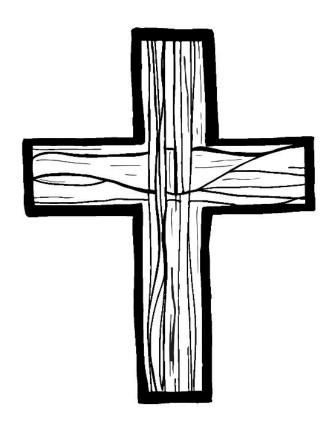
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Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

## PRELUDE – WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS - PRAYER REQUESTS

#### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

ALL: Amen.

L: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

L: Merciful and loving God,

ALL: we are your stiff-necked people.

We trample on the needy.

We grumble about your grace to others.

We turn away from the poor.

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

Rejoice over us as ones who were lost

and have been found.

Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found.

In the name of  $\bot$  Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

ALL: Amen.

\*OPENING HYMN: God's Work, Our Hands

# God's Work, Our Hands



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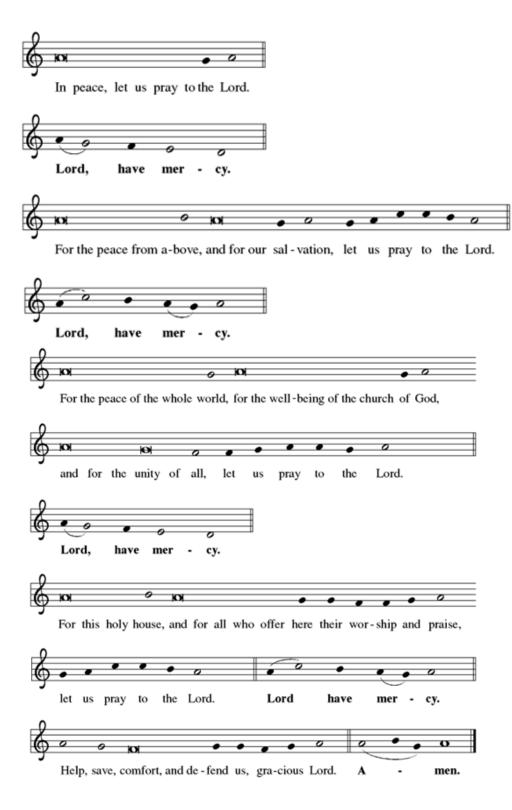
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#### \*GREETING:

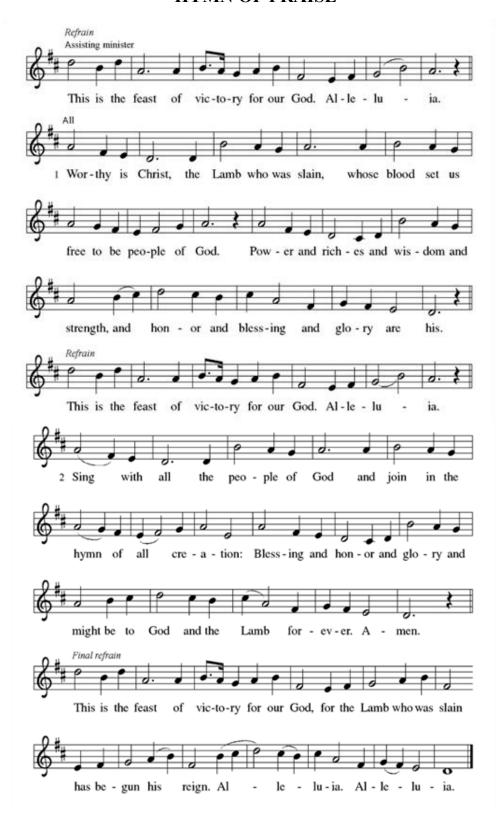
L: The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

#### ALL: And also with you.

#### \*KYRIE



### \*HYMN OF PRAISE



#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you,

## ALL: And also with you.

L: Let us pray, Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

#### FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

L: <sup>15</sup> "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup> If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup> I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup> loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

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

#### PSALM: 1

L: Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

ALL: Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

L:<sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

ALL: 4 It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

L:5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

ALL: <sup>6</sup> For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

#### **SECOND READING: Philemon 1-21**

L: <sup>1</sup> Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To our beloved coworker Philemon, <sup>2</sup> to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup> because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> I pray that the partnership of your faith may

become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. <sup>7</sup>I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

<sup>8</sup> For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, <sup>9</sup> yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup> I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup> Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. <sup>12</sup> I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. <sup>13</sup> I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, <sup>14</sup> but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. <sup>15</sup> Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, <sup>16</sup> no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup> So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup> If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. <sup>19</sup> I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup> Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup> Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

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

#### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



**GOSPEL:** Luke 14:25-33

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

# ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: <sup>25</sup> Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup> saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' <sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out to wage war

against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

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

**CHILDREN'S TIME** 

**SERMON: Pastor David Ellis** 

#### \*HYMN OF THE DAY: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus- Green Book: 487

#### Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



- Let us suf fer here with Je sus, and with pa tience bear our cross.

