

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025



PRELUDE 1

“We Are Gathered Here”

Cochran and Company

We are gathered here in the name of the Maker.
We are gathered here to sing God's praise.
We are gathered here in the name of the Maker,
chosen by God's grace.

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PRELUDE 2

“We Gather”

Richard Colligan

We gather in your name today
to honor you and call you Lord
We gather in your name today
to worship you and pray

Call & (Response)

You are (**you are**)
You are our God (**you are our God**)
We are (**we are**)
We are your people (**we are your people**)
You are (**you are**)
You are our God (**you are our God**)
We are (**we are**)
We are your people (**we are your people**)
Amen

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WELCOME STATEMENT

PROCESSIONAL

“We Are an Offering”

ELW 692

GREETING

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

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, you free us to love others but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✝ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 25:6-7a

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

A reading from Proverbs.

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,
for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God

(Assembly reads the bold font in the Congregational Response.)

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord
and have great delight in God's commandments!

**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches will be in their house,
And their righteousness will last forever.

**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

**For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

**Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth
and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

A reading from Hebrews.

Let mutual affection continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God.**

D DM7
Help us O Lord to hear your word

D7 G
O - pen our hearts to feel your word

Em7 G/D A
Give us the strength to live your word each day

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(Assembly stands for the gospel.)

GOSPEL READING

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.

The gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

(The assembly stands)

With the whole church, let us affirm our faith through the words of the 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 INTERCESSION

After each prayer petition, please respond: ...Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great!**

...Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always received them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Thank You Jesus my Lord and Savior
You kiss the wounds of Your enemies
Thank You Jesus my friend forever
Thank You for not forgetting me

Thank You Jesus that You my brother
Found me in my wandering
You took my hand and led me to our Father
And the seat at His table set for me

Interlude

Oh oh oh
Thank You for not forgetting me

Thank You Jesus there is no other
No one who loves me in my shame
Thank You Jesus who takes my failure
And gives to me a brand new name

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OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.**

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

HOLY

Brenton Brown

Holy holy God Almighty
Who was and is to come
God of glory You're so worthy
All the saints bow down

Holy is Your name in all the earth
Righteous are Your ways so merciful
Everything You've done is just and true
Holy holy God are You (x2)

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.....to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Modern Version

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as our Savior taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All who wish to know the love of God in Jesus Christ are invited to Holy Communion. Inform a communion assistant if you need a gluten-free host. Grape juice is located in the center ring of the tray. If you are not receiving the sacrament today, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest for a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN

“Blest Are They”

ELW 728

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

And may the love of God abound in you all; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill each of your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL

“We Fall Down”

Chris Tomlin

We fall down
We lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus
The greatness of mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus

Chorus

And we cry holy holy holy
And we cry holy holy holy
And we cry holy holy holy is the Lamb

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SENDING

Our Eucharist has ended.
Now it must be lived.

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“The Trumpets Sound, The Angels Sing”

