



**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
 292 Orange St., New Haven, CT  
 TrinityLutheranNH.org – (203) 787-6521  
 Service of Holy Communion—*Lutheran Book of Worship*, Setting II  
 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 17, 2023  
 In-Person at 10:15 am & Live at Facebook.com/TrinityLutheranNH

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** *"Word of God, Come Down on Earth"* **WOV No. 716**

## **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

## **KYRIE**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

### **FIRST LESSON: Genesis 50:15-21**

*After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.*

### **Psalm 103:8-13**

<sup>8</sup> The LORD is full of compas- | sion and mercy,\*  
 slow to anger and | of great kindness.

<sup>9</sup> **He will not al- | ways accuse us,\***  
**nor will he keep his an- | ger forever.**

<sup>10</sup> He has not dealt with us accor~~ding~~ | to our sins,\*  
 nor rewarded us accor~~ding~~ | to our wickedness.

**11 For as the heavens are high a- | bove the earth,\*  
so is his mercy great upon | those who fear him.**

**12 As far as the east is | from the west,\*  
so far has he removed our | sins from us.**

**13 As a father cares | for his children,\*  
so does the LORD care for | those who fear him.**

**Gloria Patri (chanted after the psalm)**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the / Holy Spirit;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be fore-/ ver. Amen**

## **SECOND LESSON: Romans 14:1-12**

*This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/ALLELUIA**

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35**

*When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" LBW No. 307**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## **SERMON**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

## **THE PRAYERS**

## **PEACE**

**OFFERING** *The ushers collect the offering. You can also give electronically through our website, Facebook page, or by [clicking here](#).*

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** "Come with Rejoicing!" Robert Leaf

**OFFERTORY:** "Let the Vineyards"

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER****LORD'S PRAYER****LAMB OF GOD**

**THE COMMUNION** *To all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord, are baptized, and confess Jesus' real presence in the Holy Communion, we invite you to join us in the Holy Eucharist. At the usher's invitation you may come forward to kneel or stand at the altar rail. Please take an empty individual cup from the tray and bring it with you to the rail. The host wafer will be placed into your open hands to eat. Your cup will be filled from the pouring chalice, take and drink. Individual cups filled with non-alcoholic grape juice are also available, please point to receive one. Sealed pre-consecrated Communion packages are also available. Please remain at the altar rail until all have finished and a blessing is given.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS: WOV Nos. 699, 733**

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & CANTICLE:** *"Thank the Lord"*

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER****BLESSING**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:** *"Praise the Lord! O Heavens"* **LBW No. 540**

**DISMISSAL****POSTLUDE**