

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Hayfield, Minnesota

Rev. Kristen Anderson, Pastor

Denise Phillippe, Director of Christian Education

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

9:00am

September 3, 2023

Welcome to worship at Trinity!

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

Please WELCOME the Rev. Wayne Vogt who is leading worship and preaching today. Thank you, Pastor Wayne!

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.

Musician: Nancy Matti

Lector: Corey Wagner

Ushers: Jerry, Brian and Brenda Becker

Communion Assistant: Corey Wagner

Next Sunday, September 10th. Everyone Is Invited! God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday

- **9 am:** Worship Service (acts of service theme)
- **10 am:** Various Service Projects (multigenerational, in the community, children participate with families)
- **11 am:** Picnic/Grill Party (bring salad, dessert, veggie, or snack to share, Trinity furnishes the meat)

**Our 2023 Rally Day is a day for
the WHOLE CONGREGATION
to
engage!**

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.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

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: "Lift High the Cross"**

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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.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: **Jeremiah 15:15-21**

¹⁵O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.

¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;

for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

²⁰And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the LORD.

²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

PSALM: **Psalm 26:1-8**

L ¹Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

C: ²**Test me, O LORD, and try me;
examine my heart¹ and my mind.**

L: ³For your steadfast love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you.

C: ⁴**I have not sat with the worthless,
nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

L: ⁵I have hated the company of evildoers;
I will not sit down with the wicked.

C: ⁶**I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,
that I may go in procession round your altar,**

L: ⁷singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

C: ⁸**LORD, I LOVE THE HOUSE IN WHICH YOU DWELL
and the place where your glory abides.**

SECOND READING: **Romans 12:9-21**

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

***GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28**

P: The Gospel according to Matthew

C: Glory to you, O Lord

²¹From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: “*True Discipleship is Not Easy*”

Pastor Wayne Vogt

HYMN OF THE DAY: “*Blessed Assurance*”

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***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

MEAL

OFFERING/CHILDREN'S NOISY OFFERING

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: *"Jesus Loves Me"*

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*COMMUNION BLESSING

*THE BENEDICTION

SENDING

* **SENDING HYMN:** *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

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* DISMISSAL

P: GO IN PEACE AND SERVE THE LORD! C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, September 5th.

Pastor Kristen is on vacation until September 4th. While she is away, if there is a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Jackie Short at 507-517-0769 or via email at pastorjackie2022@gmail.com.

Everyone's Invited: NEXT Sunday, September 10!!

Next Sunday, September 10, we will launch the new church school year by celebrating the 10th anniversary of God's Work, Our Hands, an ELCA-wide day of service. Everyone--younger and older--is invited to join us for three parts to the day: worship, service, meal.

Part 1. WORSHIP

Our worship that day will focus on mission and caring for our neighbor through acts of service.

Part 2. SERVICE PROJECT

Following worship, the ENTIRE CONGREGATION is welcome and encouraged to participate in a mission/service project. Sunday School students will participate with their families, not their Sunday School classes. (Regular classes will begin the following Sunday.) Students in grades 9-12 may participate with their families OR with their colleague teens and new youth coordinator Elizabeth Klocke.

Mission / service projects include a hymn sing at Field Crest Nursing Home and the Villa, a community prayer walk, bringing baked goods and putting together plates of goodies for our homebound and nursing home residents, writing thank-you notes to Hayfield fire and ambulance crews, making fleece tie blankets; more are in process and will be added. Your ideas are welcome; if you have an idea, let us know now.

Part 3. PICNIC/GRILL PARTY

Following the service projects, around 11 a.m., Trinity will host a picnic/grill out potluck style. Bring your favorite salad, dessert, veggie, or snack to share. Grilled meat will be provided.

We are excited to kick off a new year of faith formation with the entire congregation!

Confirmation Information for Grades 7-10

Meetings for 10th graders and their parents, for all 7th to 9th graders and their parents, and confirmation small group leaders are scheduled the evening of Wednesday, September 13. Confirmation classes for 7th, 8th, and 9th graders begin the following week, September 20. WASS and Youth Group for 10th-12th graders will also begin September 20.

Please Register Your Child or Teen Now!

Especially if you have Sunday Schoolers or confirmation students, please register them NOW, so we can make accurate decisions about classes and groups. The online registration for educational programs is available through a button on Trinity's website. Register children for Sunday School (grades PK-6) and/or WASS (Wednesday After School Special, grades 3-6). Register teens for confirmation (grades 7-9), 10th grade confirmation, and/or youth group (grades 9-12).

