## Trinity Lutheran Church

# Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 31, 2025



#### Welcome

Invocation:

P: We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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 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:** "Amazing Grace" LBW 448

**Apostles Creed** 

**Children's Story (Noisy Offering:** 

God's Word: Proverbs 25:2-10

It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out.

³Like the heavens for height, like the earth for depth, so the mind of kings is unsearchable.

⁴Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel;

⁵take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness.

⁵Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great;

<sup>7</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen <sup>8</sup>do not hastily bring into court; for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? <sup>9</sup>Argue your case with your neighbor directly, and do not disclose another's secret; <sup>10</sup>or else someone who hears you will bring shame upon you, and your ill repute will have no end.

#### God's Word: Hebrews 13:1-17

Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." 6So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" 7Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>9</sup>Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings; for it is well for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by regulations about food, which have not benefited those who observe them. <sup>10</sup>We have an altar from which those who officiate in the tent have no right to eat. <sup>11</sup>For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. 12Therefore Jesus also suffered outside the city gate in order to sanctify the people by his own blood. <sup>13</sup>Let us then go to him outside the camp and bear the abuse he endured. <sup>14</sup>For here we have no lasting city, but we are looking for the city that is to come. <sup>15</sup>Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. <sup>17</sup>Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls and will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with sighing—for that would be harmful to you.

**Hymn:** "Lord Let My Heart be Good Soil" WOV 713

### Holy Gospel Luke 14:1-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. <sup>2</sup>Just then, in front of him, there was a man who had dropsy. <sup>3</sup>And Jesus asked the lawyers and Pharisees, "Is it lawful to cure people on the sabbath, or not?" <sup>4</sup>But they were silent. So Jesus took him and healed him, and sent him away. <sup>5</sup>Then he said to them, "If one of you has a child or an ox that has fallen into a well, will you not immediately pull it out on a sabbath day?" <sup>6</sup>And they could not reply to this. <sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." <sup>12</sup>He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give

a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Message

Offertory:

(Offering will be received at this time)

**Prayers of the People:** 

Lord's Prayer:

**Benediction:** 

**Sending Hymn:** "Oh For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" LBW 559

**Dismissal** 

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

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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