



# Trinity Lutheran Church

14 Sunday after Pentecost  
September 14, 2025



## Welcome

### \*Call to Worship:

P: Calling all children of the Living God: the Gospel is good news for every age and every stage.

All: **Let us worship together, the young and the old.**

P: The good news is proclaimed by God's words.

All: **Let us worship together, every generation.**

P: We come together with different abilities and disabilities, learning in a myriad of ways and styles.

All: **Let us worship together, with our family of faith.**

P: All are welcome in the arms of Christ who proclaimed, "Let the children come!"

All: **Let us worship together, united in our eternal hope;**

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

C: **Amen.**

### ^Confession of Sin and Forgiveness:

P: Father of all mercy, wisdom and authority hear us we pray.

C: **When we say we have no sin we are lying and the truth is not in us, but when we are honest and confess our sinful nature and our sins of commission and of omission, You Who are faithful will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for self-examination)

P: Gracious Father,

C: **I come, knowing I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. Even my best intentions and actions always fall short of Your justice and goodness. I am a sinner and I cannot save myself. I am sorry for my sin dear Father, and I beg Your gracious love and forgiveness for Jesus' sake, Amen.**

P: Sisters and brothers in Christ, God's Word in 1 Timothy 1:15 proclaims, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the foremost." God hears our confession and God keeps His Word. It is my joy and privilege as a called and ordained servant in the Church of Christ and by Christ's authority to speak these words of life and freedom to you - your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

Hymn: "Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us" LBW 481

## Apostles Creed

### Scholarship Presentation:

### Children's Story & \*Blessing:

P: God of fresh starts and new beginnings, we bring ourselves, our big feelings, and our backpacks to you.

All: **In our backpacks, we carry blank pages, sharpened pencils, and pointy crayons, and in our hearts, we carry big feelings, unanswered questions, and hopeful expectations. There are endless possibilities of what this new year might bring— of what we might learn, who we might meet, and who we might become.**

P: Jesus, our friend who is always with us, is with us through it all. He is with us as we ride the bus.

All: **He is with us as we walk. With us as we buckle seat belts, zip-up jackets, and tie shoes. However we get there, and whatever we wear, Jesus blesses this journey into something new. For the grown-ups going back to school, He is with them too. Remind us every day of this truth.**

P: We give thanks for our teachers, helpers, caregivers, and leaders, and for all they do to help us learn and grow. We pray God's blessings on these backpacks and school supplies that they may be a blessing where needed.

All: **Amen.**

(Children age 3-Gr 4 for go down to Sunday School)

### **God's Word: Ezekiel 34:11-24**

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

<sup>17</sup>As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats: <sup>18</sup>Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, but you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture? When you drink of clear water, must you foul the rest with your feet? <sup>19</sup>And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have fouled with your feet? <sup>20</sup>Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, <sup>22</sup>I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

### **God's Word: 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

<sup>12</sup>I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup>even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn: "My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness" WOV 730

### **Holy Gospel Luke 15:1-10**

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." <sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in

the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. <sup>8</sup>"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

## Message

### Offertory:

" Jesus Strong and Kind/ Jesus Loves Me"  
(Offering will be received at this time)

### Prayers of the People:

### Lord's Prayer:

### Benediction:

### Sending Hymn:

"Doxology"


### Dismissal

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

C: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**


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