Wednesday Suppers Update

We are moving to a more all-inclusive format for Wednesday Suppers. All ages will be welcome. The meal will be served 5-6:15 p.m. We will run a trial period of a freewill offering for payment, with a suggested minimum donation of \$3 per meal.

We will invite food preparers, dessert preparers, and servers to sign up online--just once or more frequently, whatever fits your time and interest.

We thank Brenna Scanlan for several years of service coordinating Wednesday Suppers! She has assured a weekly, delicious meal is available for Trinity children and youth over the past few years, and we are grateful.

We are looking for a new individual to serve in this role. Interested? Contact the church office. Trinity can support you with the online signup; people have expressed an interest in contributing.

Could You Teach?--Few Spots Remain

We are grateful that we have our teaching roster nearly full for the fall! Here is where we could still use help, if God might be calling you to help our young people on their faith path or if you know someone to encourage:

one half-the-Sunday teacher for either grades 1/2 (combined) or grade 3

6th grade leader, during the Sunday School hour, FALL ONLY

Please speak with Denise.

ELCA Youth Gathering Registration Is Soon--Let Us Know Financial Concerns NOW

We want all interested Trinity teens (grades 9-12) to be able to participate in the July 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans, and we don't want lack of financial resources to prevent anyone. If your family's financial situation is such that your teen will need to fundraise the entire or nearly entire amount, please talk NOW with Denise or Pastor Kristen, and be assured of the confidentiality of the conversation. If we don't know in September, we will miss an outside funding opportunity.

**SEPTEMBER 3, 2023
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**



Following Jesus is not an easy path.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 16:21-28	Take up your cross and follow
Monday	Jeremiah 15:15-21	Jeremiah is reassured
Tuesday	Romans 12:9-21	Rules for Christian living
Wednesday	2 Timothy 4:1-5	Paul's instructions to Timothy
Thursday	Philippians 1:27-30	Live your life in a worthy manner
Friday	1 Corinthians 12:12-26	One body with many members
Saturday	Psalm 26:1-8	Prayer of an innocent person
Sunday	Matthew 18:15-20	Seeking reconciliation

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

Matthew 16:24 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, help us to pick up our crosses, suffer, and follow Jesus for what is right, just, and loving. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Come Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let these gifts to us be blessed. Let there be a goodly share on every table, everywhere. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the cross of Christ free you to care for all.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Just a Closer Walk with Thee



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 experienced pain or suffering?
- How does your faith in Christ help you when you are in pain or suffering?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Matthew 16:21-28.

In general, we do our best to avoid pain and suffering. Peter wanted Jesus—and himself—to avoid suffering, and so he rebuked Jesus. However, some suffering is necessary in life. There are times when the path in life is not easy. Fighting for justice on behalf of others and God's creation and defending God's mercy and forgiveness when hatred and vengeance is pursued by others are examples of times when suffering is warranted. Peter failed to understand this. Jesus called him out as one who was following the path of evil. The path Jesus chose picks up a cross. Jesus picked up his cross for the salvation of all that God has created. It was a very costly cross for Jesus. It led to torment, false accusations, suffering and death. It is what is referred to as the "theology of the cross," that is, out of suffering God brings healing, new life, and salvation.

Discuss: When is a time in your life you avoided the harder path? What happened?

Pray: **Compassionate God, give us courage and strength to follow you where truth and justice are needed, to paths that bring healing and hope 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, how might you serve by risking your own comfort for the sake of others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



The cross is a Christian symbol. It reminds us that Jesus is with us through hard times. We see crosses in many places in our lives. As a follower of Jesus, notice the number of crosses you see in your home and in the community this week. Each time you see one, take a moment to pray: **Thank you Jesus for dying on the cross to save us. 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:3** 9:00am: Worship—
Communion
- Mon:4** Office is Closed for Labor Day
7:00pm: AA
- Tues:5** 8:30am: SAIL Exercise Class
10:00am: NO Bible Study
- Wed:6**
- Thur:7** 8:30am: SAIL Exercise Class
- Sun:10** **God's Work. Our Hands.**
Rally Sunday
9:00am: Worship
10:00am: Congregational Service
Project
11:00am: Congregational Picnic
Grill Party
12:00pm: Youth Board

July 2023 Finances

July Offering Income:	\$18,506.05
July Budgeted Exps:	<u>\$20,858.15</u>
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

Prayer Concerns

For strength and healing: Russell Boul-
lion, Wayne Johnson, Delores Fjerstad,
Herb Daleske, Pastor Bagne, Lowell
Bakkedahl, Skeeter Miner and Cody
Hegna.

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

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Monday thru Thursday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

August/September Attendance

August 6:52

August 13:61

August 20:88

August 27:54