



Trinity Lutheran Church

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2026



Welcome

Invocation:

P: Let us worship as we live, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*Confession of Sin and Forgiveness:

P: "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."** 1 John 1:8-9

Silence for self-examination

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Gracious, merciful God, I confess unto you my sinfulness and my sins, those I am aware of and the countless ones I am not. I have not loved You with my whole heart nor have I loved my neighbour as myself. I am sorry for my sin, and I ask Your forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, my Lord and Saviour. Restore me that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, God in His abundant mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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

Hymn:

"Love Divine All Loves Excelling"

LBW 315

Apostles' Creed

Presentation of Bibles

Children's Story

God's Word: Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

God's Word: Philippians 1:12-18

I want you to know, beloved that what has happened to me has actually helped to spread the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ; ¹⁴and most of the brothers and sisters, having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, dare to speak the word with greater boldness and without fear. ¹⁵Some proclaim Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from goodwill. ¹⁶These proclaim Christ out of love, knowing that I have been put here for the defense of the gospel; ¹⁷the others proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but intending to increase my

suffering in my imprisonment. ¹⁸What does it matter? Just this, that Christ is proclaimed in every way, whether out of false motives or true; and in that I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice,

Hymn: "Speak O Lord"

Holy Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Message

Offertory:

Offering will be received at this time

Prayers of the People:

Lord's Prayer:

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Sacrament of Communion

Words of Institution

Communion Hymns: "Blessed Assurance" WOV 699
"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" LBW 290

Post Communion Prayer

Benediction:

Sending Hymn: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" LBW 221

Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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