

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2026

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**YOU INTENDED
TO HARM ME,
BUT GOD
INTENDED IT ALL
FOR GOOD.
GENESIS 50:20**

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SUNDAY

Worship

8:30am & 10:30am

Bible Study
& Sunday School
(September-May)
9:40am

WEDNESDAY

Worship On Wednesdays
6:00pm

Confession and Absolution

Opening Hymn #754 Entrust Your Days and Burdens

1 En - trust your days and bur - dens To God's most lov - ing
2 Re - ly on God your Sav - ior And find your life se -
3 Take heart, have hope, my spir - it, And do not be dis -
4 Leave all to His di - rec - tion; His wis - dom rules for

hand; He cares for you while rul - ing The
cure. Make His work your foun - da - tion That
mayed; God helps in ev - 'ry tri - al And
you In ways to rouse your won - der At

sky, the sea, the land. For He who guides the
your work may en - dure. No anx - ious thought, no
makes you un - a - fraid. A - wait His time with
all His love can do. Soon He, His prom - ise

tem - pests A - long their thun - d'rous ways Will
wor - ry, No self - tor - ment - ing care Can
pa - tience Through dark - est hours of night Un -
keep - ing, With won - der - work - ing pow'rs Will

find for you a path - way And guide you all your days.
win your Fa - ther's fa - vor; His heart is moved by prayer.
til the sun you hoped for De - lights your ea - ger sight.
ban - ish from your spir - it What gave you trou - bled hours.

5 O blessed heir of heaven,
You'll hear the song resound
Of endless jubilation
When you with life are crowned.
In your right hand your maker
Will place the victor's palm,
And you will thank Him gladly
With heaven's joyful psalm.

6 Our hands and feet, Lord, strengthen;
With joy our spirits bless
Until we see the ending
Of all our life's distress.
And so throughout our lifetime
Keep us within Your care
And at our end then bring us
To heav'n to praise You there.

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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.

C 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.

C 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.

P 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 143:1–2; antiphon: v. 9

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

I have fled to you for refuge!

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your servant,

for no one living is righteous before you.

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.

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

I have fled to you for refuge!

Kyrie (sung)

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P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.
P 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 mercy.
P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

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

C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and
 Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we
 praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You
 take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
 us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the
 Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a -
 lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day (responses sung)

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15–21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 14:1–12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. 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, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? 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 confess to God."

¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse (sung)

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C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel (responses sung)

Matthew 18:21–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

²³“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn #501 Come Down, O Love Divine



1 Come down, O Love di - vine; Seek Thou this soul of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn, Till world - ly pas - sions turn
3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty Mine out - ward ves - ture be
4 And so the yearn - ing strong, With which the soul will long,



And vis - it it with Thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
To dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
And low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
Shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; With - in my heart ap - pear,
And let Thy glo - rious light Shine ev - er on my sight,
True low - li - ness of heart, Which takes the hum - bler part,
No soul can guess His grace Till it be - come the place



And kin - dle it, Thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
And clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
And o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
Where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes His dwell - ing.

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Sermon

Apostles' Creed

C 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** Dear heavenly Father, strengthen us to fight the good fight of faith. Give us boldness and confidence to speak Your Word of mercy and justice in a world that does not care to listen. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Lord, raise up faithful pastors, missionaries, teachers, and other church leaders. Stir up the hearts of Your faithful people to serve You with gladness and humility. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Lord, walk with all those who are grieving the death of loved ones, [*especially* . . .]. Comfort them with the hope of the resurrection to eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Lord, give strength and patience to those who are struggling financially. Raise up people and institutions that will assist them in their struggles. Help us all to look with mercy upon those who need help. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Lord, we pray for the government of our nation, our state, and our city. Raise up faithful leaders who will defend the weak and fight for justice and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially* . . .]. Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

- P** Lord, we commend all of these things to Your infinite mercies, which are new every morning.
Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C 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

