sion we im - plore you, for wis - dom's pure de - light;



come, wind of spring-time blow - ing, and warm us by your breath.
 un - dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your church a - new.
 in prayer we come be - fore you to wait up - on your light.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

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SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world.
In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us
from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:1-9

The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.

¹ I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am,"
to a nation that did not call on my name.

² I held out my hands all day long
to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices;

³ a people who provoke me
to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens
and offering incense on bricks;

⁴ who sit inside tombs,
and spend the night in secret places;
who eat swine's flesh,
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

⁵ who say, "Keep to yourself,
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."

These are a smoke in my nostrils,
a fire that burns all day long.

⁶ See, it is written before me:
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their laps

⁷ their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,
says the Lord;

because they offered incense on the mountains

and reviled me on the hills,

I will measure into their laps

full payment for their actions.

⁸ Thus says the Lord:

As the wine is found in the cluster,

and they say, "Do not destroy it,

for there is a blessing in it,"

so I will do for my servants' sake,

and not destroy them all.

⁹ I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,

and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;

my chosen shall inherit it,

and my servants shall settle there.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 22:19-28

¹⁹ But you, O Lord, be not far away;

O my help, hasten to my aid.

²⁰ **Deliver me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.**

²¹ Save me from the lion's mouth!

From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

²² **I will declare your name to my people;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**

²³ You who fear the Lord, give praise!

All you of Jacob's line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴ **For the Lord does not despise
nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is the Lord's face hidden from them;
but when they cry out, the Lord hears them.**

²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.

- ²⁶ **The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the Lord give praise!
May your hearts live forever!**
- ²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.
- ²⁸ **For dominion belongs to the Lord,
who rules over the nations.**

SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-29

For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

(Please stand)

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

C: **Glory to you O Lord.**

***GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39**

Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.

²⁶ Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #843

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

SERMON

Pastor Ken Johnson

(Please stand)

***CREED** *Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into Hell.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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 holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Clothe us in Christ, shower us in mercy, send us in love. Strengthen the faith and witness of Christians across the planet and Christians in our community. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for creation. Deliver the earth from disaster, bring forth life amid uncertainty, inspire wonder at all you have made. Sustain all people who delight in the well-being of your creation: farmers, agricultural workers, gardeners, birdwatchers, conservationists, scientists, advocates, and policy makers. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations. Pave a way to justice, drown the forces of oppression, bring peace on earth. Give leaders the will to turn from war and violence. When people must flee their homes, guide them to safety. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for people in need. Satisfy all who are poor, soothe those in pain, accompany all who are sick (*especially*). Give perseverance to each of us living with mental illness, and shield us from discrimination due to race, class, gender, or any other human distinction. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly. Listen to our cries, come to our aid, make us one. Weave among us the fabric of belonging so that we rejoice in each person gathered here, and enliven our proclamation of how much you have done for us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We offer our thanksgiving for all people who have died in faith. Keep them in your peace, comfort us in sorrow, raise us to new life. As we remember their faith and witness, may we trust your promise that we are yours forever. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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

***SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Please be seated)

OFFERTORY

During this time, we worship God with our offerings.
There are a variety of gifts and a variety of ways to give!



- If you give electronically, thank you!
- If you would like to give electronically, please scan the QR code to do so.
- If you are led to give through cash or check, simply place your offering in the plate as it passes.

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

*We ask you to please take a moment
to sign the fellowship folders at this time.*

*Please stand as we begin singing the Offering Song
and the elements are brought forward.*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

*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.

This musical score is for a hymn in G major (one sharp). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.' The second staff also has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff has two measures: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff has two measures: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

This musical score is for a hymn in G major (one sharp). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff has two measures: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,'. The second staff has two measures: 'heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.' The third staff has two measures: 'Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes'. The fourth staff has two measures: 'in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes.

*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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,

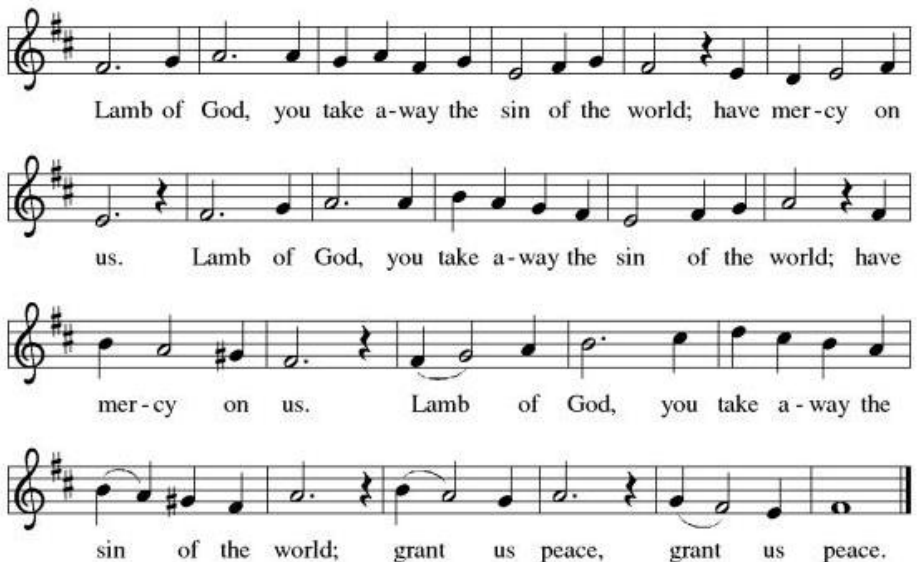
as we forgive those who trespass against us;

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

(Please be seated)



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.

