

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
HAYFIELD, MINNESOTA

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18th Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 am

September 22, 2024

**Welcome to Worship at Trinity!**

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

***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.*

**Today's Worship Assistants**

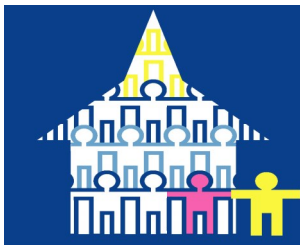
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**Become  
Part of  
*Our*  
Church  
Family**

## GATHERING

PRELUDE

Worship Band

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(\* Stand if able)

### \*GATHERING SONG

“Join the Journey”

Come join the journey of Jesus today.  
Love is the light that will show us the way.  
And like the trees bearing good fruit.  
We will bring forth Jesus' love.



Come join the journey of Jesus today.  
Joy in the spirit will brighten our way.  
And like the trees bearing good fruit.  
We will bring forth Jesus' joy.



Come join the journey of Jesus today.  
Peace is the promise for us to proclaim.  
And like the trees bearing good fruit.  
We will bring forth Jesus' peace.

Come join the journey of Jesus today.  
Love is the light that will show us the way.  
And like the trees bearing good fruit.  
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### **\*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.**

### **\*CONFESSION**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us.**  
**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,**  
**but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**  
**The cravings at war within us**  
**cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first**  
**we make distinctions among ourselves.**  
**We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.**  
**In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.**  
**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,**  
**and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,**  
**our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen**

**\*SONG OF MERCY**

“Make Me A Servant”

Make me a servant, humble and meek;  
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak;  
And may the pray’r of my heart always be;  
Make me a servant, make me a servant,  
Make me a servant today.



**\*FORGIVENESS**

God promises to forgive our iniquity  
and to remember our sin no more.  
By grace you have been saved.  
In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ,  
the source of eternal healing,  
your sins are forgiven.  
**Amen**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen**

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20

<sup>18</sup>It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;  
then you showed me their evil deeds.

<sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb  
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me  
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,  
let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

<sup>20</sup>But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,  
who try the heart and the mind,  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

### PSALM: Psalm 54 (read responsively)

L: <sup>1</sup>Save me, O God, by your name;  
in your might, defend my cause.

C: <sup>2</sup>**Hear my prayer, O God;  
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

L: <sup>3</sup>For strangers have risen up against me,  
and the ruthless have sought my life,  
those who have no regard for God.

C: <sup>4</sup>**Behold, God is my helper;  
it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

L: <sup>5</sup>Render evil to those who spy on me;  
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

C: <sup>6</sup>**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice  
and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

L: <sup>7</sup>For you have rescued me from every trouble,  
and my eye looks down on my enemies.

### SECOND READING: James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

<sup>1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8a</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

### CHILDREN'S LESSON

### \*SONG OF THE WORD

“Help Us O Lord”

Help us O Lord to hear your word,  
Open our hearts to feel your word.  
Give us the strength  
To live your word each day.



### \*GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

P: The Gospel according to St. Mark

C: Glory to you O Lord

<sup>30</sup>[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

**SONG OF THE DAY**

“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.

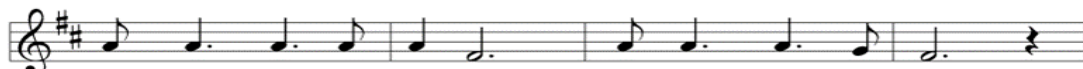
If someone should wonder is God still alive  
let me be there, oh let me be there.  
If someone should wonder  
Does God really care, let me be there.

**\*APOSTLES' CREED**

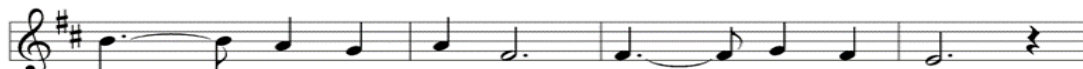
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**\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH****OFFERING/CHILDREN'S NOISY OFFERING**

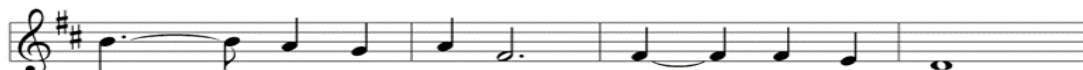
## What Have We to Offer?



1 What have we to of - fer?      What have we to share?  
2 What have we to of - fer?      What have we to bring?  
3 What have we to of - fer?      What have we to give?



Coins from the cof - fer,      hearts filled with care.  
Love, ripe with laugh - ter;      hope that we can sing;  
Eyes that are wide o - pen;      lies that we won't live;



God will not fal - ter;      so let us dare  
dreams of what we're af - ter;      prom - is - es of when.  
truth that must be spo - ken;      jus - tice some - how.



lay it at the al - tar      there.  
Lay it at the al - tar      then.  
Lay it at the al - tar      now.



