

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
HAYFIELD, MINNESOTA

Pastor Kristen Anderson  
Denise Phillippe, Director of Christian Education

17th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM

September 24, 2023

**Welcome to worship at Trinity!**

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.



**Today's Worship Assistants**

**Lector:** Harry Follmuth

**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.

**Acolyte:** Madyson Reniker and Lexie Hinsch

**Videographer:** Nolan Pack

***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:     *“Messiah”*

Trinity Worship Band

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(\*Stand if able)

\*GATHERING HYMN:   *“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;  
We will bring forth Jesus’ love, we will bring forth Jesus’ love.

\*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 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.**

**\*SONG OF PRAISE:** *“Give Thanks”*

Give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.  
Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say I am strong  
Let the poor say I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us  
And now let the weak say I am strong  
Let the poor say I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us

Give thanks  
Give thanks

**\* Prayer of the Day**

**Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants.  
Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and  
train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen**

**\*SPECIAL MUSIC:** *“You Raise Me Up”* Duet by Nancy Matti and Judy Follmuth

## WORD

### FIRST READING:     **Jonah 3:10--4:11**

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

<sup>4:1</sup>But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup>And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” <sup>5</sup>Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

<sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” <sup>10</sup>Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup>And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

**PSALM: Psalm 145:1-8** (read responsively)

L: <sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, my God and king,  
and bless your name forever and ever.

C: <sup>2</sup>**Every day will I bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.**

L: <sup>3</sup>Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!  
There is no end to your greatness.

C: <sup>4</sup>**One generation shall praise your works to another  
and shall declare your power.**

L: <sup>5</sup>I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty  
and all your marvelous works.

C: <sup>6</sup>**They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,  
and I will recount your greatness.**

L: <sup>7</sup>They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;  
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

C: <sup>8</sup>**The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

**SECOND READING: Philippians 1:21-30**

<sup>21</sup>For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup>Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup>so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. <sup>29</sup>For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—<sup>30</sup>since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

<b>CHILDREN'S LESSON</b>
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<b>* <u>SONG OF THE WORD:</u></b> <i>"Listen"</i>
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Listen

Listen to the Word of the Lord.

Listen. Listen. Listen.

\* GOSPEL:      **Matthew 20:1-16**

**P: The Gospel according to Matthew**

**C: Glory to You, O Lord**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' <sup>7</sup>They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?' <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

**P: The Gospel of the Lord**

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

**SERMON:**      "Generosity"

Pastor Kristen Anderson

**SONG OF THE DAY:** *“Shout To The Lord”*

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you.  
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength;  
let every breath, all that I am never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing power and majesty, praise  
to the King. Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the  
sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;  
forever I'll love you forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

\*APOSTLE'S CREED  
\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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OFFERING/CHILDREN'S NOISY OFFERING





*OFFERING SONG <i>“To God Alone”</i>
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Can you take me by the hand?  
Can you use me as I am?  
Break me into who you want me to be  
When the time is finally right  
Will you open up my eyes?  
Show me everything you want me to see  
This life is not my own

Chorus:  
To God alone be the glory  
To God alone be the praise  
Everything I say and do  
Let it be all for you  
The glory is yours alone  
Yours alone

Take the offering I bring  
You want more than what I sing  
Can I give you every part of me  
Turn these pennies into gold  
Take this life I call my own  
Until I am running after your heart  
I am needing to let go

Chorus

We will rise, and we will fall  
But you remain after all  
You're glorious and beautiful  
You're beautiful

Chorus

\*The Lord's Prayer

\*Benediction

## **SENDING**

**\*SENDING HYMN**    *“To Be Alive”*

To be alive is to live the love that is alive in God’s saving  
Son who brought us back from a life of death to be alive

There is nothing I can do to save me.

