

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

August 7th, 2022

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

- PRELUDE
- WELCOME
- ANNOUNCEMENTS
- PRAYER REQUESTS

*For sections with an *, please stand as you are able*

***Confession and Forgiveness**

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

ALL: Amen.

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

Merciful God,

**ALL: we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

Set us again on the path of life.

**Save us from ourselves
and free us to love our neighbors.**

Amen.

L: Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

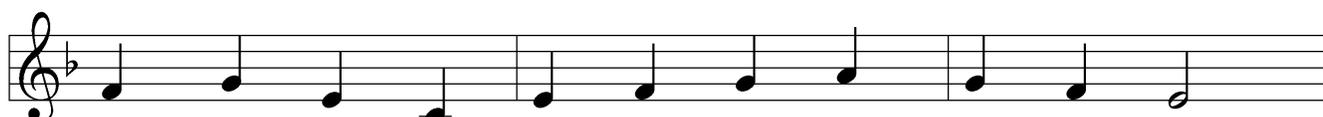
ALL: Amen.

***OPENING HYMN: All Depends on our Possessing**

All Depends on Our Possessing



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's free grace and
 2 God, who hith - er - to has fed me and to man - y
 3 When with sor - row I am strick - en, hope my heart a -
 4 Well he knows what best to grant me; all the long - ing
 5 If on earth my days he length - en, God my wea - ry



con - stant bless - ing, though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
 joys has led me, is and ev - er shall be mine.
 new will quick - en, all my long - ing shall be stilled.
 hopes that haunt me, joy and sor - row, have their day.
 soul will strength - en; all my trust in him I place.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en by their God are
 He who did so gent - ly school me, he who dai - ly
 To his lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der soul and bod - y
 I shall doubt his wis - dom nev - er; as God wills, so
 Earth - ly wealth is not a - bid - ing; like a stream a -



not for - sak - en and will keep a daunt - less heart.
 guides and rules me, will re - main my help di - vine.
 I sur - ren - der, for on God a - lone I build.
 be it ev - er; to him I com - mit my way.
 way it's glid - ing; safe I an - chor in his grace.

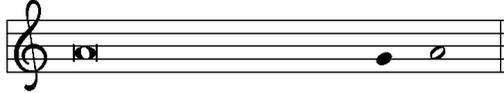
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 Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645-1705, adapt.

***GREETING**

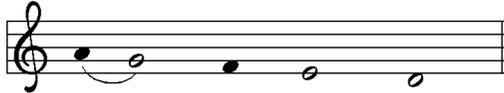
L: The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

***KYRIE**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



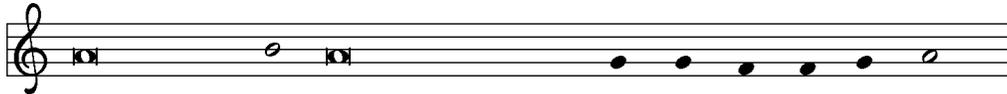
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - - men.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

L: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

L: ¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

L: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 33:12-22

Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we place our hope in you. (Ps. 33:22)

L: ¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!
Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

**ALL: ¹³The LORD looks down from heaven,
and sees all humankind.**

L: ¹⁴God sits firmly enthroned and watches
all who dwell on the earth.

**ALL: ¹⁵God fashions all their hearts
and observes all their deeds.**

L: ¹⁶A king is not saved by the size of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

ALL:¹⁷ **The horse gives vain hope for victory;
despite its great strength it cannot save.**

L: ¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD,
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

ALL:¹⁹ **to deliver their lives from death,
and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

L: ²⁰Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD,
our helper and our shield.

ALL:²¹ **Surely, our heart rejoices in you,
for in your holy name we put our trust.**

L: ²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we place our hope in you.

SECOND READING: Luke 12:32-40

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

L: [Jesus said:] ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

L: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

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L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

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L: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: Pastor Randy Milleville

***HYMN OF THE DAY: Have No Fear, Little Flock**

- 1 Have no fear, little flock;
 have no fear, little flock,
 for the Father has chosen
 to give you the kingdom;
 have no fear, little flock!

- 2 Have good cheer, little flock;
 have good cheer, little flock,
 for the Father will keep you
 in his love forever;
 have good cheer, little flock!

- 3 Praise the Lord high above;
 praise the Lord high above,
 for he stoops down to heal you,
 uplift and restore you;
 praise the Lord high above!

