Trinity Lutheran Church

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 17, 2025



Welcome

Invocation:

P: Gathered in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, let us worship the Lord!

C: Amen.

^Confession of Sin and Forgiveness:

P: Holy God, You call us, as Your people, to care for both our bodies and our souls, gifts from You. We live in a busy 24/7 world and are easily caught up in its pace and messages. By the power of Your Spirit at work in us we have come humbly before You, acknowledging that You alone are God and we are not. Slow us down and fill us up that we might live each day with grace and compassion, in truth and joy bringing honour and glory to Your holy name. Amen.

(Silence for self-examination)

P: Gracious Father, we confess unto You knowing we do not deserve Your patience and pardon.

C: I come knowing I am a sinner who cannot save myself. I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed by what I have done and by what I have left undone. So often I refuse the love You pour out for me so abundantly and ignore Your Word and gifts of grace for my life. I have not loved You with my whole heart nor have I loved my neighbour as myself. Life can be exhausting and again and again I turn away from the rest and peace You both command and give. I am sorry for all my sin and beg Your forgiveness. Restore me for Jesus' sake, Amen.

P: God, in love, has given His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to die for the sins of the world. Christ died that sinners may live in freedom and assurance knowing life abundant in His name. As a called and ordained minister in the Church of Christ and by Christ's authority, it is my joy to declare this Good News to you – all your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Hymn: "Great is Thy Faithfulness" WOV 771

Apostles Creed

Children's Story:

God's Word: Jeremiah 23:16-29

Thus says the Lord of hosts: Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you; they are deluding you. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord. ¹⁷They keep saying to those who despise the word of the Lord, "It shall be well with you"; and to all who stubbornly follow their own stubborn hearts, they say, "No calamity shall come upon you." ¹⁸For who has stood in the council of the Lord so as to see and to hear his word? Who has given heed to his word so as to proclaim it? ¹⁹Look, the storm of the Lord! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. ²⁰The anger of the Lord will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his mind. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. ²¹I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. ²²But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings. ²³Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have

dreamed, I have dreamed!" ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They 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. ²⁸Let 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. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

God's Word: Hebrews 11:17-31; 12:1-3

By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son, ¹⁸ of whom he had been told, "It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named for you." ¹⁹He considered the fact that God is able even to raise someone from the dead—and figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰By faith Isaac invoked blessings for the future on Jacob and Esau. ²¹By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, "bowing in worship over the top of his staff." ²²By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave instructions about his burial. ²³By faith Moses was hidden by his parents for three months after his birth, because they saw that the child was beautiful; and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶He considered abuse suffered for the Christ to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to the reward. ²⁷By faith he left Egypt, unafraid of the king's anger; for he persevered as though he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel. ²⁹By 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. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

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, ²looking 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. ³Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

Hymn: "He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought" LBW 501

Holy Gospel Luke 12:49-56

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

⁵⁴He 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. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

Message (Video)

Offertory:

Prayers of the People:

Lord's Prayer:

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Communion Hymns: "Lamb of God"

"For Perfect Love So Freely Given" LBW 216

" Amazing Grace" LBW 448

Post Communion Prayer

Benediction:

Sending Hymn: "O Christ the Same" WOV 778"

Dismissal

P: Go in the peace of Christ, you are loved and sent.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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