# Trinity Lutheran Church

## Eighth Sunday after Pentecost August 3, 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 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:** "Oh How Good It Is"

**Apostles Creed** 

Children's Story:

God's Word: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup>applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. <sup>18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me <sup>19</sup>—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity. <sup>24</sup>There is nothing better for mortals

than to eat and drink, and find enjoyment in their toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God; <sup>25</sup>for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? <sup>26</sup>For to the one who pleases him God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy; but to the sinner he gives the work of gathering and heaping, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a chasing after wind.

#### Colossians 3:1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup>These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life.

<sup>8</sup>But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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

### Holy Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup>Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

	Sacrament of Holy Communion
Lord's Prayer:	
Prayers of the People:	(Offering will be received at this time)
Offertory:	
Message	

**Words of Institution** 

**Communion Hymns:** "Oh Living Bread" LBW 197

"In Christ Alone"

**Post Communion Prayer** 

**Benediction:** 

**Sending Hymn:** 

"Rise Up, O Saints of God" LBW 383"

**Dismissal** 

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

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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