Only God carries us home

So we live mercy, hope and freedom

Loving another to be whole

To be alive is to live the love that is alive in God’s saving  
Son who brought us back from a life of death to be alive

Join the singing, join the celebration

Jesus lives, we are restored

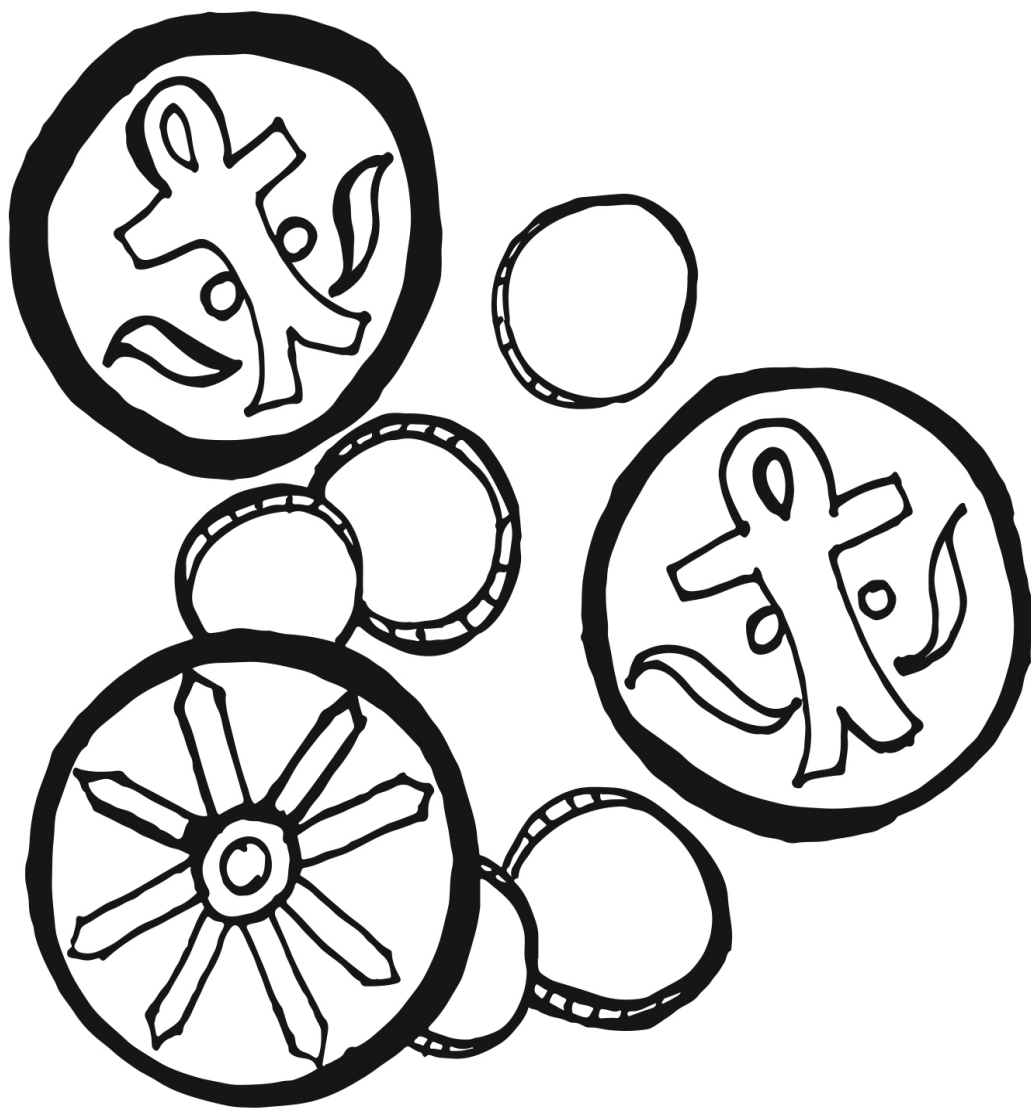
Love alive, giving and forgiving

Loving another to be whole

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE



**SEPTEMBER 24, 2023  
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**



*Responding to God's generosity with gratitude.*

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Matthew 20:1-16</b>	<b>Parable of the vineyard workers</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Jonah 3:10—4:11</b>	<b>Jonah goes to Nineveh</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Philippians 1:21-30</b>	<b>What life means to Paul</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Psalm 136</b>	<b>God's love never fails</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Matthew 5:3-12</b>	<b>The Beatitudes</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Acts 20:32-38</b>	<b>Paul says goodbye</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalm 145:1-8</b>	<b>The Lord is kind and merciful</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Matthew 21:23-32</b>	<b>Parable of the two sons</b>

### **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

*"Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last."* **Matthew 20:15-16 (NRSV)**

### **PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

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

Dear God, you are more generous than we can imagine or deserve. Thank you for your love and mercy that has no end through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, we thank you for this gift of food and all that you give, for you are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Amen. (Psalm 145:8)

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

May you be reminded of God's love and generosity each day.



