

*Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church
of South Newstead
August 31st, 2025
12th Week after Pentecost*



Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God’s grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ’s banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

**PRELUDE – WELCOME –
ANNOUNCEMENTS - PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please stand as you are able

GATHERING SONG: O God Beyond All Praising – Blue Book: 797

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.

☐ 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.

☐ 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: O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6-7a

L: ⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,

^{7a} for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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

PSALM: 112

L:¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!

**ALL:² Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

L:³ Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

**ALL:⁴ Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

L:⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

**ALL:⁶ For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

L:⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

**ALL:⁸ Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

L: ⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will
hold up their head with honor.

**ALL:¹⁰ The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the
desires of the wicked will perish.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

L: ¹ Let mutual affection continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing
that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as
though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves
were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept
undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from
the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never
leave you or forsake you." ⁶ So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of
their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and
forever. ¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the
fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for
such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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: Luke 14:1, 7-14

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: ¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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: O God of Light –
Green Book: 237**

Please stand as you are able

O God of Light



1 O God of light, your word, a lamp un - fail - ing,
2 From days of old, through blind and will - ful a - ges,
3 Un - dimmed by time, those words are still re - veal - ing
4 To all the world your sum - mons you are send - ing,



shall pierce the dark - ness of our earth - bound way
though we re - belled, you gent - ly sought a - gain,
to sin - ful hearts your jus - tice and your grace;
through all the earth, to ev - 'ry land and race,



and show your grace, your plan for us un - veil - ing,
and spoke through saints, a - pos - tles, proph - ets, sa - ges,
and quest - ing spir - its, long - ing for your heal - ing,
that myr - iad tongues, in one great an - them blend - ing,



and guide our foot - steps to the per - fect day.
who wrote with ea - ger or re - luc - tant pen.
see your com - pas - sion in the Sav - ior's face.
may praise and cel - e - brate your gift of grace.

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HEALING

A word about this service:

The order for healing is an expression in worship of the church's ministry of healing. Here all who sense the need for God's healing in any aspect of their lives (mind, body or spirit) may join in prayer for others and themselves. Here each person may come to receive a word of blessing and prayer. Here each one may also receive a physical gesture of healing through the laying on of hands.

In its ministry of healing, the church does not replace the gifts of God that come through the scientific community nor does it promise a cure. Rather, the church offers and celebrates gifts such as these: God's presence with strength and comfort in time of suffering, God's promise of wholeness and peace, and God's love embodied in the community of faith.

L: Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

L: Let us pray.

Loving God, our source and our final home, we give you thanks for the gifts of life on earth, for our human bodies and all you have created.

In your great mercy,

ALL: hear us, O God.

L: Merciful God, by the wounds of your Son we are healed. Bring your saving health to all people.

In your great mercy,

ALL: hear us, O God.

L: Holy God, your Spirit came upon us in the waters of baptism and brought us into the communion of saints.

Renew in us the grace of baptism, by which we share in Christ's death and resurrection.

In your great mercy,

ALL: hear us, O God.

L: Mighty God, your Son Jesus brought healing and wholeness to all. Bring your healing presence now to all who are sick or in pain. Grant hope to all who are discouraged or in despair.

In your great mercy,

ALL: hear us, O God.

L: Compassionate God, the strength of those who suffer, bring hope and peace to all who are in mental, physical, or spiritual distress.

In your great mercy,

ALL: hear us, O God.

L: Almighty God, source of human knowledge, give skill, wisdom, and compassion to all who provide medical care.

In your great mercy,

ALL: hear us, O God.

L: Loving God, our creator and redeemer, give gentleness and courage to family members, friends, and caregivers of those who suffer.

In your great mercy,

ALL: hear us, O God.

L: Redeeming God, our refuge and strength, you have bound us together in a common life. In all our conflicts as a nation, help us to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, to listen for your voice amid competing claims, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect.

In your great mercy.

ALL: Hear us, O God.

L: God of great and abundant mercy,
with your presence sustain all for whom we pray.
Drive away their suffering, give them firm hope,
and strengthen their trust in you;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

L: Sisters and brothers, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

Those who wish to receive laying on of hands may approach and kneel or stand at the altar rail.

HYMN: Healer Of Our Every Ill
Blue Book: 738

Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,
give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain

peace and glad-ness; Spir-it of all com-fort, fill our hearts.
still un-fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir-it of all kind-ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir-it of com-pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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*PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

Living God, through the laying on of hands, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

*BLESSING

L: Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your sure defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **ALL: Amen.**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: 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.

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

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN: O Christ the Same

Blue Book: 778

To be sung during the distribution of communion

O Christ the Same



1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es—
 2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing
 3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing

our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;
 our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide;
 our lives and loves, our days and years re - main;

e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,
 still as of old, up - on your bod - y bear - ing
 our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,

un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:
 the marks of love in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:
 our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:

O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,
 O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en—
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,

who spread the skies and set the stars a - blaze;
 O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power;
 for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en:
 O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,

we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.
 we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926
 Music: LONDONDERRY AIR, Irish tune

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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

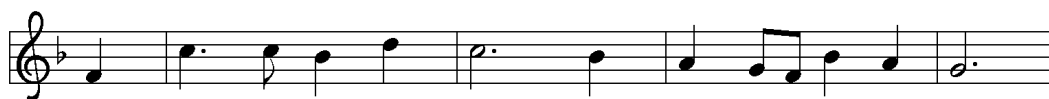
L: Let us pray together. Mothering God,
ALL: you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

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: Oh, Praise the Gracious Power (verses 1-5) – Blue Book: 750

Oh, Praise the Gracious Power



- 1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear
- 2 Oh, praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds
- 3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,
- 4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,
- 5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore



and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:
 and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:
 ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:
 a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:
 with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:



Refrain

We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

- 6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth,
 the love, the word, the tide.
 Yet more than these, oh, praise their source,
 praise Christ the crucified: *Refrain*
- 7 Oh, praise the living Christ
 with faith's bright songful voice!
 Announce the gospel to the world
 and with these words rejoice: *Refrain*

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DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, live by the Spirit.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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About Today's Readings:

First Reading: Proverbs 25:6-7a

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.

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.

Dale Kruschke – diagnosis and healing

Ray Francis – healing

David Kennedy – strength

Bill Kittel Sr. – strength and healing

April Keefe – strength and healing

John Lindner – thanksgiving for successful surgery and continued healing needed

Jonathon Kropelin - healing

Kathy Baty - healing

The Family and Friends of:

Jurgen Arndt

Mary Jo Schumacher

Lisa Black

Joan Wiesacki

Weekly:

Sunday worship at 9:30

Sunday School at 10:45

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: September: Jennifer, October: Glenn

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.

Tuesdays: 9:30-2:30, Thursdays: remote

Upcoming

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.

Monday 9/8 @ 4:30pm – Women's Group

Sunday 9/14 @ noon – Prayer Pal Reveal

Thursday 9/18 @10am: Bible Study at Zion Lutheran in Gasport

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

October 11th: Chowder Sale

Tree of Giving

The final date for dropping off items is Sept 7th. Thank you for making it a success!

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:

- 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 TODAY.

Sunday School Returns

Sunday School returns **September 7th**!

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 – Sept Meeting

Our Women's group will be meeting on **Monday September 8th 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 into 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

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:

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