



Trinity Lutheran Church

13 Sunday after Pentecost
September 7, 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: "Beautiful Savior"

Apostles Creed

Children's Story:

God's Word: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

God's Word: Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Hymn:

“Lord Who’s Love in Humble Service” LBW 423

Holy Gospel Luke 14:25-35

Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions. ³⁴“Salt is good; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; they throw it away. Let anyone with ears to hear listen!”

Message

Offertory:

(Offering will be received at this time)

Prayers of the People:

Lord's Prayer:

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Communion Hymns: “ O Living Bread from Heaven” LBW 197
“ Be Thou My Vision” WOV 776

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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