4 What have we to of - fer?      What have we to



give?      Lives      we will live.

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**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**SENDING**

**\*SENDING SONG**

“Let's Go Out”

Let's go out into the world  
And make it a loving place to live.  
Let's go out into the world  
And tell everyone the Savior lives.  
Let's go out. Let's go out  
And make it a loving place to live.  
Let's go out. Let's go out  
And tell everyone the Savior lives!  
Let's go out!

**\*OUR MISSIONS:**

**P: GO IN PEACE AND SERVE THE LORD!**

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**POSTLUDE**



## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

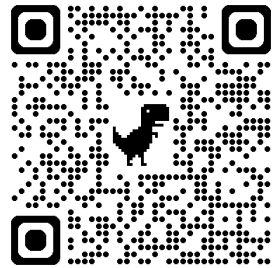
**Repair Projects Update:** A few days ago, a crew from State Line Asphalt began working on the alley parking lot. As they put down two pourings of asphalt, we will not be able to park there for a couple of days, so please be mindful of that. Also, a crew from Family Tree Landscaping in Rochester will begin work very soon on the landscaping near the west steps.

### **Reminder--2nd Grade Bible Class at 11 Today**

Class today for 2nd graders and at least one parent or adult will be in Fellowship Hall.

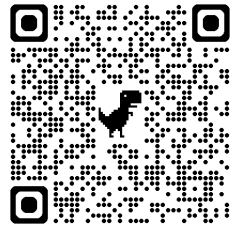
### **Volunteer to Prepare a Meal or Help Once or More with Wednesday Suppers!**

We are looking for volunteers to prepare and/or serve Wednesday Suppers, 5-6:15 p.m. each Wednesday, starting September 25. We provide this service so that elementary and high school students have a warm meal after church activities and before school activities OR after school activities and before church activities. This fall, we'll offer meals on 11 Wednesdays. Someone has signed up to serve every meal; if you would like to serve the meal you make, just indicate this in the comments box. Read more information and sign up using the QR code.



### **If You Missed Registering Your Student(s), It's Not Too Late**

Use the QR code for online registration. Register your children and teens for Sunday School (age 3 through grade 6), Wednesday After School Special (WASS) (grades 3-6), confirmation (grades 7-9), 10th grade confirmation, and high school youth group (grades 9-12).



SEPTEMBER 22, 2024  
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST



*Jesus calls us to be a servant to all.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 9:30-37	The servant of all is the greatest
Monday	Jeremiah 11:18-20	Plot to kill Jeremiah
Tuesday	James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a	Wisdom from above
Wednesday	Galatians 5:13-15	The nature of Christian freedom
Thursday	Psalms 31:14-24	A prayer for protection
Friday	2 Timothy 3:10-17	Paul's charge to Timothy
Saturday	Psalms 54	A cry to God for help
Sunday	Mark 9:38-50	Avoiding sin

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*He [Jesus] sat down, called the twelve and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Mark 9:35 (NRSV)*

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

God of power and might, give us wisdom and faith to see that being a servant to others is the path of life and greatness through our Lord Christ Jesus. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, we thank you for your loving service that provides for us this gift of food through Jesus Christ, the one who came to be a servant of all. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May God deliver you from every trouble. (Psalm 54:7)



**SEPTEMBER 22, 2024**

**HYMN OF THE WEEK** 

*Will You Let Me Be Your  
Servant*

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:

- Who is the most important person you know? Describe what makes that person important.
- How does our general understanding of greatness differ from Jesus' focus on greatness through service?

**DEVOTIONS** 

*Read:* Mark 9:30-37.

In this reading, Jesus' disciples clearly do not understand what Jesus is saying. They are afraid to even question Jesus. They seem clueless and pretty much end up imagining the opposite of what Jesus has been saying. They argued about who was the greatest among them. Jesus had to shake things up a bit to get them on the right track. Instead of greatness and power, Jesus used the example of a defenseless child. He reasoned that if you want to understand his kingdom, you must be like a small, powerless child. Whatever you consider to be the best and the greatest, put that last. Whatever you are tempted to dishonor, honor it for all to see. So, what does a follower of Jesus look like? (A servant of everyone else.) Instead of the greatness of being served, greatness for Jesus is serving. Giving your life's blood for the needs of others will fill them with good things and bless them with the presence of a gracious God.

*Discuss:* How has someone served you and how did that make you feel?

*Pray:* **Almighty God, give us ears to hear and eyes to see the life you want for us as servants that all may know your love through Christ Jesus, the one who died that we may live. Amen.**

**SERVICE** 

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you be a servant to someone?

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS** 

James 3:18 states, *"And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace."* Pray this well-known prayer written by St. Francis of Assisi and discuss what it means: **Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**



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