HOLY COMMUNION by Intinction (dipping the bread into the wine)

Please come from both sides up the center aisle

and return to your seat by the side aisles.

8:30am Please kneel, as able, at the rail.

11:00am Those desiring to kneel or pause for prayer
at the rail after communing are invited to do so.

(Please stand)

***THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

***HYMN** Give to Our God Immortal Praise! **ELW #848**

***BLESSING** The Three-fold Amen

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Maestoso in C Major - Paul Fey

**Our nursery is available for children 5yrs and younger at each service. The nursery is located on the south side of the building adjacent to the elevator and gathering space.*

OUR STAFF AT TRINITY:

Rev. Ken Johnson	Pastor
Rev. Jake Lehman	Outreach Pastor
Nathan Mattson	Organist/Director of Music
Katie Grubaugh	Office Administrator
Heidi Albertson	Dir. of Family Ministry
Terri Schmidt	Bookkeeper
Margaret Stevenson	Hospitality Host
Bob Koenes	Custodian
Dr. William Musselman	Organist/Director Emeritus

ALTAR GUILD: Joyce Magerlein and Gary Kent-Bracken

WELCOME TEAM: 8:30 Jen and Tim Gatz
11:00 Julie and Keith Peterson

LECTORS: 8:30 Jen Gatz
11:00 Nancy Diment

ACOLYTES: 8:30 Jaxon and Avner Grubaugh
11:00 Clare Lehman

PRAYER CONCERNS: Sandy Eschelbach, Diane Reau,
Linda Ward, David Mason, Ruth Krueger, Bertha Boettcher,
Jeannie Grubaugh, Beth Latshaw, Sandy Wallace

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God by Jan and Gary Cramer in honor of the 60th anniversary of their wedding on June 26, 1965, and by Tina and John Adams in honor of their mother Erika Kloth.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Sun June 22 Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 & 11:00AM
Stay and Play in Fellowship Hall 9:45 & 12
Young Adult Lunch 12:30 @ Shakespeare's Pub
- Tue June 24 Loaves and Fishes 11-1
C.F.T. 11-12:30
- Wed June 25 Men's Bible Study 7am
Rebecca Circle 10am
Blood Drive 11-5
- Thu June 26 Quilters 9am
Meeting of the Men 5-6 :30pm @ Bell's Brewery
- Sun June 29 Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 & 11:00AM
Stay and Play in Fellowship Hall 9:45
Church Cookout 12-2pm

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Starting July 6 through August 31, Trinity will switch to ONE Sunday service at 10:00AM. All Sunday School classes, will be breaking for the summer. See everyone back once again in the fall!

Please note:

The church office hours will also be very limited through the summer starting June 1 – September 1. The office will plan to be open on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 9am–12noon, but some flexibility will be needed.

Be sure to call ahead if you are coming down to make sure someone will be available!

School's out and it's time to play! *Everyone ages 0-100* is invited to join the fun in Fellowship Hall in-between services for the five Sundays in June. Puzzles, coloring, board games, and toys are available! Come when you can and leave when you must. Meet a new friend or connect with one you haven't seen in a while. Everything will also be available after the 11am service as well.

Young Adults of Trinity – you're invited to join Pr. Jake for lunch...and the church is buying! Meet at Shakespeare's Pub from 12:30-1:30ish on Sunday June 22 for some conversation and sharing of possibilities for engagement and service with other young adults in the Kalamazoo area. If you can, let Pr. Jake know if you plan to come.

Men's Bible Study - June 25 at 7am. We will be serving a light breakfast each time. All are welcome! "No experience necessary."

Blood Drive: The next date is Wednesday June 25. Register to donate at www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time (Sponsor Code: TLC) or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS. Volunteers are also needed for set-up and hospitality. Contact Holly Wohlfert at 269-808-3889 to get involved.

Meeting of the Men - Summer Schedule: An "informal, come as you are, when you can" kind of get together with no agenda, just good conversation and a great opportunity to get to know other guys who call Trinity home. Come on out and bring a friend!

- Thursday June 26, 5-6:30pm - Bell's Beer Garden
- Thursday July 24, 5-6:30pm - Stienspark Biergarten –
Meeting of the Everyone!
(Men...Women... Everyone...All are welcome!)
- Thursday August 21, 5-6:30pm - Latitude 42 (Portage location)



Churchwide BBQ: Mark your calendars for Trinity's popular summer BBQ on Sunday, June 29 from 12-2pm. Trinity will provide burgers, hot dogs and drinks you bring the delicious sides. Socialize and enjoy the tastes of summer!

VBS Volunteers needed! Help us decorate for Vacation Bible School on Saturday 7/19 from 10-12pm. We will also need people for each session to help with games, crafts, dinner prep, and general child-wrangling! Sign up in Fellowship Hall or contact Ashley Wineland.



Christ Clothes Closet: As part of caring for our neighbors in need, the closet has expanded its offerings to include personal care items. Drop off items in the box next to the elevator or outside Fellowship Hall.

- Used, clean clothing
- Socks for men and women
- Lotion
- Feminine hygiene products
- Toilet paper
- Razor/shaving cream

Food Donations continue to be needed in our emergency food box and for our Loaves and Fishes pantry - especially ready to eat, non-perishable foods. Please bring items to the church office or leave in the box by Fellowship Hall.

- Snacks (in small bags).
- Baked beans (pork and beans)
- Plastic grocery bags
- Peanut butter or cheese crackers in wrapped packages
- Granola bars, pop tarts, and similar items
- Ramen noodles
- Protein Shakes