- 4 Thankful hearts raise to God;
 thankful hearts raise to God,
 for he stays close beside you,
 in all things works with you;
 thankful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jilson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4
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APOSTLE'S CREED

L: Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith together using the words of the Apostle's Creed...

**ALL: 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 INTERCESSION**

L: Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

Each prayer ends with these words:

L: Merciful God,
All: Receive our prayer.

L: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

All: Amen.

***THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

L: The peace of the LORD be with you always.

ALL: And also with you.

**Please greet one another creatively – being mindful of physical distancing, with a sign of Christ's peace from where you are seated.*

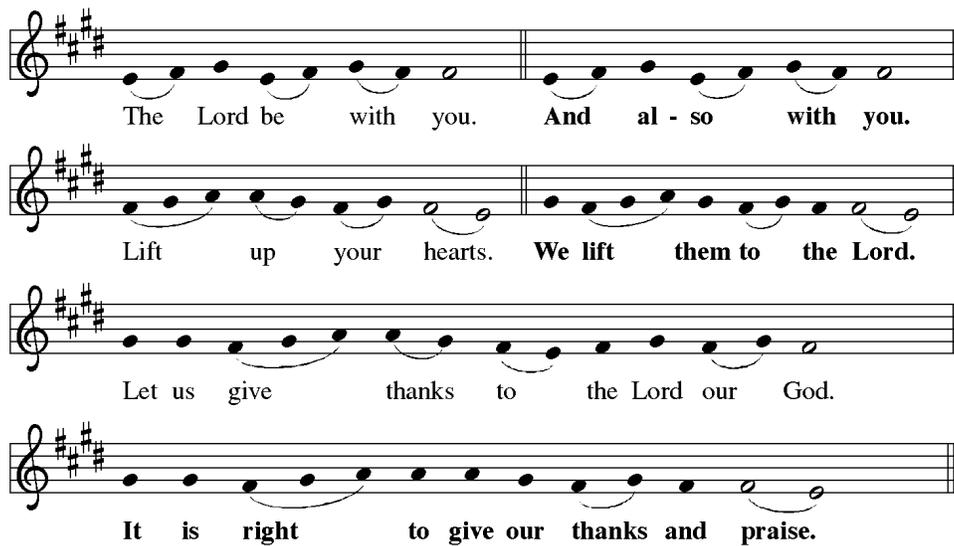
***OFFERING PRAYER**

Any financial gifts you wish to give towards the ministry of Trinity may be placed in the offering plate at the rear of the worship space. We give thanks for your sharing of your offerings this and every day.

L: God of abundance:

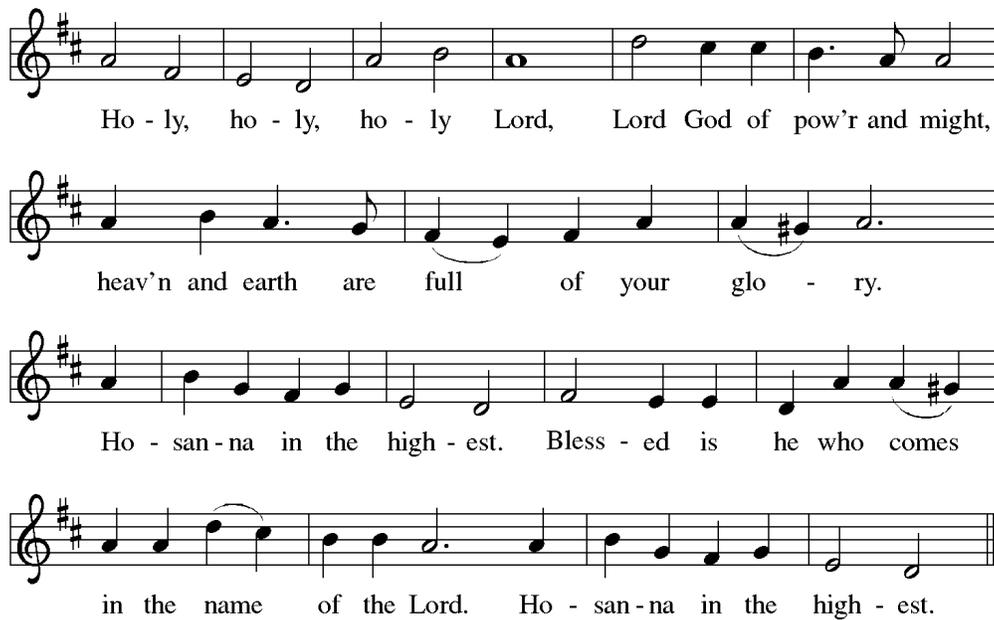
**ALL: you have set before us a plentiful harvest.
As we feast on your goodness,
strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
in the name of Jesus.
Amen.**

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

L: In the night in which he was betrayed,
Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
Broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
And gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
Shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

ALL: 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.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

L: In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.

