Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church of South Newstead August 24th, 2025
11th Week after Pentecost



Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

PRELUDE – WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS - PRAYER REQUESTS

Please stand as you are able

GATHERING SONG: Praise to the Lord, The Almighty– Green Book: 543 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, Ernewerten Gesangbuch, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

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,

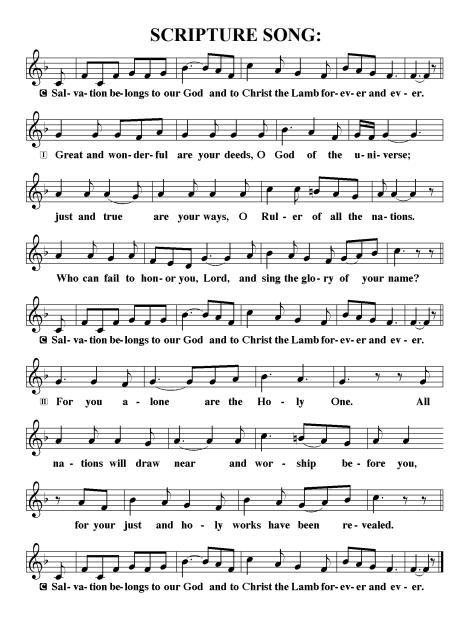
ALL: a people holy to the Lord our God.

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.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

L: Let us pray,

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **ALL: Amen.**

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:9b-14

- L: ⁹⁶ If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
- ¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,

then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong,

and you shall be like a watered garden,

like a spring of water

whose waters never fail.

- ¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.
- ¹³ If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;

if you call the Sabbath a delight

and the holy day of the LORD honorable;

if you honor it, not going your own ways,

serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs; ¹⁴ then you shall take delight in the LORD,

and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;

I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,

for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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

PSALM: 103:1-8

L: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

ALL: ² Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—

L: ³ who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

ALL: 4 who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;

L: 5 who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

ALL: O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

L: ⁷You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.

ALL: 8 LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

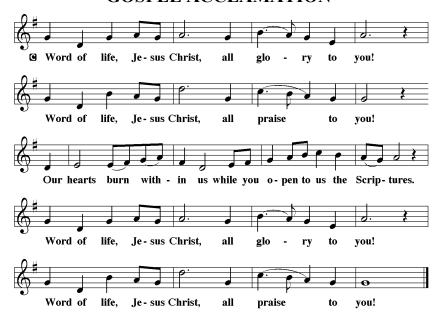
Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29

L: ¹⁸ You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰ (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵ See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." ²⁷ This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

L: The word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.** *Please stand as you are able*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17

L: ¹⁰ Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

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

Please be seated

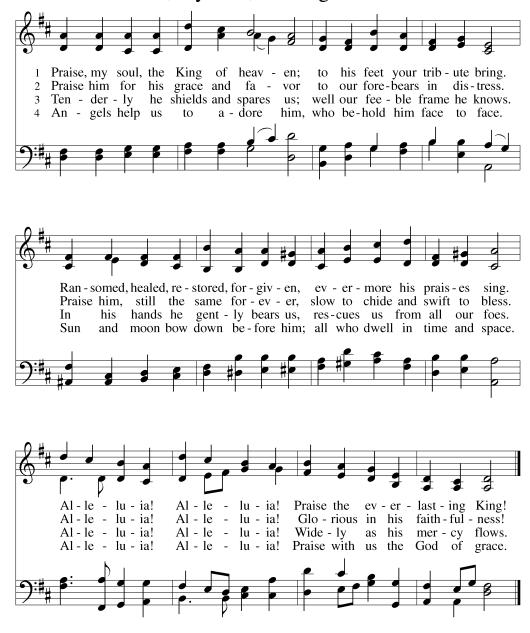
CHILDREN'S BACKPACK CHALLENGE

SERMON: Pastor Rick Mollenkopf-Grill

HYMN OF THE DAY: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven - Green Book: 549

Please stand as you are able

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847, alt. Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

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

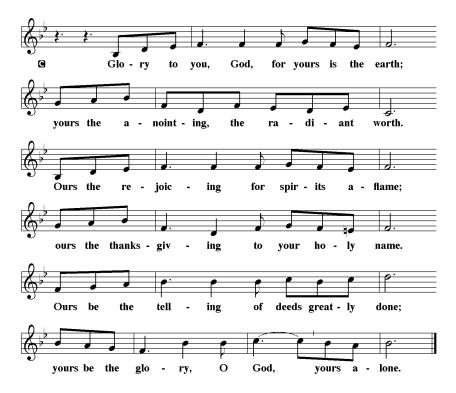


Any financial gifts you wish to give towards the ministry of Trinity may be placed in the offering plate as it is passed around or at the rear of the sanctuary. You may also give your offering online using the QR code provided or go to trinitysouthnewstead.org/give. We give thanks for your sharing of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



Please stand as you are able

OFFERTORY



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: Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

A brief silence.

