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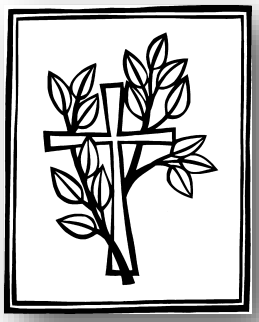
Introduction to the Day

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

14th Sunday after Pentecost
August 30, 2026
8:30 a.m.



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME & SHARING OF PEACE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS ELW pg. 116

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

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.

OPENING SONG "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

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.

KYRIE "I Love You Lord"
CCLI #25266

HYMN OF PRAISE "Rock of Ages" ELW #623
Verses 1-3

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God,

we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Welcome to Worship at Trinity Lutheran

Whether this is your first time worshipping with us, or if you regularly attend, we are very glad that you are with us! Today, we gather to worship God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The church is not a building – it is you, the people. So "church," thanks for showing up today. If you look around what you will see are imperfect people. Some with smiles, some with broken hearts, some with secrets they are ashamed to share… and yet all of us together are the "church."

We are thankful you are here. Through God's Holy Spirit we pray you hear a word of grace and hope today.

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 15:15-21

Jeremiah's delight in the word of the LORD is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."

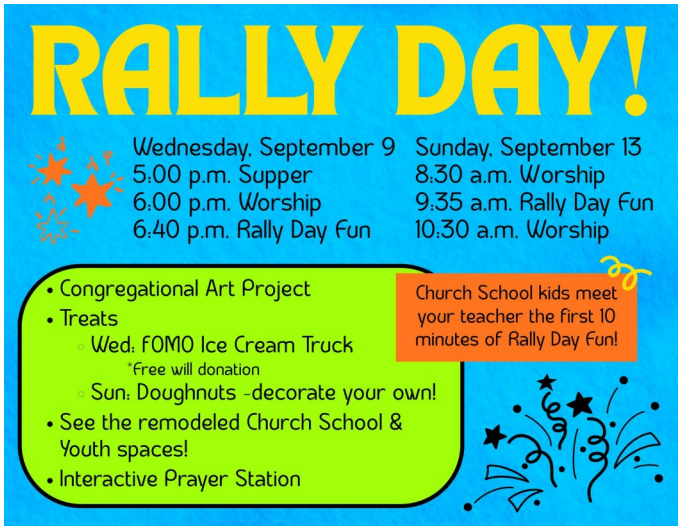
15 O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
16 Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.
17 I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
18 Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

19 Therefore thus says the LORD:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.
20 And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the LORD.
21 I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 26:1-8 *(Please read responsively).*

1 Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.
2 **Test me, O LORD, and try me;**
examine my heart and my mind.
3 For your steadfast love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you.
4 **I have not sat with the worthless,**
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
5 I have hated the company of evildoers;
I will not sit down with the wicked.
6 **I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,**
that I may go in procession round your altar,
7 singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
8 **LORD, I love the house in which you dwell**
and the place where your glory abides.



SECOND READING: ROMANS 12:9-21

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; 10 love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. 11 Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. 17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. 18 If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." 20 Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Thy Word"

Refrain only, CCLI #14301

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 16:21-28 Bob Wefald, reader

After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."

The holy gospel according to Matthew, chapter 16, beginning with verse 21. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

21 From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to
Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be
raised. 22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." 23 But he
turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on
human things."

24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For
those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. 26 For what will it profit them if
they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

27 "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.
28 Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S TIME/SERMON Gracia Johnson
Trinity's Youth & Children's Ministry Coordinator

HYMN OF THE DAY "Here I Am, Lord" ELW #574

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE "I've Got Peace Like a River"
Verse 1, CCLI # 2154963
Please pray for Amy, Rod, Melissa, Dwight, Donna, Carol, Blair, Marsha & Genevieve.