Come to the banquet.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The minister will give instruction on the distribution of communion.

COMMUNION HYMN: Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN: How Great Thou Art

To be sung on repeat during the distribution of communion - until distribution is complete

How Great Thou Art

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me

all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-

thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;
 gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;
 bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;
 ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou

art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to

thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

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 Music: O STORE GUD, Swedish folk tune; adapt. Stuart K. Hine
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***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in God's grace, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

L: Let us pray together:

**ALL: Life-giving God,
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.**

**Now send us forth to live for others,
both friend and stranger,
that all may come to know your love.
This we pray in the name of Jesus.**

Amen.

***BLESSING**

L: The God of peace,
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always.

ALL: Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN: Blessed Assurance**

Blessed Assurance

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:

this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
 Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

***DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Office hours

Pastor Rick: Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tracy: Thursdays 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

***Pastor Rick is away July 31st – August 15th.**

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*God's love is powerful...powerful enough to wade through our doubts, fears, and challenges.
And, God's love is for YOU and ALL!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for:



The Family & Friends of: Dakota

Strength & Healing for:

Charles Schram, leukemia

Dan, going into long-term care

Alice, moving to Hospice care

Ken Pagels, starting chemo

Jen Lobur, healing

Dennis Cummings, at Elderwood

and Tony, suffering with the final stages of cancer

Kim Mercier, covid

Cathy Nadolinski, shingles

Prayers are a powerful way to lift up people who are sick, injured or suffering for God's healing. Let us know of names you would like to have the church pray for, and we'll add them to the list here and in the Beacon. If you wish for names to remain anonymous, you can let Pastor Rick know privately and he'll pray for them silently. Names will remain in the bulletin and Beacon for around a month unless you let us know to extend their listing or remove them sooner. There is a list near the offering collection plate to write names down, or you can leave a message with the church office

Counters: August: Jennifer, September: Paula, October: Jennifer

**A great big thank you to Pastor Randy for leading us
in worship today!**

We have two pastors on call while Pastor Rick is away. If you have a pastoral emergency please call Pastor Rod Klinzing is available at 716-628-8241, or Pastor Craig Rhodenizer is available at 716-765-2017.

Thank You!

Thank you to Harold Gardner for the beautiful job painting our sign!
And a big thank you to Tony & Troy Kaminski for restoring the basketball backboard!

Trinity's Summer Book Challenge

Don't forget pick up your copy of *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*, by Robin Diangelo. Join us at Adult Forum on September 18th following worship as we have a conversation about this book.

3 Ring Binders

The office could use some 3 ring binders if anyone has any extras lying around that they don't need? Thanks!

Food Pantry

The food pantry is running low on peanut butter. If you see peanut butter in your local store (there are some reported shortages) and you're able to donate some, please consider pickup up a few for the food pantry. The smaller size jars are requested.

Summer Campfires

*Our campfires are on hiatus until August 17th, join us then at 7 pm!

We'll gather on **Wednesday evenings** from **7-8:30 pm** for great conversation, devotions, snacks and more around the campfire outdoors at church.

Dress for the weather, bring your own lawn chair, bug spray and a snack or drink to share. In case of inclement weather, campfire nights turn into indoor movie nights!

2022 Campfire dates:

August 17, 24 & 31

Worship in Russell Park 2022

Join us next week for the last worship in Russell Park on August 28 at 9:30 am! Bring a food item to share and stay for fellowship after.

Trinity T-Shirts

T-shirts will be back soon – on August 21st! They will be on sale in the rear of the sanctuary for \$10 each (cash or checks to Trinity Ev. Luth. Church with 't-shirts' in the memo line). Great to wear out and about!

Your Contact Info

The directory is being updated with current phone numbers & addresses. If you've had a change to either, please let Tracy know. You can leave a note in her mailbox, call and leave a message or email trinlc@rochester.rr.com. Thanks!

Game Night

Join us for Game Night in the fellowship hall on August 26th at 7pm!

If you're interested in helping with the planning, please join us for our next 150th Anniversary Planning Committee meeting on August 7th following worship.