You call your church to proclaim liberation and freedom to all. Give wisdom to bishops, synod councils and staff, and congregation leaders both here and at Zion Lutheran Church in Gasport as they pursue a more just and equitable church and society. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

L: You inspire all creation to sing and bless your holy name. Send healing rains to parched places and relief to flooded lands. Lead us to enact policies to rebuild ruined ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

L: You work vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. Strengthen the resolve of world leaders and local officials in the way of love and mercy, so that all persons may experience abundant life. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

L: You satisfy your people with good things. In your steadfast love, receive the cries of all who are bent over under the weight of addiction, isolation, and mental or physical illness (*especially*). Manifest your healing presence in their midst. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

L: You call us to delight in the sabbath. Invigorate worship planners and leaders with creativity to aid this assembly in fresh and faithful prayer and praise. Enable all who gather here to be nourished and renewed. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: With all your apostles, prophets, and saints, we give thanks and bless your holy name. As they now rest from their labors, guide us by the witness of their lives to pursue your reign, which can never be shaken. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

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...

L: Hear us O God,

ALL: Your Mercy is Great

L: Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

ALL: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: 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.

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

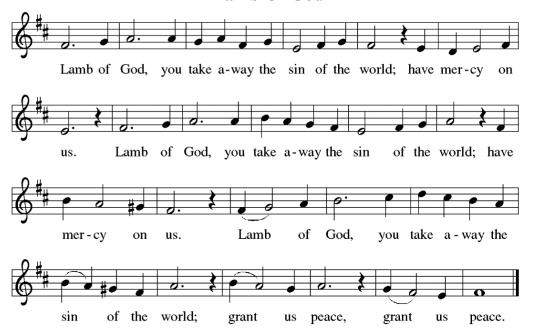
L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray: ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The minister will give instruction on the distribution of communion.

COMMUNION HYMN: Lamb Of God



COMMUNION HYMN: We Come to You for Healing, Lord *To be sung during the distribution of communion*

We Come to You for Healing, Lord



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COMMUNION HYMN – if needed – shout out your favorite hymn! Please stand as you are able

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in God's grace, now and forever. **All: Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Let us pray together. Mothering God,
ALL: you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. 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: As Rain from the Clouds – please see separate insert

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, live by the Spirit.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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About Today's Readings:

Isaiah 58:9b-14

God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

Hebrews 12:18-29

Using images of Moses, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding "sabbath work" to include setting people free from bondage.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Please Hold in Prayer:</u>

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.

Dale Kruschke – diagnosis and healing Ray Francis – healing David Kennedy – strength Bill Kittel Sr. – strength and healing April Keefe – healing and strength

The Family and Friends of:

Jurgen Arndt

Weekly:

Sunday worship at 9:30

Thursdays at 10am Bible Study (see upcoming list for location)

Food Pantry:

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

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

Counters: August: Jane, September: Jennifer, October: Glenn

Council: September 9th @ 7pm

Office Info:

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

**Pastor will be out of the office Mon 8/25-Wed 27th.

Tracy: Call, text or email any time. THURS August: 28 – 9:30-2:30 – then back to Tuesdays.

Upcoming

Monday 8/25 @ 6:30pm: Sunday School Teacher's meeting Thursday 8/28 @10am: Bible Study at St. John's, Lyndonville

Thursday 9/1 @10am: Bible Study at St. Peter Ev. Lutheran

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

Thursday 9/11 @10am: Bible Study at Trinity Ev. Lutheran on Wolcottsville Rd.

Thursday 9/18 @10am: Bible Study at Zion Lutheran in Gasport Thursday 9/25 @10am: Bible Study at St. Johns in Lyndonville

Saturday 9/27: **Please note the date change: October 11th: Chowder Sale

Tree of Giving Update

Thank you to everyone who's already taken an ornament and donated! We are doing so well! Bring items through 9/7.

Things we're still looking for which are of higher importance:

- We have one doorbell, but two would be ideal Thank you!
- → Rolls of tape for tape dispensers Thank you!
- **→** Chowder containers Thank you!
- > Paper towels
- > A month of OneCall is always needed

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 upcoming locations and dates are:

- August 28: St. John's Lutheran Church, 10213 Roosevelt Hwy, Lyndonville
- September 4th: St. Peter in Medina, 1355 West Ave, Medina
- September 11th: Trinity Lutheran, 6369 Wolcottsville Rd, Akron
- September 18th: Zion Lutheran, 4447 Central Ave, Gasport
- September 25th: St. Johns, St. John's Lutheran Church, 10213 Roosevelt Hwy, Lyndonville

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!

Sunday School Photos

We would like to get a photo of every student to post on our Sunday School board. We will plan to take the photos on September 7th and 14th – don't miss it! Sept 7th promises to be lots of fun, too!

Women's Group – September Meeting

Our Women's group will be meeting on **Monday September 8**th at **4:30.** We have tea, pink lemonade and coffee. Pot luck for snacks. If you can come but need it a little later, please let

Ronda know. We are trying to settle in to the best time for everyone. If you need a ride please let us know.

SECRET PRAYER PALS REVEAL GET-TOGETHER!

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, September 14th; Noon

PLACE: Sue Kidder's Home, 13115 Dorsch Road, Akron 716 542-2095

Time to reveal our Secret Prayer Pals for the 2024-25 Season! Now that the Erie County Fair is over.... We all know what that means!.... The end of Summer?! AND Time to end the 2024/25 Season of the Prayer Pals and begin a new Season -2025/26!

We will do a final? Picnic of the Summer.... I will provide the hot dogs and hamburgers, rolls, liquid libation. YOU provide the accompaniments! Either an appetizer, salad, or dessert! No need to let me know what you will be bringing! Whatever you feel like making or buying! No rule that it has to be homemade! It always works out. There will be plenty! Bring your appetite. Any questions, contact Sue

Old Church Ornament Orders

We are going to place our order soon:

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

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

BeABeacon

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