Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 14, 2025 Divine Service-Setting Two-LSB 167





LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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Sunday Worship 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Worship On Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.

> Bible Study September-May 9:40 am

Sunday School September-May 9:40 am

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Confession and Absolution

709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is



5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth; And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth! And so through all the length of days
 Thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
 Within Thy house forever!

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 30:2–5; antiphon: vv. 11a, 12b

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,

and you have healed me.

O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;

you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,

and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

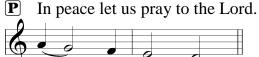
and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



- C Lord, have mer cy.
- For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



- C Lord, have mer cy.
- P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

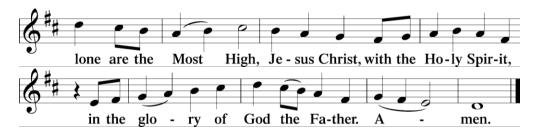


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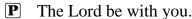
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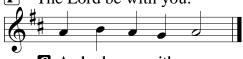
P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.





Salutation and Collect of the Day





C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-24

¹¹"For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

¹⁷"As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. ¹⁸Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? ¹⁹And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

²⁰"Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken."

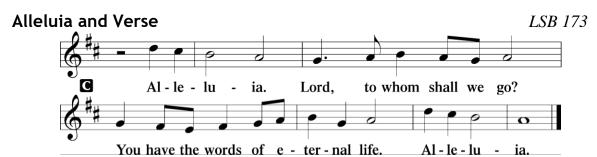
- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

⁵The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. ⁶Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, ⁷desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions.

⁸Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, ⁹understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, ¹⁰the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, ¹¹in accordance with the glorious gospel of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

¹²I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

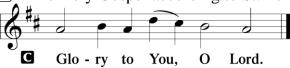
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Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1–10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.



¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ⁴"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

8"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? 9And when she has found it, she calls

together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."



Children's Message

609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive



- Oh, how blest it is to know: 5 Were as scarlet my transgression, It shall be as white as snow By Thy blood and bitter passion;
 - For these words I now believe:

Jesus sinners doth receive.

- 6 Now my conscience is at peace: From the Law I stand acquitted. Christ hath purchased my release And my ev'ry sin remitted. Naught remains my soul to grieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 7 Jesus sinners doth receive: Also I have been forgiven; And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven. Dying, still to Him I cleave: Jesus sinners doth receive.

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Tune: Neu-verfertigtes Darmstädtisches Gesang-Buch, 1699, Darmstadt

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Sermon

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life
→ everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for ourselves and for all people as they have need.

O merciful Shepherd, You came into the world to save sinners. Grant to us forgiveness of our sins, renewal of our lost lives, and the grace to serve You in willing obedience all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- P O merciful Shepherd, guard against all false doctrine and against those who teach in conflict with Your Word that the sheep of Your flock be preserved in faith to know and believe rightly by the power of Your Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- O merciful Shepherd, You do not abandon Your sheep even when they are wounded and infirm. Deliver the weak, the suffering, the troubled in mind, and those with hearts weighed low with grief, [especially...]. We pray that they be healed and comforted according to Your will and delivered from all that afflicts them on the day when You raise Your people to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- O merciful Shepherd, You daily and richly supply all things good and beneficial to us and guard us against the evil one. Give us a discerning mind and a generous heart that as You have done for us, we do for others in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P O merciful Shepherd, hear us and grant us all things beneficial to us and profitable for our salvation, but keep from us all things harmful. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

Silence for meditation.

- Into Your hands, O merciful Shepherd, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, and confident that You will hear and answers us, O Lord.
- C Amen.

Offering

Thank you for your ongoing support of the ministry here at Trinity Lutheran Church and School. Your offerings are gifts to God. They help us serve Him as a witness to our community. As you continue to place your offerings in the baskets, mail them to the church office, or give through our online giving opportunities, (follow the "Giving" link on the Trinity website at www.trinitymonitor.org or text the word "GIVE" to 989-270-0281 and follow the directions) know that we seek to use these resources to the glory of God and the furthering of His Kingdom.



Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction LSB 183

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and

→ give you peace.



