



## Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Welcomes You!

10:00a.m. Worship Service & Communion  
[No Sunday School]

11:00a.m. Fellowship Hour

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

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September 1, 2024

Time 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

God, our provider, ***have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

## GREETING

**GATHERING SONG ELW# 641**

[All Are Welcome]

**KYRIE: ELW p.184**

**GLORIA: ELW p.187 & 188**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

***O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen***

☀ Do not merely *listen* to the word,  
and so deceive yourselves. ☀

**DO WHAT  
IT Says**

Anyone who *listens* to the word but does not do  
what it says is like someone who looks at his face in  
a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away  
and *immediately* forgets what he looks like.

*James 1:22-24*

## FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

<sup>1</sup>So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

<sup>6</sup>You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" <sup>7</sup>For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup>And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? <sup>9</sup>But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

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

## PSALM: Psalm 15

<sup>1</sup>LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

***<sup>2</sup>Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;***

<sup>3</sup>they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

***<sup>4</sup>In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.***

<sup>5</sup>They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

## SECOND READING: James 1:17-27

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW p.188 "ALLELUIA"

## GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK, THE 7<sup>TH</sup> CHAPTER.

***Glory to you, O Lord.***

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their

hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.)

<sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." <sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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

## MESSAGE

## SONG OF THE DAY ELW#: 661

[I Love to Tell the Story]

## 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:*  
Leora Karpp, Paul & Carolyn Tormala, Elsie Laulumaa, and Barb Manderfield.

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

The Family & Friends of: Joan Fugere (sister of Connie Schmidt), Ray Saarinen (the father of Lynn Saarinen), Mary Lee Nordstrom (Sister of Paul Tormala), and Lorraine Lassila (the mother of Jim Lassila).

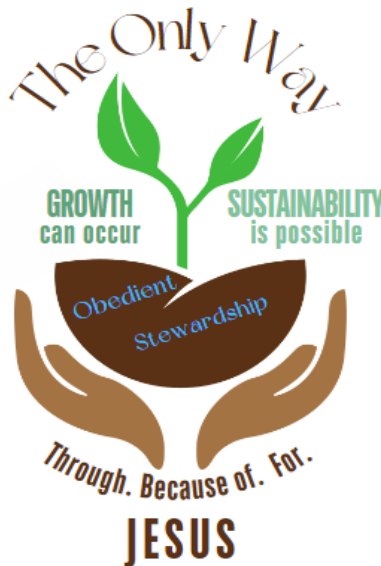
## PEACE

## 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

***Everything that we have everything that we are every moment is a blessing from above***

***It's endless love that we breathe***

***it's endless love that we receive-***

***what has freely come we now let freely go.***

***Working hard to survive is no guarantee***

***For the deck is always stacked against the poor***

***If we'd use just what we need***

***Reject the creeping cancer of greed***

***Like a miracle the hungry could be fed***

***May we show gratitude in the way that we live***

***Not with pompous prayers and not with fancy feasts***

***Imagine how the world should be***

***Then take a risk to build this dream***

***That's the offering that God is asking 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.190

## CHRIST'S WORDS AT THE TABLE

... we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. ...

***Christ has died. Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again. Amen.***

## LORD'S PRAYER ELW p.191

## 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.191

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## BLESSING

## SENDING SONG ELW#: 538

[The Lord Now Sends Us Forth]

## DISMISSAL:

***Thanks be to God.***



Rejoice always, pray continually,  
give thanks in all circumstances.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>[Today] Sunday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Sunday Worship, 10am [No Sunday School] Fellowship Hour, 11am  A.A.: 8-9pm
<b>Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Labor Day [OFFICES ARE CLOSED]
<b>Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Quilting, 9-noon [OFFICES ARE CLOSED]
<b>Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Family Sunday</b> <b>Back-to-School Blessings</b>	Sunday Worship, 10am [No Sunday School] Fellowship Hour, 11am  A.A.: 8-9pm
<b>Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Quilting, 9-noon
<b>Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Deadline for October newsletter articles
<b>Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Sunday Worship, 10am [Sunday School resumes] Fellowship Hour, 11am  Let's Eat, here at HTLC, 4:00-5:30pm  A.A.: 8-9pm
<b>Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Quilting, 9-noon  Finance meeting, 6pm

