

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025



**PRELUDE**

“The Lord’s Prayer (It’s Yours)”

Matt Maher

**Verse**

Father let your kingdom come  
(holy holy)  
Father let your will be done  
On Earth as in Heaven (let it be done)  
Right here in my heart

**Chorus**

Give us this day our daily bread  
Forgive us forgive us  
As we forgive the ones who sinned  
Against us forgive them  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from the evil one  
Let your kingdom come

**Bridge**

It’s yours its yours  
All yours all yours  
The kingdom the power  
The glory are yours  
It’s yours it’s yours  
All yours all yours  
Forever and ever  
The kingdom is yours

**Tag**

On Earth as in Heaven  
Right here in my heart

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**WELCOME STATEMENT**

**PROCESSIONAL**

“Come to Me”

Aaron Shust

**Chorus**

Take My yoke upon you and learn from me  
For I am gentle and humble in heart  
And you will find rest for your souls

**Verse 1**

Come to Me all you who are weary and burdened  
And I will give you rest

**Verse 2**

For My yoke is ease  
And My burden is light

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## **GREETING**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

**Amen.**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Merciful and loving God, we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of † Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Amos 6:1a, 4-7*

*The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.*

A reading from Amos.

Woe to those who are at ease in Zion  
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory  
and lounge on their couches  
and eat lambs from the flock  
and calves from the stall,  
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp  
and like David improvise on instruments of music,  
who drink wine from bowls  
and anoint themselves with the finest oils  
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,  
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Holy wisdom, holy word

**Thanks be to God**

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

Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,**

**and in that day their thoughts perish.**

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,

whose hope is in the LORD their God;

**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;**

**who keeps promises forever;**

who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the captive free.

**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

The LORD cares for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**The LORD shall reign forever,**

**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

*1 Timothy 6:6-19*

*Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.*

A reading from First Timothy.

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(Assembly stands for the gospel.)*

## **GOSPEL READING**

*Luke 16:19-31*

*Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.*

The gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **SERMON**

Rev. Phillip Potaczek

## Verse 1

Lord Your love builds bridges that can not be burned  
 It speaks truth that cannot be learned  
 It;s a treasure we can never earn  
 It goes places we're afraid of going  
 It's not a fist it's a hand wide open  
 Reaching out to the down and broken

## Chorus

We believe Your love is the strongest way  
 You're tearing down walls and You break our chains  
 Even in this darkness hope will rise again  
 When we lay down our weapons we let love win  
 (Lord we lay down our weapons and we let love win

## Verse 2

Lord Your love is a friend to its enemies  
 It takes a hit then turns a cheek  
 You laid down Your life for peace  
 Love won't cast a single stone  
 It's never proven by words alone  
 You come alive in our flesh and bones  
 And in our souls

## Bridge

What if fighting for our beliefs  
 Looks more like surrendering  
 Though that's the hardest thing  
 And what if standing up for what's right  
 Means laying down our pride  
 Even laying down our lives

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**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:* ...God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

...We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.  
**Amen.**

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**Verse 1**

Riches for rags  
Glory for shame  
What a wonderful exchange  
My Savior made for me  
His was the cross  
Mine was the blame  
What a wonderful exchange  
My Savior made for me

**Chorus**

I will lift my eyes to Calvary  
Where my Jesus died and covered me  
You gave it all now it's paid in full  
Lord I can't believe You did that for me  
I just can't believe You did that (for me)

**Verse 2**

Beauty for ash  
Triumph for tears  
What a wonderful exchange  
My Savior made  
That He made for me  
His was the loss  
Mine was the gain  
What a wonderful exchange  
My Savior made  
He made for me

**Interlude 1**

He really did it  
He really did it

**Bridge**

My shame lost the battle  
To my Savior's love  
If it comes chasing after  
I'm covered under blood

**Interlude 2**

You really did it  
You really did it  
You really did it

**Ending**

The cross to remind me  
My past is behind me  
You really did it  
Empty grave to remind me  
Your grace redefines me  
You really did it  
Oh You really did it

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**OFFERING PRAYER**

**Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 ... And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

## **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.*

**Verse 1**

Come Thou fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Calls for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it  
Mount of Thy redeeming love

**Verse 2**

Here I raise my Ebenezer  
Hither by Thy help I'm come  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wand'ring from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger  
Interposed His precious blood

**Verse 3**

Oh to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness like a fetter  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee  
Prone to wander Lord I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above

**Bridge**

(Above) All else I adore Your name  
Above all else tune my heart to sing Your praise  
Above all else I adore Your name  
Above all else tune my heart to sing Your praise  
(Repeat)

**Tag**

The highest praise  
The loudest praise  
To the name above every name

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**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****BLESSING**

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## Verse 1

You are not alone if you are lonely  
When you feel afraid you're not the only  
We are all the same in need of mercy  
To be forgiven and be free  
It's all you got to lean on  
But thank God it's all you need

## Chorus

And all the people said amen whoa  
And all the people said amen  
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends  
And all the people said amen

## Verse 2

If you're rich or poor well it don't matter  
Weak or strong you know love is what we're after  
We're all broken but we're all in this together  
God knows we stumble and fall  
And He so loved the world  
He sent His son to save us all

## Bridge

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart  
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart  
Blessed are the people hungry for another start  
For theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God

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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**

### **\*\*\*Trinity at a Glance\*\*\***

- Mark your calendars! **October 5th will be the Pet Blessing.** This will be an outdoor service.
- The next **blood drive** is **Wednesday, October 8th, Noon - 5 pm.**
- 🚗 **Trunk-or-Treat at Trinity!** 🍬

Join us for Trunk-or-Treat in the **north parking lot of Trinity Lutheran Church on Saturday, October 18th from 1-3pm!** Dress up, decorate your trunk, and bring some candy to share with our neighborhood kids. Don't worry - extra candy will be provided if you run out! It's a fun and safe way to celebrate the season with our community. All are welcome - invite your friends and neighbors! Sign Up Sheet is in Java Junction.