**SEPTEMBER 24, 2023**

**HYMN OF THE WEEK**

*To God Our Thanks  
We Give*



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:

- When is a time you feel you were treated unfairly?
- How would you describe God's generosity? Give an example.

**DEVOTIONS**



*Read:* Matthew 20:1-16.

Fairness is in the eyes of the beholder. Most of us have experienced a time when we felt we were treated unfairly. It gets all the more frustrating when the sense of fairness is decided by God's grace. Who or what we see that should be last, may end up being first and a privileged recipient of God's generosity. There are times when the apparent unfairness of this parable can sound like good news when we are hurting, needing any help we can get, and can only take what is offered. This parable points to what God offers us—grace upon grace—something that is so much more than we deserve. As a result, our lives are able to respond with overwhelming gratitude. If gratitude is not our response to Jesus' parable, it may lead us to the observation that our sense of being first has missed the point; we may need to review the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-13) for God's sense of fairness and living rightly before God.

*Discuss:* When have you experienced God's generosity? How did you respond?

*Pray:* **God of justice and mercy, help us to see as you see and to live with compassion for all and with gratitude for what we receive 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 show an act of undeserved kindness to someone this week?

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**



Psalm 145:4 tells us: *"One generation shall extol your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts."* Think or talk about people from older or younger generations who have shown and taught you about God's love and generosity through Jesus. Consider drawing a picture, writing a note, or calling them to say thank you. As a reminder of God's generosity, prayerfully recite: *"The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love."* (Psalm 145:8)



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)

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**WORSHIP SERVICE AT CRESTVIEW VILLA:** Trinity will host a monthly worship service with Holy Communion for residents at the Crest View Villas on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Our first worship service will be on Tuesday, September 26 at 1:00 p.m. Community members are also welcome to attend the service.

### **YOUTH: Kick Off the Youth Year and Meet Elizabeth, Your New Coordinator!**

Students in grades 9-12, TODAY, 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! Event is 6-8 outside on the Trinity lawn by the fire pit (indoors if weather is poor); join the fun when you're able.

Every Wednesday evening, 6:30-7:30, Elizabeth will lead youth group.

### **Register Now for the ELCA Youth Gathering**

Paper registration forms are available on the youth bulletin board. 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! Trinity's registration will close October 15, in order for us to take advantage of lower prices and choices about our stay in New Orleans. Scholarship application closes October 10, but the earlier the better.

### **Volunteer to Help with Wednesday Suppers!**

We are looking for volunteers to prepare and/or serve Wednesday Suppers, 5-6:15 p.m. each Wednesday. We provide meals to help elementary and high school students have a warm meal after church activities and before school activities OR after school activities and before church activities. Details and signup online; see button on Trinity website, youth ministry. If you don't do online, talk with Denise and she'll get you signed up.

**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



### **August/September Attendance**

**August 13:61**

**August 20:88**

**August 27:54**

**September 3:44**

**September 10: 87**

**September 17:142**



## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

**Sun: 24**      **9:00am: Worship**  
**9:57am:** Sunday School  
children leave sanctuary for  
music and class, if service is  
running long  
**10:00am:** Sunday School  
**10:15am:** Adult Forum in  
Fellowship Hall  
**11:00am:** 2nd Grade Bible  
Class  
**6:00pm:** Fall Kickoff Event  
Youth Group

**Mon: 25**      **7:00pm:** A.A. Meeting

**Tues: 26**      **8:30am:** SAIL Exercise  
**10:00am:** Bible Study  
2nd grade Bible Class—if  
needed  
**1:00pm:** Worship at  
Crestview  
**Wed: 27**      **2:00pm:** Worship at Villa  
Nursing Home  
**3:00pm:** WASS  
**5:00pm:** Wednesday Supper  
**6:30pm:** Youth Group  
**6:30pm:** Confirmation

**Thur:28**      **8:30am:** SAIL Exercise  
**9:00am:** Quilting

**Sun 1**      **9:00am: Worship-  
Communion**  
**10:00am:** Sunday School  
**10:15am:** Adult Forum in  
Fellowship Hall  
**11:00am:** Sunday School  
Teacher Meeting

### *Prayer Concerns*

**For strength and healing:** Russell Boul-  
lion, Wayne Johnson, Herb Daleske, Pas-  
tor Bagne, Lowell Bakkedahl, Shirley  
Miner and Cody Hegna.

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### **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