

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Hayfield, Minnesota

Rev. Kristen Anderson, Pastor

Denise Phillippe, Director of Christian Education

16th Sunday After Pentecost

9:00am

September 17,

Welcome to worship at Trinity!

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

WELCOME to our guests from Lutheran Campus Ministry in Winona! They will be sharing a temple talk with us during the worship. Today is Campus Ministry Sunday in our SE Minnesota Synod, and we are delighted to celebrate and support their ministry.

The rose on the altar is to celebrate the birth of Revere Lee Wentworth, daughter of Miranda Roberts and Cody Wentworth. Revere was born on July 6, 2023. She joins big sisters Rylin Roberts and Winsley Wentworth.

Musician: Judy Follmuth

Lector: Lutheran Campus Ministry

Ushers: Tom & Sarah Fredrickson and family

Communion Assistant: Lutheran Campus Ministry

Acolyte: Braylon Fredrickson and June Schmeling

Videographer: Katie Robers



Congratulations to Asher Henry and Blakely Nicole Goodwin, children of Connor & Taylor Goodwin, who will be baptized during the worship service today. Sponsors for Asher and Blakely are Jarred & Tylor Ellis, Brian Goodwin, Trace Tebay and Alexis Dudycha. Maternal grandparents are Jason & Angie Tebay. Paternal grandparents are Brad & Amy Goodwin.

GATHERING

*Stand if able

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Confession and Forgiveness**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be God,
the one who forms us,

✝ Jesus who bears the cross,
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility,
confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God,
**you have revealed the ways of justice,
yet we fail to follow you.**

**We are overwhelmed
by the world's violence and suffering.
We are afraid to risk what we have
for the sake of others.**

**For the harm we have caused,
known and unknown, forgive us.
For the unjust demands we place on others
and your creation, forgive us.**

**For the ways we turn away
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.**

**Lead us back to you
and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.
God's compassion is beyond compare.
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.
In **+** Christ, you are already and always forgiven.
Amen.

*** GATHERING HYMN:** *"Gather Us In"*

verses 1,3,4 # 532

***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.

TEMPLE TALK: Lutheran Campus Ministry/Winona

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BAPTISM HYMN: *"Children of the Heavenly Father"*

verses 1,2 #781

SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM Asher Henry and Blakely Nicole Goodwin p. 227-231

WORD

FIRST READING: **Genesis 50:15-21**

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

PSALM: **Psalms 103:[1-7] 8-13**

- L: ¹Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
- C: ²**Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits—**
- L: ³who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;
- C: ⁴**who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**
- L: ⁵who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- C: ⁶**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.
- C: ⁸**LORD, YOU ARE FULL OF COMPASSION AND MERCY,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**
- L: ⁹you will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger forever.
- C: ¹⁰**You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**

- L: ¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.
- C: ¹²**As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**
- L: ¹³As a father has compassion for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

SECOND READING: **Romans 14:1-12**

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

***GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35**

P: The Gospel according to Matthew

C: Glory to you, O Lord

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON:

“To Forgive”

Pastor Kristen Anderson

HYMN OF THE DAY: *“Where Charity & Love Prevail”*

verses 1,3,5 #359

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

MEAL

OFFERING/CHILDREN'S NOISY OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC: *"He Touched Me"*

Hosanna

*Offertory: *"Let The Vineyards be Fruitful, Lord"*

LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL, LORD,
AND FILL TO THE BRIM OUR CUP OF BLESSING.
GATHER A HARVEST FROM THE SEEDS THAT WERE SOWN,
THAT WE MAY BE FED WITH THE BREAD OF LIFE.
GATHER THE HOPES AND DREAMS OF ALL;
UNITE THEM WITH THE PRAYERS WE OFFER NOW.
GRACE OUR TABLE WITH YOUR PRESENCE,
AND GIVE US A FORETASTE OF THE FEAST TO COME.

* WORDS OF INSTITUTION

* LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(All are invited to receive the Sacrament today...the Bread of Life from heaven! If you prefer juice (instead of wine) or a gluten-free wafer (instead of bread), please let the server know. Let the usher know if you'd like Communion brought to your pew.)

HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION: *"Softly & Tenderly"*

#592

*COMMUNION BLESSING

*THE BENEDICTION

SENDING

* **SENDING HYMN:** *"Give to Our God Immortal Praise"*

verses 1,3

#848

* DISMISSAL

P: GO IN PEACE AND SERVE THE LORD!

C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU, Teachers and Leaders!

Thank you to all our Sunday School teachers, confirmation small group leaders, Wednesday After School Special (WASS) leaders, and substitute teachers, who are being installed today! Thank you for accompanying our children and youth on their faith journey. These teachers and leaders are:

Sunday School Teachers Lana Mindrup, Anna Mork, Ellie Mork, Deb Oelkers, Becky Rouhoff, Kenna Selk, Kate Siemers, Margeaux Streiff, Breanna Subbert, Brittany Thompson, Kenzie Zelinske;

WASS Leader Elizabeth Purrier.

Confirmation Small Group Leaders Lori Faulhaber, Alex Hansen, Velerie Faulhaber, Sarah Fredrickson, Sarah Otterness, Kelli Schmeling, Ginny Shadow, Laurie Thraenert, Corey Wagner;

Substitute Teachers/Leaders Colleen Fish, Brenna Scanlan, Amanda Tank, Briana Whittington, Sami Zuk.

Some Key Fall Education Dates

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, 6-8 p.m., Fall Kickoff High School Youth Event (grades 9-12)

Oct 1, 9 a.m., Bible presentation

Oct 8, piemaking for grades 5-7

Oct 15, confirmation brunch after worship service

Oct 15, high school youth monthly event

Oct 19-20, 10th grade confirmation retreat

Oct 25, faith paper night

Oct 29, confirmation worship service

Kick Off the Youth Year and Meet Elizabeth!

First Opportunity

Students in **grades 10-12, September 20**, new youth coordinator Elizabeth Klocke will be at Wednesday Supper starting around 5:45, and then she'll lead the first youth group of the year, at 6:30 in the youth room.

Second Opportunity

Students in **grades 9-12, September 24**, Fall Kickoff event. Join new youth coordinator Elizabeth Klocke and other youth for smores, hot dogs, bonfire, yard games, board games. PLUS, create a Trinity TikTok dance!

ELCA Youth Gathering Registration Has Opened

We believe we have emailed registration information to families of all eligible Trinity students (9th-12th graders). If you did not receive this information, contact Denise. Join us in New Orleans, July 16-20 plus travel days. Created To Be!

Children and Teens Registered for School-Year Programs?

The online registration for educational programs is available through a button on Trinity's website.

CHOIR NEWS

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



Adult Forum: resumes today downstairs in the fellowship hall beginning at 10:15 a.m. We will be taking a look at a potential new social statement in the ELCA entitled Civic Life and Faith. Today's focus question will be: How's God's invitation to discipleship lived out in a democracy?

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2023
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

taking
faith
home

God is merciful and gracious, full of love.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 18:21-35	A parable about forgiveness
Monday	Genesis 50:15-21	Joseph forgives his brothers
Tuesday	Romans 14:1-12	Do not judge one another
Wednesday	2 John 1:1-6	Truth and love
Thursday	Lamentations 3:18-24	There is still hope
Friday	2 Peter 1:1-11	Do all you can to show God's love
Saturday	Psalms 103:1-13	Thanksgiving for God's goodness
Sunday	Matthew 20:1-16	Parable of the vineyard workers

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Psalm 103:8 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of mercy and grace, give us hearts full of compassion, ready to forgive others as you have forgiven us through Christ Jesus, who died that we may live. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God of abundant love, we thank you for this food that you give to us and to all. Help us to share your goodness and mercy with others through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of mercy and grace who sustains you, give you joy.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*The Numberless Gifts of
God's Mercies*



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:

- How do you respond when you are in conflict with a particular person or group?
- Jesus sets us free to love others. What does this mean to you?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Romans 14:1-12.

The world is divided in many ways. Countries are divided into parties and loyalties. Families can be divided by strong and diverse views. Even congregations can be divided by different viewpoints. Paul gives us a word that we need to hear today. We are to keep the main thing the main thing, and that is this: Christ died to be the Lord of all. Therefore, why pass judgment and despise those for whom Christ died? As the saying goes, "When you look into the eyes of another, you are looking at someone God loves." Be careful not to judge and condemn. As Psalm 103:8 reminds us, "*The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*" Our God who is slow to anger should be a strong caution to us not to be quick to judge. Whether it is over diet, piety, political or economic convictions, our judgments will all pass away, but God's judgment is eternal, and that judgment is most clearly seen from the cross of Christ. Jesus died for us that we may be set free to love others, in spite of our differences.

Discuss: What relationship do you have with someone where you could use a kinder word to reconcile that relationship through Christ our Lord?

Pray: **Almighty and living God, help us to see beyond our self-righteous judgments of others and to receive your forgiveness with joy and gladness through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, who in your life can you reach out to with a word or action that expresses forgiveness?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Genesis 50:15-21 is the story of Joseph forgiving his brothers for throwing him in a pit and selling him into slavery. Forgiving someone who has hurt you is not easy. Think or talk about a time when you forgave someone or someone forgave you and how it may have changed your relationship.

Pray: **Dear Lord, help me to open my heart and mind to know when to forgive and when to ask for forgiveness for my words or actions towards another. In Jesus' name, amen.**



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

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sun:17 7:30am: Council Meeting
9:00am: Worship—
Communion
9:00am: Campus Ministry Temple Talk
9:00am: Goodwin Baptism
9:57 am: Sunday School children leave sanctuary for music and class, if service is running long
10:00am: Sunday School
10:15am: Adult Forum

Mon :18 7:00pm: AA

Tues:19 8:30: SAIL Exercise Class
10:00am: Bible Study

Wed:20 9:00am: WELCA Bible Study
3:00pm: WASS Begins
5:00pm: Wednesday Supper
6:30pm: Youth Group
6:30pm: Confirmation

Thur:21 8:00am: SAIL Exercise Class

Sun:24 9:00am: Worship
10:00am: Sunday School
10:15am: Adult Forum
11:00am: 2nd Grade Bible
6:00pm: Fall Kickoff Event/High School Youth

August 2023 Finances

August Offering Income:	\$16,265.45
August Budgeted Exps:	<u>\$23,635.35</u>
Difference:	(\$7,369.90)

2023 Year-to-date Income:	\$224,851.84
2023 Year-to-date Expense:	<u>\$208,922.65</u>
Difference:	\$15,929.19

Prayer Concerns

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

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

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August/September Attendance

August 6:52

August 13:61

August 20:88

August 27:54

September 3:44

September 10: 87