SEPTEMBER					
	September 1 <sup>st</sup>	September 8 <sup>th</sup> [Family Sunday] Back-to-School Blessings Sunday	September 15 <sup>th</sup>	September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	September 29 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Musician</b>	Deb Young	Pr. Soren	Mary Jurgensen	Kristiina Vanhala	Mary Jurgensen
<b>Reader</b>	Brad Elliott	YOUTH	Jim Lassila	Nancy Paananen	Carole Simila
<b>Greeter(s)</b>	Sue Wiles & Lynn Walker	YOUTH	Jim & Nicki Lassila	George & Betty Uuro	Ken & Carole Simila
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Wendy Hackman	YOUTH	Nicki Lassila	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>
<b>Sunday School Teacher(s)</b>	no Sunday School	no Sunday School	Annette Lawrence	Julie Judson	Julie Judson
<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>YOUTH VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED</b>	Ellie & Wyatt Bates, Matthew & Eli Bennett	Tanner Elenich, Bella Kotila, Dylan Hoffman, Caleb Heikkila-Wickstrom	Maija & Kiefer Mechlin, Nora & Bryce Lassila	Lily Tapani, Mannie & Russ Trewartha, Bella & Robert Sarau
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Wes & Annette Lawrence	Sandi Engel & Toni White	<b>VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED</b>	<b>VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck
<b>Counters</b>	Sue Wiles & Lynn Walker	Ann Roth & Becky Moyle	Paulette Archambeau & Roberta Tapani	Mary Jurgensen & Carol Karpp	Julie Judson &
<b>Altar Care</b>	Sue Truelove				



- **Once again, we are** collecting item donations for the LWR School & Personal Care Kits. The collection bins are in the Fellowship Hall. Please note: you do not need to assemble the kits. The S&W Committee will take care of the assembly.

- **Blue can offerings for the month of** September will continue to go toward quilt & kit shipping costs. Please put on your check & envelope: "Q&K Shipping".

- **The church offices** will be closed on Monday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

- **Julie Judson & Sue Vollmar will host** a women's Bible study titled: Jesus and Women at the home of Julie. It will begin on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 9am. and will run through to the later part of October. Come and "feast on the living word of God" with us, and "get ready to go back 2,000 years to the first century Jewish world of Jesus." Please let Julie or Sue know as soon as possible (there are only a couple spots available). Cost of the study is: \$20.

- **There is a sign-up sheet** located in the fellowship hall for those interested in joining the church choir.

- **Back-to-School Blessings Sunday** will be on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Blessings to all students/backpacks, teachers, coaches, aids, food service workers, office staff, bus drivers, custodians, and volunteers.

- **Sunday School will resume** on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

- **The Christ in our Home** devotional booklets are available and can be found in the narthex.

- **Food and toiletry/cleaning pantry items are still needed.**

- **Jim and Sue Vollmar** would like to thank everyone for their prayers and well wished for Jim and his recovery. He is getting stronger every day. (((hugs))) and love to you all from them both.

- **The Let's Eat [free] Community Meal** will be held here on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, from 4-5:30pm. Sponsored by: The Knights of Columbus of St. Albert's/Sisters of St. Annes.

- **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 do not need to list your address or phone info., unless your information has recently changed. Visitors: Please provide us with contact info., so we can send you a card of thanks and/or encouragement. Thanks!

- **Also, by the Sanctuary doors** is the offering plate. You are able to drop off your tithes & offerings at any point prior to, or after service.

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**& Thursdays**

**9am – 2pm**

*[Tuesday: out of office for text  
study, and visitations.*

*Fridays: Day Off]*

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**August 18, 2024**

**Outside Worship**

**Attendance: 67**

General Offering:

8/12/24 – 8/18/24

**\$2,796.00**

**August 25, 2024**

**Outside Worship**

**Attendance: 74**

General Offering:

8/19/24 – 8/25/24

**\$4,462.61**

Month of July Income: **\$13,087.05**

Month of July Expenses: **\$11,037.11**

**\$2,049.94**

January 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024 Income: **\$98,841.42**

January 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024 Expenses: **\$86,928.77**

**\$11,912.65**



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

**\$617.38**

*shipment costs*

*average around \$1,000.*



*With inflation, we are expecting the costs to be a bit more.*