

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
HAYFIELD, MINNESOTA

Pastor Kristen Anderson
Denise Phillippe, Director of Christian Education

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM

September 10, 2023

Welcome to worship at Trinity!

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

Today's Worship Assistants

Lector: Corey Wagner

Musicians: Worship Band

Ushers: Tom & Sarah Fredrickson and family

Worship Band: Dave Jorstad, Heather Egger, Larry O' Malley, Colleen Fish, Shelly Brown, Brady Kylo, and Lila Rehnelt.



August/September Attendance

August 6:52

August 13:61

August 20:88

August 27:54

September 3:44

Trinity Mission Statement

To proclaim God's grace in Christ through Word and Sacrament; To nurture faith through Christian education and fellowship; and To bring the Gospel to the world community through Christian witness, sacrifice, and love.

GATHERING

PRELUDE: *“10,000 Reasons”*

Trinity Worship Band

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(*Stand if able)

*GATHERING HYMN: *“Here I am To Worship”*

Light of the world, You step down into darkness. Opened my eyes let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you hope of a life spent with you.

Chorus:

And here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that you're my God,
You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of days Oh so highly exalted Glorious in heaven above
Humbly you came to the earth you created. All for love's sake became poor.

Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that you're my God,
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross
I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross

Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that you're my God,
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

***Apostolic Greeting:**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

***Thanksgiving for Baptism:**

P: Trusting that Jesus dwells in our midst and loves us into life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

We give you thanks, Holy One, for washing us and drawing us into your community.

We give you thanks for the waters that have shaped and formed your people in every time and place:

For water that washed the earth and brought about your promises;

For water that parted so that your people could dance in freedom;

For water that quenched the thirst of your promised people;

For water that shaped a holy land;

For water that washed a foreigner clean;

For water that satisfied a woman who did not even know she was thirsty;

For water that welcomed an outsider on the road;

For water that cleanses and makes whole;

For water that drenches us and makes us your own.

P: Holy One, we give you thanks that your love flows over and into and through us.
Make your Spirit live in us, that we might live for others.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

* **SONG OF PRAISE:** *“Make Me an Instrument”*

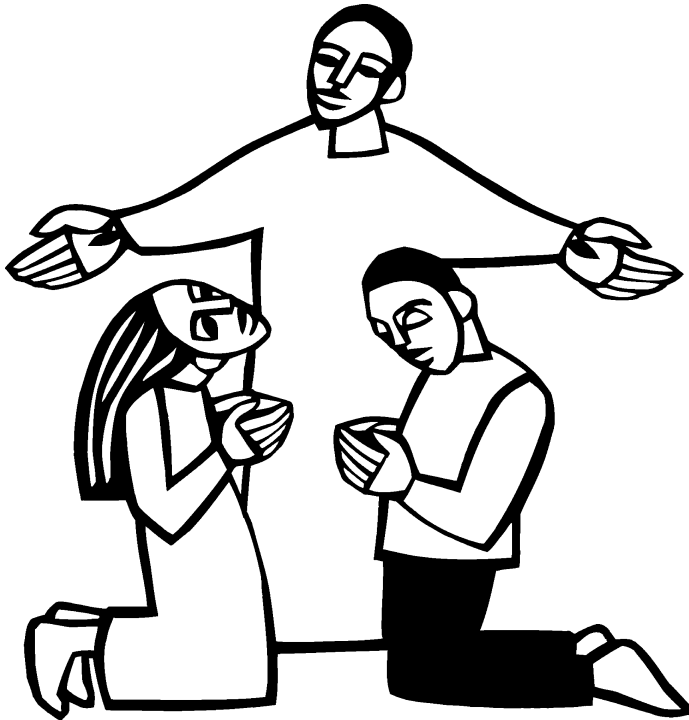
Make Me An Instrument

Make me an instrument of your love. Let me be a
channel from above. Make me an instrument of your love,
an instrument of your love.

When a friend is in need of an open heart
let me be there, oh let me be there. When a friend is lost
with nowhere to go, let me be there.

When some one is hungry, when someone is cold,
let me be there, oh let me be there. When someone needs help to
carry their load, let me be there.

If someone should wonder is God still alive
let me be there, oh let me be there. If someone should wonder does
God really care, let me be there.



* Prayer of the Day

Holy One, you stretch wide your tent that all may be welcomed in, and in Jesus you stretched out your hands in expansive love for a weary and wounded world. Help us to reach out with your own wounded hands of love, that through us your life may be known in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

PSALM: Psalm 119:33-40 (read responsively)

- L: ³³Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.
- C: ³⁴**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.**
- L: ³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.
- C: ³⁶**Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.**
- L: ³⁷Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.
- C: ³⁸**Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.**
- L: ³⁹Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.
- C: ⁴⁰**Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.**

SECOND READING: Romans 13: 8-14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The 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, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S LESSON

* <u>SONG OF THE WORD:</u> <i>"Make Me a Servant"</i>
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Make me a servant, humble and meek:
Lord, let me life up those who are weak:
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
Make me a servant today.

* GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

P: The Gospel according to Matthew

C: Glory to You, O Lord

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

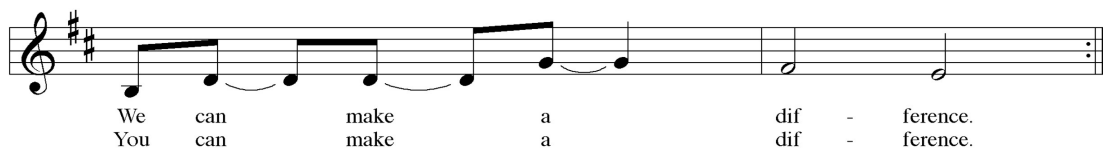
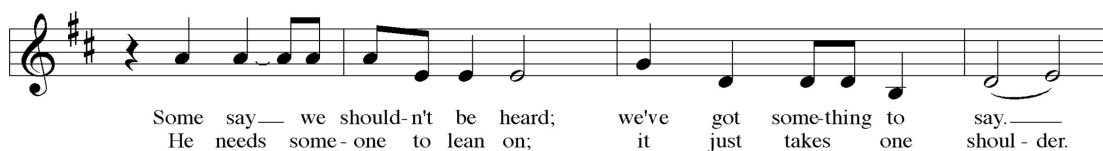
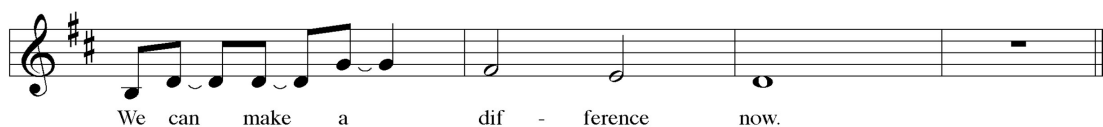
SERMON: "Love Your Neighbor"

Pastor Kristen Anderson

SONG OF THE DAY: *"We Can Make a Difference"*

WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

David Lee Brown
Larry Olson
Karol Baer



*Celebration of Vocation & Blessing of Hands for Ministry

P: We are called to proclaim the good news:

C: God is at work!

P: This good news is not left in some history long ago or a place far away;

C: God is at work in the world still today!

P: In us and through us, God is glorified in our work. When we offer a helping hand, God is praised. When we share of our abundance, God is known in the world.

C: God is at work in us!

P: In our service today, and in our daily lives, let us live out what God has called us to in baptism.

C: God is at work through our hands.

P: God bless your hands and your work, that through you God's love may be known.

C: Amen.

*Prayers of the Church

P: God, we pray

C: open our hands in love.

OFFERING/CHILDREN'S NOISY OFFERING

OFFERING SONG *"Everybody's Got Something to Offer"*

EVERYBODY'S GOT SOMETHING TO OFFER

Larry Olson

Ev - ery - bo - dy's got some - thing to of - fer; young and old the
prince and the pau - per. Ev - ery - bo - dy's got some - thing to of - fer
in the name of the Lord.
To the lost and the low - ly ones the mes - sage it is
To the be - liev - ers gath - ered here the mes - sage it is
clear; we have all got a gift to give our hands,
true; we have all got a gift to give in all
our hearts, our tears. Ev - ery - bo - dy's got
we say and do. Ev - ery - bo - dy's got

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*The Lord's Prayer

*Benediction

SENDING

***SENDING HYMN** *“God’s Work, Our Hands”*

God’s work, our hands: working together,
Building a future, repairing the world,
Raising up homes, planting new gardens,
Feeding the hungry and shelt’ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Sharing the good news of your Gospel.

God’s work, our feet: trav’ling together,
Following Jesus to places unknown,
Walking as friend, marching for freedom
Running the race with God’s future the goal.
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,
Sharing the good news of your Gospel.

God’s work, our voice: singing together,
Praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,
Praying for peace, shouting for justice,
Claiming God’s love for the lost and the least.
Bless, God our voice as we speak in your name,
Sharing the good news of your Gospel.

God is at work in and around us:
Seedlings are sprouting and bread’s on the rise!
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,
Gifted by grace, we respond in God’s love.
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,
Sharing the good news of your Gospel.

DISMISSAL

L: Go In Peace and Serve the Lord! C: Thanks Be to God!

POSTLUDE

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2023
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**



Love your neighbor as yourself.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 18:15-20	Seeking reconciliation
Monday	Ezekiel 33:7-11	God's judgment seeks repentance
Tuesday	Romans 13:8-14	Love for one another
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 4:5-14	Israel is favored by God
Thursday	Galatians 5:13-15	Christ gives freedom
Friday	Leviticus 19:9-18	Living a holy life
Saturday	Psalms 119:33-40	A prayer for understanding
Sunday	Matthew 18:21-35	A parable about forgiveness

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

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, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Romans 13:9 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of goodness and mercy, give us hearts to love and to care for others as you care for us through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mealtimes Prayer:

Dear God, with this gift of food strengthen us to delight in your law of love for the sake of all you have created through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you long for the ways of God that teach love and mercy through Jesus Christ.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Beloved, God's Chosen



taking  faith
home

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What news have you seen or heard recently where laws have been broken?
- Jesus said, "love your neighbor as yourself." What makes it hard to love others as you love yourself?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Romans 13:8-14.

