

Trinity Lutheran Church

14th Sunday of After Pentecost September 3, 2023

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304 E. Ferris St. Galesburg, IL 61401 "the welcome place"

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Introduction

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

+ + + GATHERING + + +

Prelude Lift High the Cross

Charles Ore, John Behnke

Welcome, Announcements & Friendship Registries-Please Sign In.

(Stand)

Invocation

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Righteous God,
we confess that we have sinned.
We have failed to be honest.
We have lacked the courage to speak.
We have spoken falsely.
In the name of Jesus.

forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gathering Song ELW#879 **Greeting**

For the Beauty of the Earth

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.



Prayer of the Day

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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Lord.

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Sit)

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First Reading Jeremiah 15:15-21

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult.

Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart;

for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts.

I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice;

under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation.

Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore thus says the Lord:

If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,

you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
 not you who will turn to them.

And I will make you to this people
 a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
 but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
 to save you and deliver you,
says the Lord.

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
 and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm 26:1-8

(Read responsively by whole verse)

Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

Test me, O Lord, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.

For your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.

I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, that I may go in procession round your altar,

singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

Lord, I love the house in which you dwell

and the place where your glory abides.

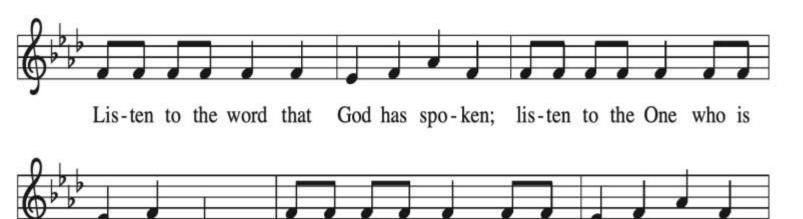
Second Reading Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

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Gospel Matthew 16:21-28

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and

those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

(Sit)

Children's Message Sermon

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes

(Stand)

Hymn of the Day ELW #808

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

Apostles Creed

Let us join together in the confession of our faith. 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.

(Sit)

Prayers of Intercession.

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

A brief silence.

God of life, your words are the joy at the heart of your church. Draw the seeker to you, place messages of hope and healing in the mouths of your witnesses, and open your children to your truth when we stumble. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of steadfast love, renew the earth by your Spirit, that lands and oceans reveal the beauty of your creation. Challenge us to live humbly and peaceably as part of your world. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

God of patience, lead those who govern to hold fast to what is good. Guide them to show honor to the people in their care. Overcome evil in all nations and grant peace to peoples and places mired in conflict especially Syria, Ukraine, Ethopia, Libya, Somalia, and South Sudan. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of protection, heal those who are hurt and comfort those in mourning. Lift up the communities affected by Hurricane Idalia, the wildfires, the floods, and the storms. Provide clean water, food, clothes and safe shelters for those without. Lift up those who have lost their homes or their jobs. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of deliverance, remember all who are suffering, lonely, and in pain especially Jen, Jenna, Kay, Janet, Kathy, Bev, and Dena. Liberate your people being insulted, persecuted, or in the grasp of

the ruthless. Give endurance to workers who persevere on this Labor Day and insure fair wages and safe working environments. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Heavenly Father, please be with these college students, Brady, Kylie, Nate, and Parker as they go where they do not know. As they seek to grow in knowledge, we ask that they grow in faith. As they start to conquer the world, we hope that they conquer their fears. As they strive to find their place, we pray that they find You. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of justice, equip this congregation to boldly follow you in uncertain times and to remain faithful in prayer when facing challenges. Show us how best to love and care for one another and our communities. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of glory, we give thanks for the saints who now dwell with you in splendor. Nurture us in faith until the day we join their heavenly song. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We offer to you these prayers as well as those we now name to you either aloud or in our hearts.

A brief silence.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.



(Sit)

Offering Song For the Beauty of the Earth

James Biery, Michael Burkhardt

(Stand)

Offering Prayer

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you.
We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed.
Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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.

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:





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who comes in your name.

Eucharistic Prayer.

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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.

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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

Let us pray together as Christ 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 Communion

Jesus invites you to this table.

