



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Welcomes You!

10:00a.m. Worship Service & Communion
[Sunday School]

11:00a.m. Fellowship Hour

*We are a church that actively shares
a living, daring, confidence in God's grace
with our community and the world.*

September 17, 2023

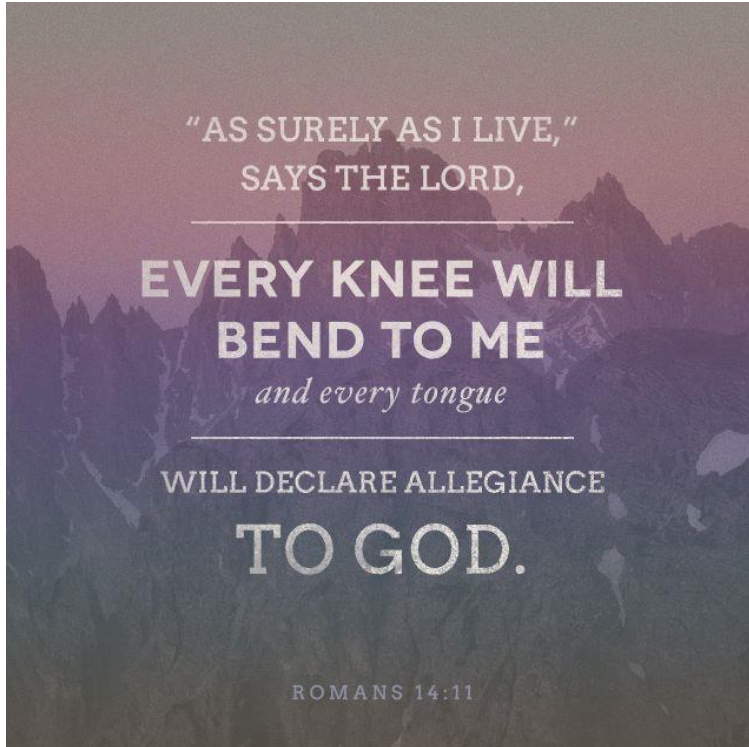
Season After Pentecost

Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)

May the presence of the Almighty bless and comfort you, so you
leave here renewed and prepared for the week ahead.

Congregation please stand if able when indicated by the Pastor

You are also invited to say the words in **bold type**.



PRELUDE MUSIC

(a time of quiet preparation and heart reflection)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Steadfast and faithful God, ***you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.***

GREETING

GATHERING SONG **ELW# 608**

[Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling]

KYRIE: ELW p.138

GLORIA: ELW p.139

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

PSALM: Psalm 103: [1-7] 8-13

[¹Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

²Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—

³who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

⁴who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;

⁵who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

⁶O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

⁷You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.]

⁸LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;

⁹you will not always accuse us, nor will you keep your anger forever.

¹⁰You have not dealt with us according to our sins, nor repaid us according to our iniquities.

¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

¹²As far as the east is from the west, so far have you removed our transgressions from us.

¹³As a father has compassion for his children, so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." ¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW p.142 "ALLELUIA"

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW THE 18TH CHAPTER.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?"

²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made.

²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY ELW# 598

[For By Grace You Have Been Saved]

APOSTLES CREED ELW p.105

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each prayer petition will conclude with "Merciful God"

The congregation's response is: "receive our prayer."

Prayers needed for God's healing, for those with medical//health concerns:

Barbara Schmidt, Joe Schreiber, and Mike & Debby Yambor

Prayers needed for God's peace, for those who've lost loved ones:

The family and friends of: The family & friends of Anita Walikainen.

PEACE

OFFERING

The offering table is in the narthex, outside the sanctuary doors.

Giving is a reminder of the blessings God gives us and gave to us through Jesus Christ.

Tithes & offerings are gathered for the support and mission of the church, including the care of those in need within our community and beyond.



PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS:

Everything That We Have

Bret Leslie

Ev-ery-thing that we have, ev-ery-thing that we are, ev-ery
mo-ment is a bless-ing from a-bove. It's end-less love that we breathe,
it's end-less love that we re-ceive; what has free-ly come we
now let free-ly go. Ev-ery

Chords: G7, D7, Am, D7, G, G7, C, A7, G, D, C, D7, G

1. Work-ing hard to sur-vive is no guar-an-tee.
For the deck is al-ways stacked a-gainst the poor.
If we'd use just what we need,
Re-ject the creep-ing can-cer of greed,
Like a mir-a-cle the hun-gry could be fed.
2. May we show gra-ti-tude in the way that we live
Not with pom-pous prayers and not with fan-cy feasts
I-ma-gine how the world should be
Then take a risk to build this dream
That's the of-fer-ing that God is ask-ing for.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.

† we praise your name and join their unending hymn †

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ELW p.144

CHRIST'S WORDS AT THE TABLE

...Do this for the remembrance of me...

Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER ELW p.145

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are invited forward for communion.

Kneel at the altar rail where you will receive communion by individual cup.

Red wine and white grape juice are available.

Gluten-free wafers are also available.