The law of God was—and is—intended as a gift from God that we may live in peace with one another. The commandments are plain and simple: we should not commit adultery, murder, steal, or covet what others have. The law mirrors the love of God that intends goodness and mercy for people. As Deuteronomy 4:8 states, "[W]hat other great nation has statutes and ordinances, as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?" The law demands right action toward people that is merciful, especially for the less powerful who cannot otherwise protect themselves. Mercy is well summarized by saying, "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Romans 13:9), a reference to Leviticus 19:18 that was quoted by Jesus, Paul, and others in the Bible. The gospel life offers mercy and acts of love for the sake of the health of individuals and communities alike.

Discuss: What do you think it means to show mercy through the love and care of others?

Pray: **Loving God, we thank you for the gift of your law and for freeing us to love others as you have loved us through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how can you care for the daily needs of others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Bible studies, Sunday school, and youth groups are wonderful opportunities to gather to read the Bible, have caring conversations, and learn together. Think or talk about where and how you learn God's word. Psalm 119 is a lovely text that promotes learning God's will and word.

Pray: **Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end. Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart. Amen.**

(Psalm 119:33-34)



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT SUNDAY: is Campus Ministry Sunday in our synod. To help us celebrate the gift of campus ministry, we will welcome board members and students from Campus Ministry in Winona. They will share a temple talk during worship next Sunday and look forward to visiting with our congregation. During the worship service, we will also be celebrating the baptisms of Blakely Goodwin and Asher Goodwin, children of Connor and Taylor Goodwin.

Adult Forum begins next Sunday, September 17th at 10:15 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Join Us After Worship Today

Following worship today, the ENTIRE CONGREGATION is welcome and encouraged to join us in celebrating the ELCA-wide day of service, God's Work Our Hands, by participating in a service project. See the posted charts or take one from the end of the pew. Following the service projects, around 11 a.m., we'll enjoy fellowship at a potluck and grill party.

Some Key Fall Education Dates

Sep 13, Confirmation Meetings

Sep 13, 6:30 p.m., 7th-9th grade small group leaders meeting

Sep 13, 7p.m., Student and Parent meeting, 7th, 8th, 9th graders

Sep 13, 7:30 p.m., 10th grade confirmation, meeting for students and parents

Sep 15, ELCA Youth Gathering registration opens

Sep 17, first day of Sunday School classes, adult forum

Sep 20, first day of WASS, Wednesday Supper, confirmation class, high school youth group

Sep 24, 11 a.m., Bible class for 2nd graders

Sep 24, High School Youth Event

Oct 1, 9 a.m., Bible presentation

Oct 15, confirmation brunch after worship service

Oct 19-20, 10th grade confirmation retreat

Oct 25, faith paper night

Oct 29, confirmation worship service

Please Register Your Child or Teen Now!

As we launch programs this fall, we want to be sure every child or teen is registered; we need this for safety reasons. The online registration for educational programs is available through a button on Trinity's website.

Wednesday Suppers--Facilitator Needed

To offer Wednesday Suppers, we need an adult to facilitate or coordinate. Trinity will post an online sign up to assist with the effort. Talk with Cathy, Denise, or Pastor Kristen.

Financial Concerns--ELCA Youth Gathering 2024

Registration opens soon. If your family has financial limitations or concerns, NOW is the time to speak with Denise or Pastor Kristen. The conversation is confidential.

All singers invited to a musical meeting/rehearsal on Wed., Sept 27th!!!,& we will sing on Sunday, Oct. 1st!!



HEADS UP..... “Messiah” on December 3rd

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sun: 10	9:00am: Worship 10:00am: God's Work. Our Hands. Intergenerational Service projects at church and in the community 11:00am: Potluck/Grill Out 12:00pm: Youth Board
Mon: 11	7:00pm: A.A. Meeting 7:00pm: Education Board 7:00pm: Finance Board
Tues: 12	8:30am: SAIL Exercise 10:00am: Bible Study
Wed: 13	3:00pm: WASS 6:30pm: Confirmation Small Group Leaders meeting 7:00pm: Confirmation Parents & Students meeting 7:30pm: 10th grade confirmation meeting
Thur:14	8:30am: SAIL Exercise
Sun 17	7:30am: Council Meeting 9:00am: Worship-Communion 9:00am: Sacrament of Baptism for Asher & Blakely Goodwin Campus Ministry Sunday in our Synod 10:00am: Sunday School 10:15am: Adult Forum in Fellowship Hall

Prayer Concerns

For strength and healing: Russell Boulton, Wayne Johnson, Herb Daleske, Pastor Bagne, Lowell Bakkedahl, Shirley Miner and Cody Hegna.

PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU OR A MEMBER IS HOSPITALIZED

July 2023 Finances

July Offering Income:	\$18,506.05
July Budgeted Exps:	\$20,858.15
Difference:	(\$2,352.10)

2023 Year-to-date Income:	\$208,586.39
2023 Year-to-date Expense:	<u>\$185,287.30</u>
Difference:	\$23,299.09

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