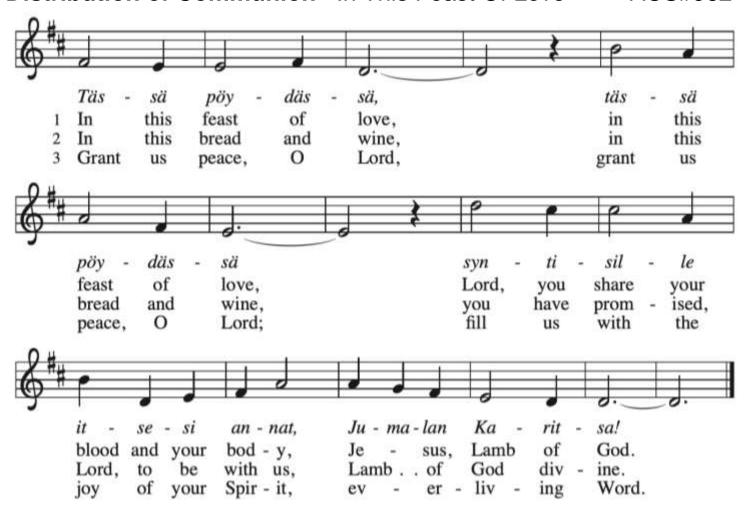
Come, eat and live.

All are welcome to receive communion at Trinity Lutheran Church. If you wish to receive you may come forward as dismissed by the usher and will be given a wafer in the center aisle. Then you may take a small cup from the tray. Red wine is along the outside, and white grape juice is located in the center of the tray. Gluten-free bread is also available. Place empty cups in the bowls located at the side aisle as you return to your pew. If you prefer to receive a blessing rather than communion, you may indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest as you come forward.

(Sit)

Distribution of Communion In This Feast Of Love

ACS#962



Post Communion Hymn Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken ACS#966 VS 3 & 4



(Stand)

Prayer After Communion

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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Blessing

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed + bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. Amen.

Sending Song ELW #660

Lift High the Cross

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the harvest. Thanks be to God.

John Levitt

Postlude Lift High the Cross

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As you leave, please take a moment and greet one another.

Worship Participants

Audio: Grant Robinson

Video: Bill Sime

Usher: Roger & Melissa Williamson, Carol Brown

Communion Setup: Hillary Hoffman

Assisting Minister: Nick Elders

Reader: Brian Robinson

Wine Server: Annie Maier, Lisa Shafer

Closing Duties: Sarah Brakenbury

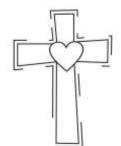
Acolyte: Ryan Tapper

Coffee Fellowship Servers: John & Lynn Armstrong

Organist: Bette Mohr

Director of Choirs: James Hutchings

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes



Today's Radio Broadcast was sponsored by **Brenda Patterson**, *to God be the Glory*.

Readings for Sunday, September 10th

First Reading Ezekiel 33:7-11

Psalm Psalm 119:33-40

Second Reading Romans 13:8-14

Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

Announcements

Coffee Fellowship-Join us in Fellowship Hall immediately after service

Choir & Bells Update-Choir Practices will resume on Wednesday, September 6th at 7 pm. Bell Practices will resume on Sunday, September 10th at 8:30 am. Interested in joining, contact James.

Labor Day-The Office will be Closed on Monday, September 4th

Executive Meeting-Tuesday, September 5th at 12 pm

God's Work Our Hands Neighborhood Clean Up Project Come out on Saturday, September 9th at 9:30 am for donuts before we hit the streets to start cleaning up our community.

God's Work Our Hands-Sunday, September 10th there will be children's activities after worship service

Prayers: If you're in need of prayer for yourself or a loved one, please fill out the salmon-colored slips in the Narthex and drop them into the collection plate.

Current Prayer List:

Date of Prayers	Praying For	Prayer
8/27-9/17	Brady	College
8/27-9/17	Kylie	College
8/27-9/17	Parker & Nate	College
8/27-9/17	Jen	Health improvement
8/27-9/17	Jenna	Surgery recovery, playing D1 volleyball
8/27-9/17	Kay	Healing from neck injuries & falls
8/27-9/17	Janet Gilmer	Reduce pain & heal infection
8/27-9/17	Kathy	Hip Surgery
9/3-9/24	Bev	Quick recovery & healing
9/3-9/24	Dena	Comfort, peace, & health Has cancer

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Vision Statement Developing Disciples – Connecting to Christ

Mission Statement

Led by the Spirit, we receive Christ's love, share God's forgiving grace, and reach out to welcome, encourage and serve all.

Welcome Statement

Members of Trinity Lutheran Church are freed by the Gospel to seek reconciliation and wholeness in a world that is frequently an unloving place. We extend welcome to all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, whether believer, doubter, or seeker. In Christ's love we invite you, so that led by the power of the Holy Spirit we will join together to strive for racial equity, justice, peace and love in all the earth.

Our Guiding Principles

- 1. Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior.
- 2. We faithfully worship through Word and Sacrament.
 - 3. We invite and welcome everyone.
- 4. We engage all generations in education and ministry.
 - 5. We serve local and global communities.