If you would just like to receive a blessing, come with your arms folded in prayer.

LAMB OF GOD ELW p.146

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

SENDING SONG ELW# 538

[The Lord Now Sends Us Forth]

DISMISSAL: ... Thanks be to God.

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Today] Sunday, September 17th	Sunday Worship, 10am, SUNDAY SCHOOL Sunday School Resumes Fellowship Hour, 11am Let's Eat, 4-5pm A.A.: 8-9pm
Tuesday, September 19th	Quilting, 9am to noon Finance meeting, 6pm Council meeting, 7pm
Sunday, September 24th	Sunday Worship, 10am, Sunday School Fellowship Hour, 11am A.A.: 8-9pm
Tuesday, September 26th	Quilting, 9am to noon
Sunday, October 1st	Sunday Worship, 10am, Sunday School Fellowship Hour, 11am A.A.: 8-9pm
Tuesday, October 3rd	Quilting, 9am to noon
Sunday, October 8th [Family Sunday]; Blessings Of Quilts and Kits.	Sunday Worship, 10am, (no S.S.) Fellowship Hour, 11am A.A.: 8-9pm
Tuesday, October 10th	Quilting, 9am to noon
Sunday, October 15th	Sunday Worship, 10am, SUNDAY SCHOOL Fellowship Hour, 11am Let's Eat, 4-5pm A.A.: 8-9pm
Tuesday, October 17th	Quilting, 9am to noon

	September		October	
	September 17 th	September 24 th	October 1 st	October 8 th
Musician	Mary Jurgensen	Kristiina Vanhala	pending	Pr. Soren
Reader	Sue Vollmar	Brad Elliott	Judy Karvako	pending
Greeter(s)	Sue Vollmar & Cookie Bakkila	Severi & June Haataja	Susan Wiles & Lynn Walker	pending
Communion Assistant	Paulette Archambeau	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Susan Wiles	pending
Acolytes	pending	pending	pending	pending
Coffee Servers	Jim & Nicki Lassila	Brad & Jan Elliott	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	The Quilters
Counters	Paulette Archambeau & Jim Vollmar	Mary Jurgensen & Carol Karpp	Susan Wiles & Lynn Walker	Ann Roth & Breigh Lawrence
Altar Care	Sue Truelove		Annette Lawrence	



- **Blue can offerings** for September will go toward quilt & kit shipping costs.

- **Items still needed for LWR Kits:** School Kits [34 more 70sheet Notebook Paper, 3 more Pencil Sharpeners, 3 more Crayon Boxes (box of 16 or 24)] and Personal

Care Kits [7 more Towels, 5 more combs, 2 more Nail clipper, and 5 more Bars of Soap (4-5oz)].

- **The Let's Eat (free) Community meal** is here today [9/17] from 4-5pm. Hosted by The Knights of Columbus of St. Albert's/Sisters of St. Anne's.

- **U.P. Wild** wilderness walk will be held on Saturday, September 23rd at 4pm. Location: Haven Falls Waterfall 6280 Gay Lac La Belle Rd, Mohawk MI. Info can be found at: upwild.org

- **Highway cleanup** is scheduled for Monday, September 25th. Meet here in the Fellowship Hall at 1pm.

- **Wednesdays in the Park:** Who: Women of Holy Trinity and friends. What: Gathering to visit and share. When: Wednesdays at 2:00pm. (ends, the end of September) Where: Chassell Park; Pavilion by the water. Bring your lawn chair and a beverage if desired.

- **FFLC Fall Fest Quilt Auction** will be held on October 7th, for those who can not attend, an online Auction opens September 26th. Look for details at: fortunelake.org

- **On Saturday, October 14th** there will be a workshop from 9:30am to noon. This is a training event to help recognize, prevent, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse through awareness, education, and stigma reduction. Register online at: www.nglsynod.org. There is a \$10 fee (this includes materials, program & food).

- **On Saturday, October 14th** Mission United Lutheran Church is having their Annual Bazar from 9am to 1pm. 9am brunch, 11am luncheon. A poster with more information is up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

- **Please take time to sign the sign-in sheet** located by the Sanctuary doors in the Narthex. This helps the office in many ways! Members: you do not need to list your address or phone information, unless this information has changed recently. *Visitors: Please provide us with contact information so we can send you a card of thanks and/or encouragement.* ☺ Thanks everyone!

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Mon. & Thur. 12pm-5pm

Tues. & Wed. 9am-1pm

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September 3, 2023

Indoor Attendance: 58

General Offering totals
(9/1/23 – 9/5/2023)

\$2,615.55

September 10, 2023

Indoor Attendance: 59

General Offering totals
(9/6/23 – 9/12/2023)

\$975.50

Month of July Income: **\$14,400.67**

Month of July Expenses: **\$11,030.74**

\$3,369.93

January 1st to July 31st Income: **\$91,362.14**

January 1st to July 31st Expenses: **\$87,438.10**

\$3,924.04



**Total to date
(for quilt & kit shipment fees):**

\$665.36

*shipment costs
average around \$1,000*