740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb



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AUGUST TOTALS		ATTENDE	NCE		
General Fund	\$44,100.31	9/7	1st	80	TDINITY
Missions	\$920.00		2nd	111	
BFF	\$625.00	9/10	WOW	18	TRINITY MONITOR
Church Maintenance	\$330.00	TOTAL 209		LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL	
School Maintenance	\$00.00	Budgeted Income Needed Each Month		\$67,101.00	
Tuition Assistance	\$115.00	General Fund Total for July		\$46,090.31	
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Memorials: \$450.00 inclu	ded in the above to	tal.			

CALENDAR					
Monday	9/15	7:00pm	Board of Christian Education		
Tuesday	9/16	9:00am	Piecemakers		
Wednesday	9/17	8:15am	Chapel		
		6:00pm	Worship On Wednesday		
		7:00pm	Wednesday Night Bible Study		
Friday	9/19	½ Day of School			
Sunday *Dedication of Staff-1st Service	9/21	8:30am & 10:30am	Worship w/Communion		
		9:40am	Bible Study & Sunday School		
		2:00pm	Public School Confirmation		

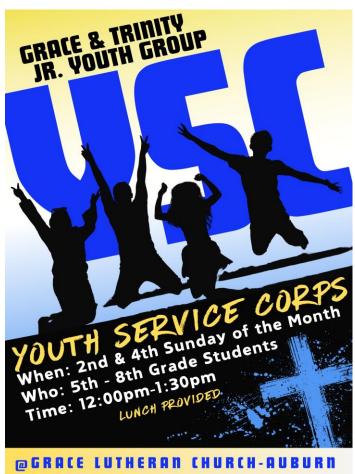
<u>TODAY</u>: Today a representative with the Holy Land Christian Solidarity Cooperative from Bethlehem will be here to talk about Christian families living in the Holy Land, and their mission to help these families survive and stay in their homeland. After each service, you will have the chance to view and purchase their beautiful olivewood carvings.

FROM VALLEY LUTHERAN: Calling grade school soccer fans! Our Grade School Soccer Night is Monday, September 15 at Valley Lutheran and you're invited! Game time is 4:30 versus Ithaca. Students - wear a shirt representing your grade school for free student admission to the game. (Other tickets can be purchased online ahead of time at www.vlhs.com/tickets or at the gate for \$7.) Check in to the Admissions table between 4:00 and 4:45 for a free gift and take a shot on goal during halftime! We'll see you there!

VLHS Homecoming and Grand Tailgate: Homecoming Week at VLHS is coming up soon -September 22-27! You are invited to attend any athletic event throughout the week, or join us at Friday's Grand Tailgate, parade, and football game! week's events found The can he www.vlhs.com/hoco25. On Friday September 26, the Grand Tailgate will begin at 4:30 complete with hot dogs and water at a central VL tent, inflatables and games for kids, and the Homecoming Parade at 5:45 p.m. (Detailed information about the tailgate is at www.vlhs.com/HCtailgate.) The football game kicks off at 7 p.m. versus MLS; tickets are \$7, available for purchase online www.vlhs.com/tickets, or with cash at the gate. Presentation of the Homecoming Court and crowning of the King and Queen will be at halftime. All are invited to join the festivities!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: There is a new opportunity for you to attend Bible Class on Wednesday nights at 7:00pm following the WOW worship service. We will gather in the church basement to join in our Lifelight Study of Miracles. Class will be each week and present an opportunity to learn and grow together in God's Word. Don't miss out!





ECONOMY CENTER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS: The Economy Center (408 Columbus Ave, Bay City) has operated with the help of volunteers for 65 years, but now illness and aging out are causing us to have to consider closing the store. Supporting the children and families of Wellspring Lutheran Services would end. This is not our first choice, but sometimes clerks don't work their shifts, so we have no choice but to close the store, and this upsets customers. We need people to price, restock, clerks or any way you can help. Both men and women can help! Call Larry Pretzer at <u>989-280-8343</u> for more specific information.

