

### **Trinity Lutheran Church**

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Service of Holy Communion—*Lutheran Book of Worship*, Setting II

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 27, 2025

In-Person at 10:15 am & Live at Facebook.com/TrinityLutheranNH

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive" LBW No. 307****Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive**

1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray;  
 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart  
 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:  
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.  
 that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
 how tri - fling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!  
 then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

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**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray...

O God, your ears are open always to the prayers of your servants. Open our hearts and minds to you, that we may live in harmony with your will and receive the gifts of your Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**FIRST LESSON: Genesis 18:20-32**

*In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom for the sake of the few righteous people there, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.*

<sup>20</sup> Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup> I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know."

<sup>22</sup> So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. <sup>23</sup> Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup> Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup> Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that

the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup> And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup> Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup> Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup> Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup> Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup> He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup> Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 138**

- <sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with <sup>1</sup> my whole heart;  
before the gods I will <sup>1</sup> sing your praise.
- <sup>2</sup> **I will bow down toward your holy temple and <sup>1</sup> praise your name,  
because of your <sup>1</sup> love and faithfulness;**
- <sup>3</sup> for you have glorified your name  
and your word above all things.
- <sup>4</sup> **When I called, you <sup>1</sup> answered me;  
you increased my <sup>1</sup> strength within me.**
- <sup>5</sup> All the kings of the earth will praise <sup>1</sup> you, O LORD,  
when they have heard the words <sup>1</sup> of your mouth.
- <sup>6</sup> **They will sing of the ways <sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
that great is the glory <sup>1</sup> of the LORD.**
- <sup>7</sup> Though the LORD be high, he cares <sup>1</sup> for the lowly;  
he perceives the haughty <sup>1</sup> from afar.
- <sup>8</sup> **Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you <sup>1</sup> keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right <sup>1</sup>  
hand shall save me.**
- <sup>9</sup> The LORD will make good his purpose for me;  
O LORD, your love endures forever; do not abandon the works <sup>1</sup> of your hands.

### **Gloria Patri (spoken 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: Colossians 2:6-19**

*Paul warns the congregation in Colossae about "the empty lure" of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection which is enacted in baptism.*

<sup>6</sup> As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup> Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup> For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup> and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup> In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup> when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup> And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup> erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. <sup>17</sup> These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup> Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup> and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/ALLELUIA**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

### **GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In teaching his disciples his prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust in their heavenly Father and persistence in prayer.*

<sup>1</sup> [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."<sup>2</sup> So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup> And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

<sup>5</sup> And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.'<sup>7</sup> And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.'<sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and

give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup>“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

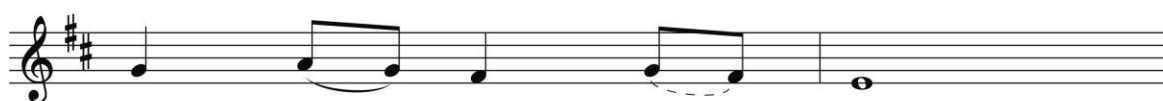
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" WOV No. 783 vs. 1-3**

## Seek Ye First



1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God  
 2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,  
 3. You do not live by bread a - lone,  
 4. Where two or three are gath - ered in my name,



and his right - eous - ness,  
 seek, and you shall find,  
 but by ev - 'ry word  
 there am I in their midst;

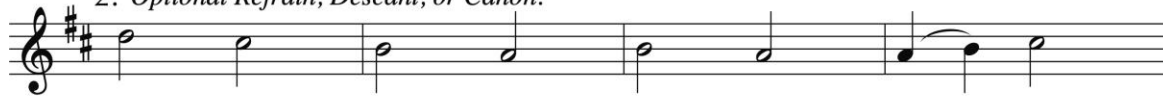


and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you;  
 knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you;  
 that comes forth from the mouth of God;  
 and what - so - ev - er you ask I will do;



Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

2. *Optional Refrain, Descant, or Canon:*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

*\*May be sung as a two-voice canon.*

Text: Matthew 6:33, 7:7; adapt. by Karen Lafferty, b.1948

Tune: SEEK YE FIRST, Irregular; Karen Lafferty, b.1948

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## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SERMON

#### 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 Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

#### THE PRAYERS

D: In our prayers today and this week, please remember: [prayer list]. We also invite your own petitions either aloud or silently in your hearts.

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, we thank you for sending us your Son Jesus Christ, in whom the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily. In your great mercy he gave himself up for us, erasing the record that stood against us, nailing it to the Cross. Join your Church ever-deeper to his saving death and resurrection, that dying every day to sin your people may live every day in faith towards you and in fervent love towards one another. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Draw the people of Trinity into a life of conversation and prayer with you. Help us to ask boldly for your mercy; to constantly seek your guidance; and to persistently knock at the door of your heart. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the peace of the whole world, and that you keep this nation under your care. Guide our leaders and help us preserve and extend the blessings of life, liberty, and human dignity. Remember the lowly, watch over those who stand in harm's way to protect others, and make our communities safe for all people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear the prayers of those who ask for healing; who seek for comfort; and who knock on doors that they fear are shut to them. We especially lift before you the needs of those we have named before you or remember before you now. Graciously hear their cries; open wide the doors we knock on; and answer them from the abundance of your mercy and steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our Father, keep in your tender care those who have died trusting in your promises, and be gracious to those who mourn. Give to each of us the daily bread we need; help us to readily give and humbly ask for forgiveness; strengthen us when we are tempted to turn aside from you; and deliver us from the snares of evil. And, at the last, bring us into the bright Kingdom you have prepared for those who love you, where thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## **PEACE**

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

**OFFERTORY:** *"Let the Vineyards"*

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

D: Let us pray...

Merciful Father,

**We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **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.*

### **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

### **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: "Thank the Lord"**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

D: Let us pray...

We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### **BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN: "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord" LBW No. 368****I Love Your Kingdom, Lord**

1 I love your king - dom, Lord, the place of your a - bode;  
 2 I love your church, O God! Its walls be - fore you stand,  
 3 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize its heav'n - ly ways,  
 4 Sure as your truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be giv'n



the church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.  
 dear as the ap - ple of your eye and grav - en on your hand.  
 its sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, its hymns of love and praise.  
 the bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heav'n.

Text: Timothy Dwight, 1752–1817, alt.  
 Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731–1776

**DISMISSAL**

D: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**