- Sunrise Rotary will be hosting a **German Dinner.** Save the date! **October 24th 5-8 pm.** Tickets will be available soon.
- **Welcome to our Thanksgiving Churches Challenge!**

Trinity is aiming to raise **\*\* 700 \*\* cans** (30 oz. ones) of **Pumpkin Pie Mix/Filling**, any brand. These cans will go to the Community Food Basket to provide 700 Thanksgiving meals to those in need. Please place cans by the Giving Tree. All cans are **due by Sunday, November 2nd.**

- **The 2026 calendars have arrived!** \$20 each. Marj Nelson and Kate Reed have copies available in Java Junction. You can call Marj at 815-973-1286 or Kate at 815-830-2061. You can also pick up a copy at the church office during regular office hours. **Profits go to the Growing Project.**
  - **The Giving Tree recipient for October will be cans of Pumpkin Pie Filling for the Community Food Basket.** Thank you for your continued Spirit of Giving to help enrich the lives of others.
  - **Trinity is honored to welcome 'Partners in Pride.'** This dedicated organization works to support, uplift, and advocate for LGBTQ+ individuals, their families and allies through education, community outreach, counseling and compassionate connection. Their mission aligns with our congregation's and synod's shared values of love, inclusion, and dignity for all people. We're grateful for the opportunity to host a group committed to joining us in creating a more just and welcoming world. Learn more at [www.mypartnersinpride.com](http://www.mypartnersinpride.com).
  - **Trinity Stitchers always welcome new helpers** as they sew and tie quilts, lap quilts and walker bags. They meet downstairs in the sewing room and fellowship hall on the **2nd and 4th Thursdays** of each month from **1 to 3 pm**, except for November and December when they meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays. Come join them for fun and fellowship!
  - **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](mailto:disaster@ELCA.org)
    - Lutheran World Relief [give.lwr.org](http://give.lwr.org)
    - ELCA World Hunger [elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/elca-world-hunger](http://elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/elca-world-hunger)
- Please contact the Mission-Outreach Committee with any questions.
- Just a reminder that the **Church collects empty Laser Jet Printer Ink Cartridges for recycling.** There is a box in the hallway (on the left) as you enter the Education Building.
  - **Youth Outlook is in desperate need of volunteers to help at their downtown Ottawa site.** Youth Outlook is a nonprofit organization that serves LGBTQ+ youth and their families. One of their main services are drop in centers where they provide a safe and supportive space for youth (12-20) to meet other youth in the area, to be in community, and to have fun. They are looking for volunteers to be role models and supportive adults in LGBTQ+ lives. The drop in meets once a week on Tuesdays from 6 - 8:30 pm. They will work with a volunteer's schedule and would appreciate even a once a month volunteer. The 2025 Fall Training Schedule is as follows: Sat 9/27 10a-5p in person, Thurs 10/2 6-9p zoom, Thurs 10/9 6-9p zoom, Thurs 10/16 6-9p zoom. For further information contact Bri Cada, LSW at [bri.cada@youth-outlook.org](mailto:bri.cada@youth-outlook.org).

- **CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:**

- August Income = \$17,156.02 (Income YTD = \$160,201.83)
- August Expense = \$17,706.49 (Expense YTD = \$161,045.53)
- Income Less Expense = -\$550.47 (Income Less Expense YTD = -\$843.70)
- Loan Payment = \$2,943.30
- Principal Payment = \$1,000.00
- Left On Loan = \$12,099.00

- **THIS WEEK @ TRINITY:**

- **Monday (9/29):** 10a Staff meeting  
10a Drum Fit (Community Room)
- **Tuesday (9/30):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
- **Wednesday (10/1)** 1p Bible Study (Community Room)
- **Thursday (10/2):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
- **Friday (10/3):** 7a Sunrise Rotary
- **Saturday (10/4):** *Feast of St. Francis of Assisi*
- **Sunday (10/5)** 9a Sunday Session  
9a Affirmation Class  
10a Blessing of the Pets  
10a Holy Communion

**WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE -**

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

**Sunday, September 28, 2025**

Crucifer/Acolyte:  
Ushers:  
Lector: *Mark Zeitlin*  
Communion Assistants: *Anne Lauterjung*  
Altar Guild: *Jan Beckman, Becky Glaser*  
Video Tech:  
Music Directors: *Matt Makeever & Mary Heider*  
Altar Flowers: *In memory of Loved Ones from Lou Ann Gayan*

**Sunday, October 5, 2025**

Crucifer/Acolyte:  
Ushers:  
Lector: *Ellen Gross*  
Communion Assistants: *Debbie Guenther, Ellen Gross*  
Altar Guild: *Jan Beckman, Debbie Guenther*  
Video Tech:  
Music Directors: *Matt Makeever & Mary Heider*  
Altar Flowers: