

*Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church
of South Newstead
August 3, 2025
8th Week after Pentecost*



Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

PRELUDE – WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS - PRAYER REQUESTS

Please stand as you are able

GATHERING SONG: All Depends on Our Possessing (vs. 1-4) – Green Book: 447

All Depends on Our Possessing



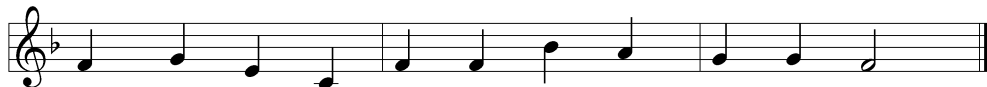
1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's free grace and
2 God, who hith - er - to has fed me and to man - y
3 When with sor - row I am strick - en, hope my heart a -
4 Well he knows what best to grant me; all the long - ing
5 If on earth my days he length - en, God my wea - ry



con - stant bless - ing, though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
joys has led me, is and ev - er shall be mine.
new will quick - en, all my long - ing shall be stilled.
hopes that haunt me, joy and sor - row, have their day.
soul will strength - en; all my trust in him I place.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en by their God are
He who did so gent - ly school me, he who dai - ly
To his lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der soul and bod - y
I shall doubt his wis - dom nev - er; as God wills, so
Earth - ly wealth is not a - bid - ing; like a stream a -



not for - sak - en and will keep a daunt - less heart.
guides and rules me, will re - main my help di - vine.
I sur - ren - der, for on God a - lone I build.
be it ev - er; to him I com - mit my way.
way it's glid - ing; safe I an - chor in his grace.

Text: *Gesang-Buch*, Nürnberg, 1676; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878, alt.
Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645-1705, adapt.

GREETING:

L: The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

L: You are treasured people of the Lord,

ALL: a people holy to the Lord our God.

L: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

ALL: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

L: One does not live by bread alone,

ALL: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

SCRIPTURE SONG:



☞ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev-er.



① Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O God of the u-ni-verse;



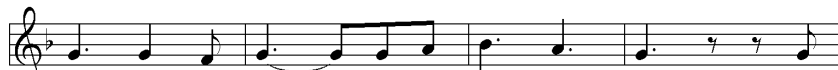
just and true are your ways, O Rul-er of all the na-tions.



Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and sing the glo-ry of your name?



☞ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev-er.



② For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One. All



na-tions will draw near and wor-ship be-fore you,



for your just and ho-ly works have been re-vealed.



☞ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev-er.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. **ALL:** And also with you.

L: Let us pray, Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **ALL: Amen.**

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

L: ² Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹² I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. ¹⁴ I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18} I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

L: The word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 49:1-12

L:¹ Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

ALL:² you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

L:³ My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

ALL:⁴ I will incline my ear to a prover band set forth my riddle upon the harp.

L:⁵ Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

ALL:⁶ the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess, and boast of their great riches?

L:⁷ One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another's life;

ALL:⁸ for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay it,

L:⁹ in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.

ALL:¹⁰ For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

L:¹¹ Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.

ALL:¹² Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.

SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-11

L: ¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

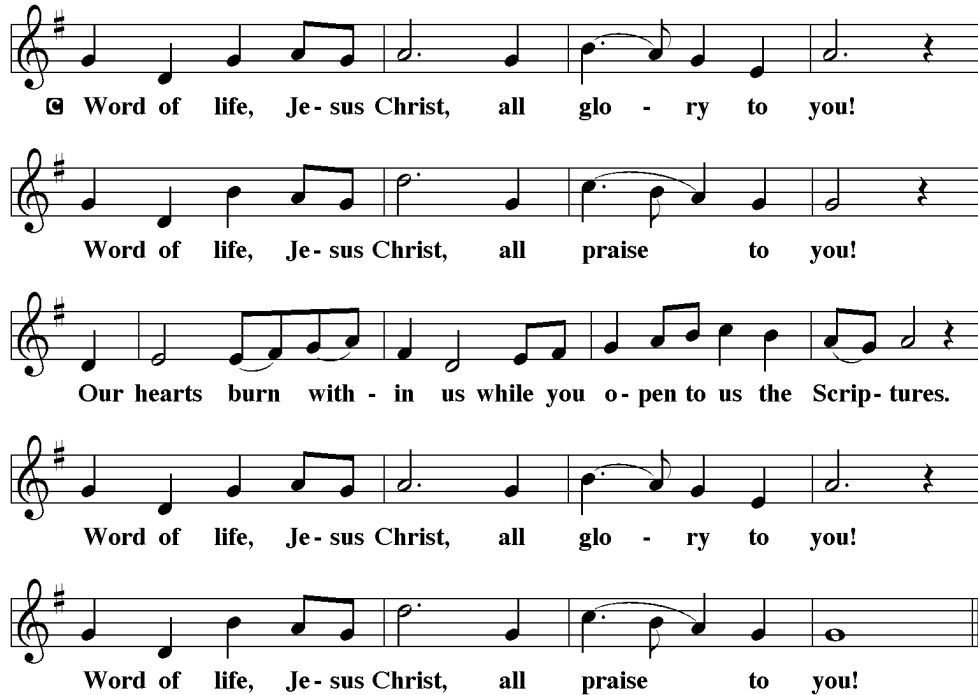
⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living

that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

L: The word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!

Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

Our hearts burn with - in us while you o- pen to us the Scrip- tures.

Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!

Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

GOSPEL: 12:13-21

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: ¹³ Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord. **ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S BACKPACK CHALLENGE

SERMON: Erik Polkowski

HYMN OF THE DAY: Be Thou My Vision –

Blue Book: 776

Please stand as you are able

Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!

thou my best thought by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r,
 thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish 8th–10th cent.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.
 Music: SLANE, Irish tune

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

L: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

ALL: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

ALL: 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 power of 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.

L: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

ALL: pray in the Holy Spirit.

L: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

ALL: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ

L: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

ALL: Everything old has been passed away; behold, everything has become new!

L: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

A moment for silent prayer.

Gracious God,

ALL: Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

L: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

ALL: Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ALL: And also with you.

*You are invited to greet your neighbors
with a sign of Christ's peace.*

Please be seated

OFFERING



SCAN ME

Any financial gifts you wish to give towards the ministry of Trinity may be placed in the offering plate as it is passed around or at the rear of the sanctuary. You may also give your offering online using the QR code provided or go to trinitysouthnewstead.org/give. We give thanks for your sharing of your offerings this and every day.

Please stand as you are able

OFFERTORY



Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;
ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.
Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;
yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

L: Let us pray together. God, our Creator,

ALL: you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Renew in your church a perspective of life beyond worldly pursuits. Build an enthusiasm to embrace life in Christ, so that Christ, the life of the world, is revealed to everyone. God of grace,

ALL: hear our prayer.

L: Revitalize and protect the treasures of wild places. Teach all people to value the earth, winds, waters, trees, and animals, the gifts that make life possible on this planet. God of grace,

ALL: hear our prayer.

L: Speak wisdom to any in positions of power, that they cease practices of divisiveness, insult, and oppression. Clothe all people in your image, and establish equity and peace. God of grace,

ALL: hear our prayer.

L: Reveal your loving presence in the lives of people suffering hunger and need, illness and grief, pain and fear (*especially*). Give strength to those who give care, and equip them with compassion as they make your love known. God of grace,

ALL: hear our prayer.

L: Store up in this congregation a full measure of gratitude and generosity. Guide the work of treasurers and all who attend to financial matters. Support those whose work in our community is difficult and demanding; make us mindful of the toil that goes unnoticed. God of grace,

ALL: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: Receive our thanks for the lives of your saints who now rest from their labors. Give us wisdom through their witness and encourage us in love as we continue our lives in the world. God of grace,

ALL: hear our prayer.

L: And knowing that you hear our needs that are too deep for words to express, we share those needs with you now in this time of silent prayer.

A moment for silent prayer...

ALL: Hear our prayer.

L: Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

ALL: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray: **ALL: 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.**

BLESSING

L: The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace.

ALL: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: God of Grace and God of Glory – Green Book: 415

God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, live by the Spirit.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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About Today's Readings:

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a "vanity of vanities." Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

Colossians 3:1-11

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

Luke 12:13-21

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

THANK YOU Erik Polkowski for leading us in worship today!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Hold in Prayer:

To add someone to the prayer list in the bulletin/beacon, add them to the list in the back of the Sanctuary or contact the church office. If you would like your prayer concern to be shared through our One Call Prayer Chain, please contact Sue Kidder at 716-542-2095.