ELW 531

****Trinity at a Glance****

- **The 2026 calendars have arrived!** Marj Nelson and Kate Reed have copies available in Java Junction after church most Sundays. You can call Marj at 815-973-1286 or Kate at 815-830-2061 or pick up a copy at the church office during regular office hours. Last year they sold out, so don't delay! **Profits go to the Growing Project.**
 - **Sept 2nd is Trinity Rose Montessori School opening day!** Spread the word. Sign up early to guarantee your child a spot! **All are invited** to a special congregational blessing of the new school **today, August 24th** (after worship).
 - Save the date! **Rally Day is Sunday, September 7th, 9 am.** Join us as we kick off Sunday Session 25/26. We will have a popcorn wagon, refreshments, giant art project, inflatable gaga ball pit, face painting, and more!
 - **Sunday Session begins** on Rally Day, **September 7th at 9 am** with our annual Fun Fair. Make sure to be there so that you may register your child for Sunday Session or Affirmation Class. Ages 4 - 14. Come and grow in faith and share in Christ's love. Volunteer sign up form is located in Java Junction.
 - **Affirmation of Baptism class begins at 9 am on Sunday, September 14th.** Students meet with Pastor Phil in the conference room of the Education Building. The **Affirmation of Baptism service** will take place **on Reformation Sunday** again this year. We look forward to Elle McGrath affirming her baptismal vows that day. Please come to support and celebrate our young friend!
 - The **Giving Tree recipient for August will be Trinity Rose Montessori School.** Thank you for your continued Spirit of Giving to help enrich the lives of others.
 - **Open Table** will be hosting our next **book club reading** starting **Sunday September 7th at 6 pm.** We will be meeting on Sept. 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th. The featured book will be "**Who Stole My Bible?: Reclaiming Scripture as a Handbook for Resisting Tyranny**" by Rev. Jennifer Butler. (Paperback, cost \$16 at Prairie Fox, published 2020 and oh so timely). Rev. Butler is an ordained Presbyterian minister, former CEO of Faith in Public Life and founder and CEO of Faith in Democracy as of 2023. We look forward to seeing you there!
 - **Sunday, September 14th is Quilt Sunday** this year. Quilt Sunday is a beautiful display of the Trinity Stitches' work laid out on the pews in the Sanctuary. You don't want to miss this!
 - In partnership with Open Table, on **Saturday, September 27th, Bobby Jo Valentine will be having a concert in the Trinity Sanctuary at 7pm.** This is a free event. Bobby Jo Valentine is an explorative, hopeful, spiritual, christian, folk musician. He has won multiple awards for his songwriting, given a Tedx Talk and is a believer in the soft and steady power of everyday acts of love to heal our world.
 - **The next blood drive is Wednesday, October 8th, Noon - 5 pm.**
 - **Recent events have severely impacted people in Africa, Gaza, and other places in our world.** Millions are struggling to stay alive from starvation, the loss of available medical treatment, and more. The loss of help through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has made things worse. Help is needed now! There are a number of ways that you can help with monetary gifts. You can designate your donation on your offering envelope or through one of these websites:
 - Lutheran Disaster Response disaster@ELCA.org
 - Lutheran World Relief give.lwr.org
 - ELCA World Hunger elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/elca-world-hunger
- Please contact the Mission-Outreach Committee with any questions.

● **CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:**

- July income = \$16,340.56 (Income YTD = \$143,031.29)
- July expense = \$16,356.92 (Expense YTD = \$143,649.04)
- Income Less Expense = -\$16.36 (Income Less Expense YTD = -\$617.75)
- Loan Payment = \$2,943.30
- Left on Loan = \$15,996.

● **THIS WEEK @ TRINITY:**

- **Monday (9/1):** *Office Closed - Labor Day*
10a Drum Fit (Community Room)
- **Tuesday (9/2):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
- **Wednesday (9/3)** *No Bible Study Today*
6:30p Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- **Thursday (9/4):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
- **Friday (9/5):** 7a Sunrise Rotary
- **Saturday (9/6):** *National Carl Garner Federal Lands Cleanup Day* 
- **Sunday (9/7)**
7:30a Rally Day Set Up
9a Sunday Session (Education Building)
10a Holy Communion
6p Book Club (Open Table)

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE -

Please sign up using the binder at the back of the aisle.

<p><u>Sunday, August 31, 2025</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: Ushers: Lector: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Communion Assistants: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Altar Guild: <i>Anne Lauterjung, Diane Wahl</i> Video Tech: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i> Altar Flowers:</p>	<p><u>Sunday, September 7, 2025</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: Ushers: Lector: <i>Shannon Matteson</i> Communion Assistants: <i>Shannon Matteson, Mike Matteson</i> Altar Guild: <i>Annette Bruce, Sally Mathis</i> Video Tech: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i> Altar Flowers: <i>In honor of Sonja Gromm & Aase Schulz from Brad Gromm</i></p>
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