



Trinity Lutheran Church

18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 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:

"This is the Day"

Chorus

This is the day that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice as we lift His name.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Come and rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Verse 1

Whether the sun will shine,

Whether the skies will rain.

I know that You are good

And this is the day You made.

Whether in life or death,

Whether in joy or pain.

I know this truth remains,

That this is the day You made.

Chorus

**This is the day that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice as we lift His name.
This is the day that the Lord has made.
Come and rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Verse 2

Now I can walk in faith,
You will protect my way.
Your every work is good
And this is the day You made.
I am a child of Yours,
You are the One who saves.
I am redeemed by love,
And this is the day You made.

Chorus

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic [Christian] Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Children's Story

(Noisy offering/offering will be received at this time)

Bridge

This is the day,
Come and sing your praise.
For the Lord now reigns
On the throne of grace.
Soon is the day
He will bring us home
And we have this hope
For we are His own.

Bridge

Chorus X2

Tag

Whether the sun will shine,
Whether the skies will rain.
I know that You are good
And this is the day You made.

Julie

God's Word: Ezekiel 18:25-32

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

God's Word: Philippians 2:1-11

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Hymn:

"I Set My Hope on Jesus"

Verse 1

When this life of trials tests my faith,
I set my hope on Jesus.
When the questions come and doubts remain,
I set my hope on Jesus.
For the deepest wounds that time won't heal,
There's a joy that runs still deeper.
There's a truth that's more than all I feel,
I set my hope on Jesus.

Chorus

**I set my hope on Jesus,
My rock, my only trust,
Who set His heart upon me first.
I set my hope on Jesus.**

Verse 2

Though I falter in this war with sin,
I set my hope on Jesus.
When I fail the fight and sink within,
I set my hope on Jesus.
Though the shame would drown me in its sea
And I dread the waves of justice,
I will cast my life on Calvary,
I set my hope on Jesus.

Refrain

Verse 3

Though the world calls me to leave
my Lord,
I set my hope on Jesus.
Though it offers all its vain rewards,
I set my hope on Jesus.
Though this heart of mine is prone
to stray,
Give me grace enough to finish.
Till I worship on that final day,
I set my hope on Jesus.

Refrain X2

Tag

I set my hope on Jesus.

Holy Gospel Matthew 21:23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Message

Prayers of the People:

Lord's Prayer:

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Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction:

Sending Hymn:

"His Mercy is More"

Chorus

**Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more.**

Verse 1

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more.

Verse 2

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more.

Chorus

Verse 3

What riches of kindness
He lavished on us
His blood was the payment
His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt
we could never afford
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more.

Chorus2X

Dismissal

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

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

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