Craig Sanderson – healing

Jim Styn- healing & patience

Janice Bruning – continued healing

Harold Gardner – healing and patience

Mark Habermehl – healing

Jerry Hinsken – diagnosed with cancer

Dale Kruschke – diagnosis and healing

Ray Francis – healing

David Kennedy - strength

The Family and Friends of:

Chris Cummings

Bob Koch

Justin Blasko

Weekly:

Sunday worship at 9:30

Food Pantry:

First Monday of the Month: Food Pantry setup @ 8am

First Tuesday of the month: Food Pantry distribution @ 8am

Counters: August: Jane

Council: September 9th @ 7pm

Office Info:

Pastor Rick: Tuesdays 10:00-1:00 p.m. and by appointment

Tracy: Call, text or email any time.

August: 5, 12, 20, 26 – all 9:30-2:30

Upcoming

Thursday 8/7: Bible Study 10 am at St. Peter, Medina

Sunday 8/10: Chowder planning meeting @ 10:45am

Thursday 8/14: Bible Study 10 am at Trinity, Wolcottsville

Thursday 8/21: Bible Study 10 am at Zion, Gasport

Thursday 8/21 6-7:30 pm: Summer Campfire

Thursday 8/28: Bible Study 10 am at St. John's, Lyndonville

Sunday 9/7: Rally Day for Sunday School! 10:45

Saturday 9/27: Chowder Sale

Thank you to all who helped make Pies in the Park a success!



Tree of Giving

Check out our festive Summer tree in the back of the Sanctuary...our drive is a new initiative to better support Trinity throughout the year. Each ornament has an item that we need. Items range from \$0-\$1000 and can be free tasks you can perform (ie. cleaning or organizing) or an item you can purchase.

The back of the ornament will tell you how to proceed.

- Physical items can be purchased locally or on our amazon wish list and may be set by the tree. There is a QR code next to the tree for the wishlist.
- Monetary donations (like paying a bill) will go into the offering plate – please mark what you are donating it for.
- For services you perform, like cleaning, and the monetary donations, you can place your finished ornament below the tree so we have a visual of your awesome contribution!
- We are running the drive through September 7th.

Bible Study

Trinity's Bible Study has merged in with the NOEL (Niagara Orleans Ev. Lutherans) cluster of churches' Bible Study! Consider this your invitation to join, make new friends, and gain new insights into the Word and faith. We are reading the book of 2 Samuel if you want to do some reading to get ready.

Pastor Rick, Pastor Craig, and Pastor Sohail lead this Bible Study, which is at 10 am Thursdays. The location rotates among the NOEL churches. Trinity will get into the rotation in the fall. Our August locations and dates are:

- August 7: St. Peter Ev. Lutheran Church, 1355 West Ave, Medina
- August 14: Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, 6369 Wolcottsville Rd, Akron
- August 21: Zion Lutheran Church, 4447 Central Ave, Gasport
- August 28: St. John's Lutheran Church, 10213 Roosevelt Hwy, Lyndonville

OneCall Update

Some of you that are on our One Call Now phone list aren't getting the calls, and/or they are being flagged as spam.

It's beyond our control at Trinity to do anything about this. But here's what you can do that might help:

- One Call Now calls always come from 877-698-3261. Knowing this, you could:
 - 1) Simply look for this number and pick the call up regardless of if it's labeled as 'Potential Spam'.
 - 2) Add this number to your Contacts list and label it as something you'll recognize for future calls.
 - 3) Go into your spam filter (this could be in your phone app or another app placed on your phone by your service provider), find the above number and either unblock it, allow it, report it as not spam.

Bible Orders

We will be placing an order for the new Lutheran Study Bibles that were just released. It's a new translation with introductions, notes, and articles written by more than seventy Lutheran pastors and teaching theologians. It includes solid background material, unique Lutheran insights and questions for reflection and discussion.

There are four types of study notes: 1. The World of the Bible notes which explore the historical, cultural and geographic background of a passage. 2. Biblical Concepts describe key words or themes in scripture. 3. Lutheran Perspectives highlight Lutheran theological insights and catechetical connections. 4. Faith Reflections encourage personal reflection as well as discussion with others. Bibles will be \$40, and orders are due on August 31st.

Sunday School Returns

Sunday School will be back before you know it - Starting September 7th from 10:45-11:30. Join us for a day of FUN! New this year: We will have TWO classes - one for elementary kiddos and one for Junior high for more advanced studies. We look forward to seeing everyone!

Old Church Ornament Orders

Orders for your ornaments will be due by September 7th, please. Put them in the offering plate, thanks!

WI-FI: To access our community wifi, go to 'Trinity Guest' on your device, and then when prompted, enter the password:
BeABeacon

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