

# *Faithful Living*



TRINITY  LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

Sunday, September 21, 2025  
9:00 am Service

# Order of Worship

*\*stand as you are able*

**Prelude**

Joy Rundell

**Welcome**

## **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

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

**Amen.**

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

*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.**

## **\*Gathering Hymn**

***Son of God, Eternal Savior***

**Hymn #655**

1. Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race,  
You our head, who, throned in glory, for your own will ever plead:  
Fill us with your love and pity, heal our wrong, and help our need.
2. As you, Lord, have lived for others, so may we for others live.  
Freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants give.  
Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and sea;  
We but stewards of your bounty held in solemn trust will be.

3. Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of peace;  
Hush the storm of strife and passion, bid its cruel discords cease.  
By your patient years of toiling, by your silent hours of pain,  
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, stem our selfish greed of gain.
4. Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race:  
By your praying, by your willing that your people should be one,  
Grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition: here on earth your will be done.

### **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**

*Kyrie Eleison means "Lord have mercy."*

**Hymn #151**

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.  
Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison.  
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

### **Hymn of Praise**

***Create in Me a Clean Heart***

**Hymn #186**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

### **Prayer of the Day**

*God among us,*

**We gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **Children's Moment**

Scott Cassidy

## Reading

## Luke 16:1-13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

The Word of our Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Message

Pastor Paul Lutter

## Hymn of the Day

## *Let Streams of Living Justice*

## Hymn #710

1. Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth;  
Give freedom's light to captives, let all the poor have worth.  
The hungry's hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights,  
The mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight.  
Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron pow'r;  
Abolish ancient vengeance: proclaim your people's hour.

2. For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end,  
For love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend.  
Weave our varied gifts together; knit our lives as they are spun;  
On your loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run.  
O great weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one;  
Dye our texture with your radiance, light our colors with your sun.
3. Your city's built to music; we are the stones you seek;  
Your harmony is language; we are the words you speak.  
Our faith we find in service, our hope in others' dreams,  
Our love in hand of neighbor; our homeland brightly gleams.  
Inscribe our hearts with justice; your way—the path untried;  
Your truth—the heart of stranger; your life—the Crucified.

#### **\*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 Church**

*Congregational Response:* **Hear our prayer.**

#### **\*Sharing of the Peace / Announcements**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

#### **Offering**

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**Offertory Response*****Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am*****Hymn #814**

Take, oh, take me as I am, summon out what I shall be,  
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

**Holy Communion****\*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.**

**Distribution of Holy Communion**

*Please come forward for Holy Communion this morning by using the center aisle and returning by the side aisle. If you prefer, gluten free wafers are available on the center table and white grape juice is located in the inner circle of the tray.*

**Communion Hymn*****Let Us Break Bread Together*****Hymn #471****\*Closing Prayer**

*Gracious God,*  
**We lift our hearts in gratitude for your presence among us. Empower us now to live out our faith boldly in the world. Help us to be instruments of your peace and love, sharing the Good News with those around us. Help us to remember that with every challenge we face, you are by our side, providing strength and wisdom. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

**\*Benediction**

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.**

**\*Closing Hymn**

***Be Thou My Vision***

**Hymn #793**

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,  
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
4. Light of my soul, after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

Joy Rundell

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**In Our Prayers:**

Frank Fritzke, Dick Erickson, Stacey Lewandowski, Aiko Landgraf (niece of Sue Magnuson), Stacey Barta (niece of Bob & JoAnn Lohmann),  
our missionary in Papua New Guinea, Rev. Andrew Ronnevik and family



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Paul Lutter, Interim Pastor  
Chelsea Farniok, Children's Ministry  
Joy Rundell, Accompanist

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## **Announcements**

You are invited to enjoy conversation, cinnamon rolls and coffee following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

**Trinity Nursery** The nursery is open from 8:45 - 10:45 am each Sunday morning and is located downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to bring your children (6 months and older) before or during worship and sign in with the Nursery Staff.

**Adult Education Opportunity** Join Pastor Paul this fall for a weekly study of *Making Sense of Martin Luther* by David Lose, running September 24–November 6. Choose either Wednesdays at 1:15 pm or Thursdays at 6:30 pm—no expertise required, just good conversation. Study materials will be provided. If you are interested in joining the study, please sign up at **[www.trin.org](http://www.trin.org) under EVENTS**.

**Pastoral Transition Process** Join us for the first Congregational Listening Session on Sunday, September 28, from 10:15–11:45 am. Together we'll reflect on our history, share stories, and begin discerning God's vision for Trinity's future mission and ministry.

**A Special Congregational Meeting** will be held on Sunday, October 5, at 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall to vote on the future of the parsonage. All members are encouraged to attend and take part in this important decision for the life and mission of Trinity.

**Community Benefit** There will be a benefit Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction for Stacey Lewandowski today, Sunday, September 21 from 11 am - 3 pm at the Watertown Community Center. Tickets are \$20 adult / \$15 child and are available at the door or by calling Judy at 952-457-7274.