

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 7, 2025



PRELUDE

"I Will Delight"

Walt Harrah

Verse

I will delight in the law of the Lord
I will meditate day and night
Then like a tree firmly planted I'll be
Grounded in Your Word

Chorus

Blessed is the one who follows
The way of the Lord
Blessed is the one

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WELCOME STATEMENT

PROCESSIONAL

"Change My Heart, O God"

ELW 801

GREETING

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

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 1

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

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

**It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philemon 1-21

Onesimus, a new Christian and a man enslaved by Philemon, has helped Paul, who is in prison. Paul writes this letter to his friend Philemon to encourage him to receive Onesimus, upon his return, as a sibling in Christ.

A reading from Philemon.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To our beloved coworker Philemon, to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

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

(Assembly stands for the gospel.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Help Us, O Lord”

Hans Peterson

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: "Help us O Lord to hear your word O - pen our hearts to feel your word Give us the strength to live your word each day". The chords are: D, DM7, D7, G, Em7, G/D, and A.

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GOSPEL READING

Luke 14:25-33

Jesus speaks frankly about the costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

The gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

ELW 802

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.

OFFERING/OFFERING HYMN

“Take Up Your Cross”

Larry Olson/Karol Baer

In a world of many voices calling at me
it’s hard to hear the one that’s true.
Even when I hear it, when my heart discerns it,
I lack the will to see it through.

The call is hard to swallow:
Take up your cross and follow;
the words reach deep inside of me.
I find myself so troubled to lose my life; be humble,
the sins within refuse to see.

(Chorus)

Chorus

Though I’m falling, falling the voice is always calling
Take up your cross. Take up your cross.
Take up your cross and follow me, and follow me.

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 ... 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

“I Offer My Life”

Claire Cloninger/Don Moen

Verse 1

All that I am all that I have
I lay them down before You O Lord
All my regrets all my acclaim
The joy and the pain
I'm making them Yours

Chorus

Lord I offer my life to You
Everything I've been through
Use it for Your glory
Lord I offer my days to You
Lifting my praise to You
As a pleasing sacrifice
Lord I offer You my life

Verse 2

Things in the past things yet unseen
Wishes and dreams
That are yet to come true
All of my hopes all of my plans
My heart and my hands
Are lifted to you

Bridge

What can we give
That You have not given
And what do we have
That is not already Yours
All we possess are
These lives we're living
And that's what
We give to You Lord

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown
(Chorus)

Verse 2

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all

Chorus

O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find
That I may truly live
O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace
Draw near and bless Your name

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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****

- **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.**
 - **Sunday Session began today, September 7th at 9 am.** Please 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 September 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 today, **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.
 - **Sunday, October 5, 2025** will be the **Pet Blessing and an outdoor service.**
 - **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:**

- 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 (9/8):**
 - 10a Team Meeting
 - 10a Drum Fit (Community Room)
 - 6p Christian Education (Board Room)
- **Tuesday (9/9):**
 - 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
 - 7p Finance Committee (Board Room)
- **Wednesday (9/10)**
 - 1p Bible Study (Community Room)
 - 6:30p Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- **Thursday (9/11):**
 - 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
 - 1p Trinity Stitchers (Sewing Room)
- **Friday (9/12):** 7a Sunrise Rotary
- **Saturday (9/13):** *National Peanut Day* 🥜
- **Sunday (9/14):**
 - 9a Affirmation Class (Conference Room)
 - 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, September 7, 2025</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: Ushers: Lector: <i>Shannon Matteson</i> Communion Assistants: <i>Shannon Matteson, Mike Matteson, Anne Lauterjung</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>	<p><u>Sunday, September 14, 2025</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: Ushers: Lector: <i>Amy Boyles</i> Communion Assistants: Altar Guild: <i>Becky Glaser, Ann Enke</i> Video Tech: Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i> Altar Flowers: <i>In honor of Harold Salzman from The Mathis Family</i></p>
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