OFFERING/OFFERING MUSIC "In the Garden" *Choir*
CCLI #62858

OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING ELW pg. 206

"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY" ELW pg. 207

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

LAMB OF GOD ELW pg. 208

COMMUNION & COMMUNION MUSIC

Prayers of healing offered during communion.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine" ELW #774

DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026

RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM is in memory of Alice Marks.

ALTAR FLOWERS are in honor of Karen Helgeson's mother, Dodie, who resides in Browns Valley, MN, for her 100th birthday. Given by Karen & Steve.

YOUTH MOCK-IN - Calling all Middle and High Schoolers!!! Join other local churches as we gather for a Mock-in at Peace Lutheran in Lincoln on Friday, September 18th @ 6 p.m - 10 p.m. There will games, pizza & a devotional. Please register here: https://form.jotform.com/261966660658169. See Gracia with any questions.

OUT OF DARKNESS WALK - Our Mental Health and Substance Abuse Task Force will be sponsoring a team for the Out of Darkness Walk again this year. The walk is on Sunday, September 13th, at the Capitol Grounds. The Out of Darkness Walk raises funds and awareness for suicide prevention. Please join our team! All are welcome! Follow this link for more information on how to join us: https://afspwalks.donordrive.com/teams/393805. You can also make an online donation at this page as well.

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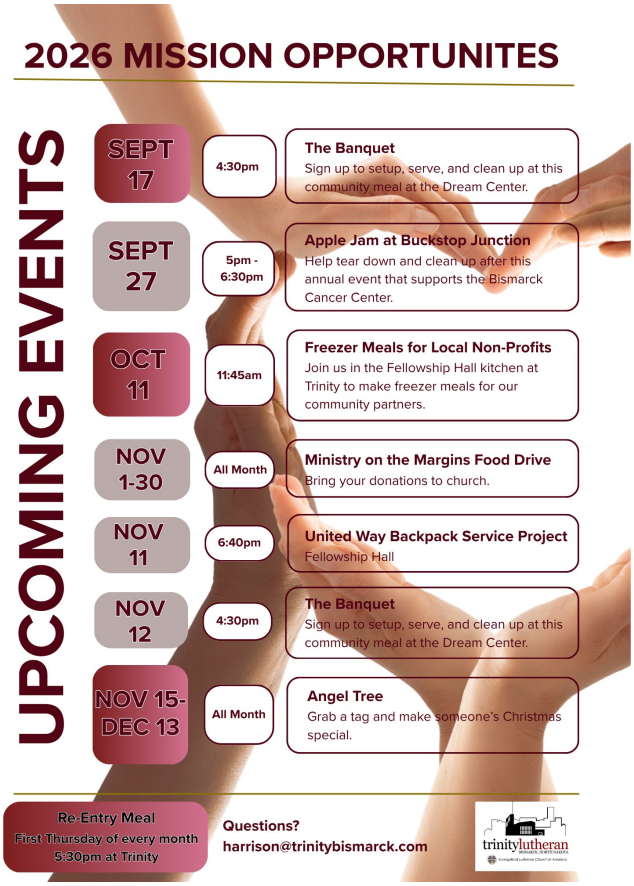
THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday 8-30
8:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary
9:30 AM - Bible 101 in Fellowship Hall
10:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary
Tuesday 9-1
9 AM - Quilters in Quilters' Room
5 PM - Worship & Music Committee in Conference Room
6 PM - Community Builders Committee in Conference Room
Wednesday 9-2
4:15 PM - Trust Fund Committee in Conf. Room
5:15 PM - Meal Served in Fellowship Hall
6 PM - Worship in Sanctuary
6:40 PM - Youth Group, Confirmation
Thursday 9-3
6:30 PM - Re-Entry Meal in Fellowship Hall
Friday 9-4
10 AM - Theology and Coffee in Conf. Room
Sunday 9-6
8:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary
9:30 AM - Bible 101 in Fellowship Hall
10:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary