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*Divine Service –Setting Two*

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## Today at Trinity

**Worship Leader: Elder Raul Giles**

**10:00 am    Divine Worship**

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran. We are delighted you have chosen to join us this day. Our Lord always blesses those who come to His house to hear His word and receive His sacraments. We pray you will experience God's love and care for you.

### ***For our guests:***

- ❖ Quiet bags and Busy Bibles are provided for your children during the service. They are located as you enter the church. The children's bulletin and color booklet is for you to keep. Please return the bags as you exit. **Please return to the rack when exiting.**
- ❖ For your convenience we have a **Nursery** with a monitor streaming the service. This way if you need to use the nursery for your little one you will stay connected to the Divine service in progress. It is located down from Pastor's office.
- ❖ **Here at Trinity we believe, as Scripture teaches, that in the Lord's Supper, we receive not only bread and wine, but also the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins, and the strengthening of our faith and our fellowship with one another. If you would like to participate in this Sacrament, but have further questions, we encourage you to speak with the pastor or elders. We also invite and encourage you to fill out the white card indicating your desire and intention to commune.**

Pastor Smith is available for visiting and consultations. Please contact the church office or Pastor's cell phone 760 485-5171 for an appointment.



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; Our hearts in  
 2 Un - seal our lips to sing Your praise In end - less  
 3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry, “O ho - ly,  
 △ 4 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly



true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with  
 hymns through all our days. In - crease our faith and  
 ho - ly Lord Most High!” And in the light of  
 Spir - it, Three in One! To You, O bless - ed



light di - vine, And let Your truth with - in us shine.  
 light our minds; And set us free from doubt that blinds.  
 that blest place We then shall see You face to face.  
 Trin - i - ty, Be praise through - out e - ter - ni - ty!

## Confession and Absolution

- A** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- A** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- A** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- A** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** Amen.

# Service of the Word

## Introit

*Psalm 92:1–4; antiphon: v. 5*

How great are Your works, O LORD!  
**Your thoughts are very deep!**  
It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
**to sing praises to Your name, O**  
**Most High;**  
to declare Your steadfast love in the  
morning,  
**and Your faithfulness by night,**  
to the music of the lute and the harp,  
**to the melody of the lyre.**

For You, O LORD, have made me glad by  
Your work;  
**at the works of Your hands I sing**  
**for joy.**  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
**and to the Holy Spirit;**  
as it was in the beginning,  
**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**  
How great are Your works, O LORD!  
**Your thoughts are very deep!**

## Hymn

## How Great is our God

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty,  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,  
And trembles at his voice, trembles at his voice.

### Chorus:

**How great is our God, sing with me,**  
**How great is our God, all will see,**  
**How great, how great is our God.**

**Verse 2:** Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands,  
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end  
The Godhead, three in one: Father, Spirit, Son,  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

**Chorus:   How great is our God, sing with me,**  
**How great is our God, all will see,**  
**How great, how great is our God.**

**Bridge:** Name above all names, Worthy of all praise, My heart will sing, How great is our God.

**Final Chorus:   How great is our God, sing with me,**  
**How great is our God, all will see,**  
**How great, how great is our God.**

## Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- A** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- C** **O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### Old Testament Reading

**Ezekiel 33:7–9**

<sup>7</sup>“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual

*Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

Fear the LORD, you His saints,  
**for those who fear Him lack nothing!**  
 Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
**but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

### Epistle

**Romans 13:1–10**

<sup>1</sup>Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. <sup>2</sup>Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. <sup>3</sup>For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad.

Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, <sup>4</sup>for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup>Therefore one must be in

subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. <sup>6</sup>For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. <sup>7</sup>Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia and Verse

*John 6:68*

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

**Matthew 18:1–20**

<sup>1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" <sup>2</sup>And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup>and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>5</sup>"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, <sup>6</sup>but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

<sup>7</sup>"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! <sup>8</sup>And if your hand or

your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. <sup>9</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

<sup>10</sup>"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>11</sup>For the Son of Man came to save the lost. <sup>12</sup>What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? <sup>13</sup>And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that

never went astray. <sup>14</sup>So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

<sup>15</sup>“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup>But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him

be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

<sup>18</sup>Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

# Sermon Hymn

## “Children of the Heavenly Father”

#725



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly  
 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His  
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the  
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His

in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in  
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He  
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He  
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose

heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.  
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.  
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Sermon

Elder Raul Giles

## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

## Offering/Offertory

### “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

#781 vs. 1-2



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

## Prayer of the Church

### 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.

## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24–26*

- A** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.



1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with  
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's  
 3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling



joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,  
 joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion  
 pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;  
 In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,  
 Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
 ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.  
 may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.



## THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY



**GREETERS**

**USHERS**

**ACOLYTES**

**DUTY ELDER**

Ramona Haugen, Wanda Lahn & Donna Ellerbusch

Russ Campbell & Jerry Ellerbusch

Matthew & Nathan Johnson

Alex Negron

**THE FLOWERS** this morning are placed on the altar by  
 Russ Campbell in loving memory and celebration of his  
 wife Jane's birthday and to the glory of God!



# THIS WEEK AT TRINITY LUTHERAN

September 6, 2026

|             |          |                                                    |
|-------------|----------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday   | 10:00 am | Grief Share (FC)                                   |
|             | 6:00 pm  | Choir Practice (FC)                                |
| Thursday    | 10:30 am | LWML Luncheon Meeting (FC)                         |
|             | 6:00 pm  | Living the Chocolate Life Women's Bible Study (FC) |
|             | 7:00 pm  | Genesis Zoom Bible Study                           |
| Friday      | 10:00 am | Ladie's Bible Study (FC)                           |
| Saturday    | 8:00 am  | Men's Bible Breakfast (FC)                         |
| Next Sunday | 8:30 am  | Adult Bible Class (FC)                             |
|             | 10:00 am | Divine Worship Holy Communion                      |
|             | 11:30 am | Sunday School/ Jr. Confirmation                    |
|             |          | Young Adult/Adult Bible Class                      |



## THOSE WE KEEP IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Andy & Shirley Schlange, Terri Cuesta, Wanda Lahn, Larry and Gaylene Burkett, Frank(Sharlene Kay's husband), Melissa Parsons(mother of Phyllis Hafliger's great grandson), Elvia Ocampo, Loretta Eide, Kate Memmen(*hospice*), Francisco Ruiz, Russ Lambeth, *health*  
Diane(Ramona Haugen's daughter), Dan Schmelzer, *healing*  
Michele Ungaro(sister of Renee Young), Andy(friend of Rocky and Renee Young), Israel Ruiz(Francisco & Eunice Ruiz's son), Frank(Debra Johnson's son),*cancer*

*"Look to the LORD and His strength; seek His face always." 1 Chronicles 16:11*

**LIVING THE CHOCOLATE LIFE** is a new evening ladies Bible study. We meet in the Fellowship Center on Thursday evenings @ 6pm and all ladies are invited to "Dig In" and savor God's Word. We are planning on a total of 7 sessions with an occasional break to accommodate vacations. Please come and join us this Thursday. ***Postponed***

**THE BOOK OF GENESIS** study led by Pastor Smith, is offered **Thursdays @ 7pm** on Zoom. We are seeing God's abundant faithfulness in bringing about His promise of salvation throughout the generations culminating with the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. You can join any day. If you would like to join the study we can send you the link to your email. Send your email to Pastor and we'll see you Thursday! ([Revs455@verizon.net](mailto:Revs455@verizon.net)) ***Postponed until September***

**LADIES' BIBLE STUDY** All ladies are invited to join in the Fellowship Center, **Friday mornings @ 10am** for a weekly Bible study led by our beloved member, Phyllis Hafliger. Each study is a new topic so you can jump in anytime! ***Summer schedule is week to week.***

**GRIEF SHARE** starts this Wednesday @ 10am in the Fellowship Center. At a Griefshare group you will find understanding, guidance, relief, and a safe place to navigate the challenges of grief. Come and join us!

**CHOIR** is a place to have fun and gain friends as you praise the Lord in song! We begin practices this Wednesday in the Fellowship Center @ 6pm. No previous experience required!

**CALLING ALL LADIES!** Our first meeting will be this Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 10:30am with a luncheon and speaker featuring Sandy Culley doing a presentation of the Lord's Prayer. Sign up today and plan today to come! See you in the Fellowship Center Thursday!

**MONTHLY MEN'S BREAKFAST** resumes this Saturday @ 8am! All men are invited to come for a fresh hot breakfast and a study in God's Word led by Pastor Smith. Sign up today at the information table!

**IT'S TIME TO BEGIN!!!** Next Sunday we will gather for Sunday School and Jr. Confirmation following the Divine service in the Fellowship Center. At the same time a Bible study will be offered in the crafting/choir room of the Fellowship Center for the parents and young adult of Trinity.