<u>THE WELLSPRING CHILD & FAMILY AUXILIARY</u> will be having a meeting on Monday, October 6, 2025. The meeting will be at Grace Lutheran Church in Auburn and will begin at 6:00pm. We encourage all members to attend, as there are some very important decisions to be made concerning the future of the Economy Center and its continuation. Any questions call Kathie Colone at (989)671-9650.

HYMN FESTIVAL: "I Am Baptized Into Christ: The Devil's Might Unraveled." - On Sunday, October 12, 2025 at 3:00 Grace Lutheran Church in Auburn, Michigan will be hosting "I Am Baptized Into Christ: The Devil's Might Unraveled." The Commentators for the hymn festival will be Rev. Stephen Starke and Rev. Aaron Schian. Kantors for the service will be Nathan Beethe, Jon Eifert, and Brian Heinlein. There will be a Mass Choir composed of members from area congregations, instrumentalists, and pipe organ. Anyone who wishes participate in the mass choir should contact Kantor Nathan kantor.graceauburn@gmail.com or they can call or text him at (989) 878-2103. Please mark your calendars for this exciting event!

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL FIRST QUARTER MISSION: Food and Clothing Co-Op at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Food Co-Op: The Food Co-op provides roughly 75% of the grocery needs of student families. In addition to food, commonly needed household items are also available. Students volunteer time each month in order to utilize the Food Co-op. Dry and canned food items, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, personal hygiene items, health care products, cleaning supplies, and disposable diapers are always welcome donations. Additionally, monetary donations are used to purchase food at low cost through local food banks.

Clothing Co-Op: The Clothing Co-op provides a wide variety of new and gently used clothing for men, women, and children. Kitchen supplies, bedding, and home decorating items are also available. Students may

utilize the Clothing Co-op for free. There is always a need for new or used clothing in good repair for all members of the family.

Please keep the Food Co-op and Clothing Co-op in mind when you are cleaning and purging. As you come across useful items that you no longer need, bag or box them up and bring them to school. All year long, Mrs. Dent collects items to take for her next trip to the seminary. Her beige Buick LeSabre is unlocked and parked by fire door #3. If your donation will fit in the back seat, please put it there. Otherwise, to pop open the trunk, open the driver side door and push the button on the lower door panel.

If you have further questions, please feel free to ask Mrs. Dent, (email: kdent@trinitymonitor.org). She would be happy to share her experience with you as a seminary wife while Pastor Dent attended CTSFW.







We are hosting a seminar with Doxology presenting "Navigating Christian Sexuality in a Post-Christian Culture. With the legal redefinition of marriage, the confusion regarding gender, and rapidly changing sexual mores in society, biblical educators, pastors, singles, couples, and parents are looking for guidance in articulating and promoting a positive view of the Christian vision for marriage and sexuality. Please visit our website to register and save your seat. The conference will be featuring speakers Rev. David Fleming and Dr. Beverly Yahnke from Doxology. To register scan the QR code, go to www.amelith.org, see the event on Facebook or call Deb Hutter 989-316-8322

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10am-3pm

The Great Hall, 5121 Bay City Rd, Midland

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This is a fun-filled event including music, games, and biblically-based teaching.

Topics explored from a biblical perspective will include: Women's Reproductive Health & Body Literacy, Internet & Social Media Safety, and Healthy vs. Unhealthy Relationships.

We will discover what God's Word says about our value, worth, identity, and purpose and learn to live out who He designed us to be!

Lunch & Dessert will be served

Admission: \$10/person

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FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF OUR TIME

Today is a very important day to make our lives meaningful. Yesterday is history, and tomorrow may never come. At some point in life, we start asking, "Where did the months and the years go?" Time is an irreplaceable commodity that God grants us, a precious period of opportunity for fulfilling the purposes for which we exist. Wise use of time starts by living a life for Christ. If our time, energy, and focus are only on material wealth or other worldly successes, our time has been wasted.

While we must spend time providing for our needs, our life's purpose must be to do the Lord's work. We were born to serve our Creator. Jesus, Who "did not come to be served, but to serve" (Matthew 20:28), is our model. We are called to bring people to Christ and serve others based on gifts given to us by God. Ignoring God's plan for our lives will result in anguish and despair.