  Let us glad ly die with Je sus. Since by death he con-quered death,
- 4 Let us al so live with Je sus. He has ris en from the dead



through a world that would de-ceive us and to sin our spir-its lure. will fol - low all our sad-ness; where he is there is no loss. from de-struc-tion, give to us he will free us im - mor - tal breath. life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, since you are our head, that



On - ward in his foot-steps tread-ing, pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Though to - day we sow no laugh-ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy: Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin; we are your own liv - ing mem-bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, all dis-com-forts that an - noy then by grace we all may win in your pres-ence con-stant-ly, let us do our Fa - ther's bid-ding.

let us do our Fa - ther's bid-ding.

shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.

un - told fruits of his cre - a - tion.

liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith-ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide. know. Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to you Ι die, there to live with you high. Je - sus, un - to faith - ful life e - ter - nal grant to Je - sus, if Ι be, me.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978 Music: LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN, Georg G. Boltze, 18th cent.

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#### \* APOSTLES CREED

L: We are God's people. Joining together, let us 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.

#### \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence*.

L: We pray for the church to follow in your ways, that it may be a witness to your love for all people. Help us choose all that is life-giving and confront the forces of death. God of grace, **ALL: receive our prayer.** 

L: We pray for creation, that it may be cherished and nurtured. Sustain farmlands, animals, and waters; restore places affected by calamities; and shield coastlands from rising seas. God of grace,

ALL: receive our prayer.

L: We pray for those in authority. Grant them wisdom to govern justly and compassion to care for the marginalized. Equip them for actions that further the common good. God of grace, **ALL: receive our prayer.** 

L: We pray for those who are sick, hungry, unhoused, or lonely (*especially*). May they find healing through your love and the care of those around them. Lead us to be your hands and feet in the world. God of grace,

ALL: receive our prayer.

L: We pray for this congregation, that we may be united in love and faith. Refresh our hearts in Christ, and deepen our support of one another. We pray that our sharing of faith may transform lives. We pray the same for congregations in transition, especially Zion Lutheran Church of Gasport. God of grace,

ALL: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: We thank you for those who have died and now dwell with the saints. Surround them with your divine mercy, that they find peace and rest in your loving embrace. God of grace,

#### ALL: receive 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...

L: God of grace, ALL: receive our prayer.

L: We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. **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.



# SCAN ME

#### **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.



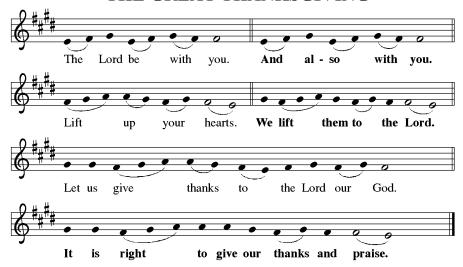
#### \*OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray together. Lord of the harvest,

ALL: we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us.

Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

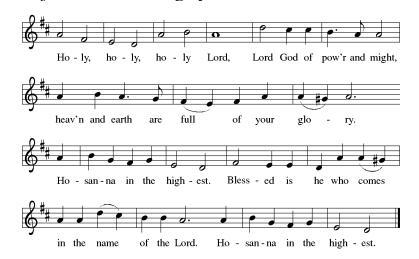


L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places

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:



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.

#### \*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

#### THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The minister will give instruction on the distribution of communion.





**COMMUNION HYMN: Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross** 

## Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915 Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

# COMMUNION HYMN: by request, if needed

#### \*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.** 

#### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Let us pray together: O God,

ALL: through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants.

Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### \*BLESSING

L: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free,

+ bless you now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

\*SENDING HYMN: Lift High The Cross – Green Book: 377

# Lift High the Cross



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#### \*DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

# Thank you to Pastor Ellis for leading us in worship today!

#### **About Today's Readings:**

#### First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the LORD; or choose death by following other gods.

#### **Second Reading: Philemon 1-21**

Onesimus, a new Christian and a man enslaved by Philemon, has helped Paul, who is in prison. Paul writes this letter to his friend Philemon to encourage him to receive Onesimus, upon his return, as a sibling in Christ.

#### **Gospel: Luke 14:25-33**

Jesus speaks frankly about the costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

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# 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 system, please call Sue Kidder at 716-542-2095.

We pray for healing, strength and patience for those we love going through difficult times:

Dale Kruschke
Ray Francis
David Kennedy
Bill Kittel Sr.
April Keefe
John Lindner
Jonathon Kropelin
Kathy Baty
Chris Anderson

We pray for patience, strength and support for the families and friends of:

Mary Jo Schumacher

Lisa Black

Joan Wiesacki

Daryl Mazza

The victims of the Mineappolis school shooting

#### **Weekly**:

Sunday worship at 9:30 Sunday School at 10:45

Thursdays at 10am Bible Study (see Bible Study 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 9<sup>th</sup> @ 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

TODAY: Rally Day for Sunday School! 10:45am

**TBD: Corn Shucking!** 

Monday Sept 8: Women's group at 4:30 Sunday Sept 14: Prayer Pal Reveal at noon

October 11th: Chowder Sale

## **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.

Pastor Rick, Pastor Craig, and Pastor Sohail lead this Bible Study, which is at 10 am Thursdays. The location rotates among the NOEL churches. Our upcoming locations and dates are:

- -September 11<sup>th</sup>: Trinity Lutheran, 6369 Wolcottsville Rd
- -September 18th: Zion Lutheran, 4447 Central Ave, Gasport
- -September 25th: St. John's Lutheran Church, 10213 Rosevelt Hwy, Lyndonville
- -October 2<sup>nd</sup> here at Trinity!

#### **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 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> – don't miss it! Sept 7<sup>th</sup> promises to be lots of fun, too!

#### Women's Group - September Meeting

Our Women's group will be meeting TOMORROW, **Monday September 8<sup>th</sup> 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 TODAY, please. Put them in the offering plate, thanks!

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