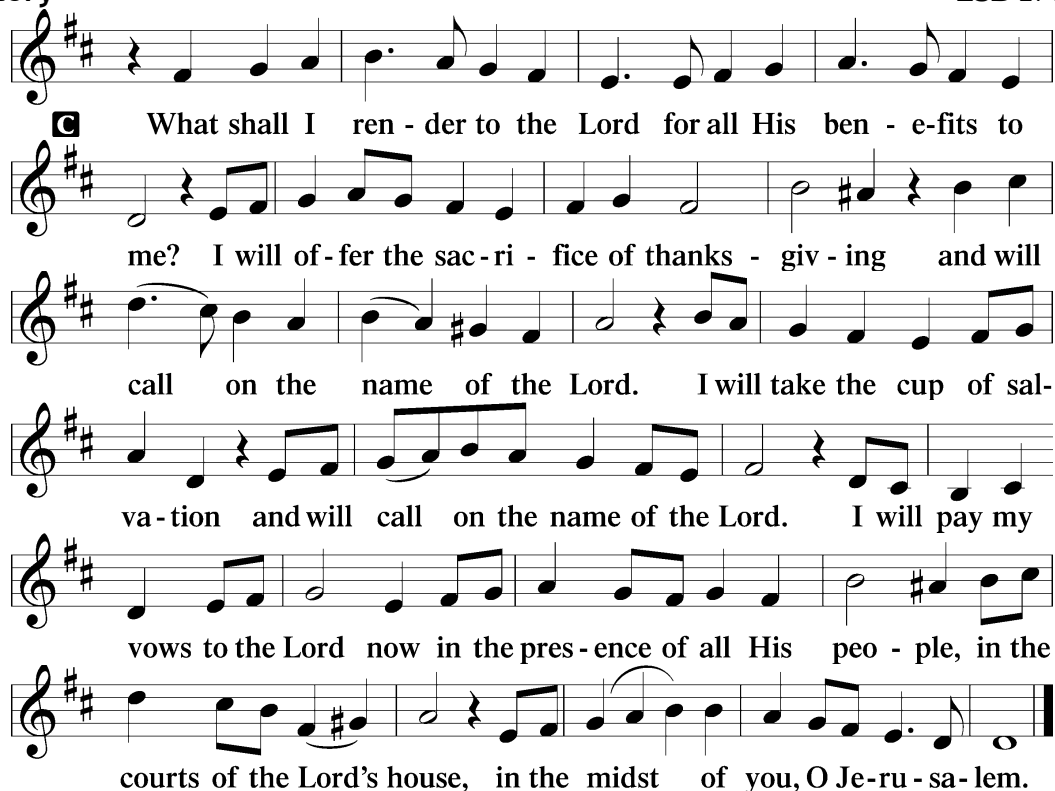
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

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.

Offertory

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C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Benediction (response sung)

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- P** 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.
C Amen.

Closing Hymn #818 In Thee Is Gladness

1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,
 2 Since He is ours, _____ We fear no pow - ers, Not of
 sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of
 earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -
 heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou
 tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the
 wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -
 sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -
 cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
 joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for
 pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing
 glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him
 To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
 And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

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AUGUST TOTALS						
General Fund	\$49,331.61	Budgeted Income Needed Each Month		\$67,101.00		
Missions	\$820.00	General Fund Total for August		\$49,331.61		
BFF	\$350.00	TOTAL				
Church Maintenance	\$15,315.00 <i>*includes \$15,000 donation from the Wild Game Dinner</i>	<u>ONLINE GIVING</u> Text the word “GIVE” to 989-270-0281 <i>Thank you for your ongoing support of the ministry at Trinity Lutheran Church and School.</i>		ATTENDANCE		
School Maintenance	\$25.00			9/6	1st	72
Tuition Assistance	\$85.00				2nd	40
HVAC Matching Fund	\$19,570.00			9/9	WOW	?
Lutheran World Relief	\$00.00					
TOTAL	\$85,496.61			Total	112	
*Memorials included in the totals above: \$500.00						

CALENDAR			
Monday	9/14	7:00pm	Voter’s Meeting
Tuesday	9/15	9:00am	Piecemakers
Wednesday	9/16	8:15am	Chapel
		4:45pm	Public School Confirmation
		6:00pm	Worship
		7:00pm	Bible Study
Sunday <i>Christian Education Sunday</i>	9/20	8:30am &10:30am	Worship w/Communion
		9:40am	Bible Study & Sunday School
Wednesday Night Bible Study begins September 16 th at 7:00pm.			
Public School Confirmation for 7 th & 8 th grade students will start Wednesday, September 16 th from 4:45pm-5:45pm.			

NOW HIRING EXTENDED CARE AIDE: Trinity Lutheran School is looking to fill a position in our After School Care Program. Hours would be Monday-Friday from 3:00-6:00pm. Candidates must be at least 18 years of age and willing to work with children from preschool to 8th grade. If you are interested, contact Mrs. Setula at rsteffey@trinitymonitor.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are looking for a few volunteers to help paint the Historical room. If you can help, call Ian Harris (989)245-9719 or John Mrozinski (989)392-9339 to set up a time.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB CORNER: Many thanks to all those who helped make our 43rd Annual Weekend a huge success! Whether you baked, donated, volunteered, or supported us in any way, we thank YOU! None of this can be possible without the army of Trinity folks behind us!

An extra special thanks goes to our Sponsors for the Weekend:

- Trinity Monitor's Endowment Fund
- Thrivent Action Teams
- Adam & Kristin Wuerfel and Serv-A-Pure
- Dr. Jessica Wagner-Jeske and In Focus Vision
- Les Helmreich Farms

This was our third highest net profit with \$6,960.71!

Our highest profit year was back in 2024 and our second highest year was 2023.

All Athletic Booster Club profits are used to fund:

- Trinity's Sports Teams (In most of the other schools in our league, students have to Pay to Play. Because of your support, Trinity Panther teams are fully-funded!)
- Maintenance of the three Ballfields
- Maintenance of the Pavilion and Grove
- Lawn mowing of the grounds

We are looking for a few more committed individuals to be a part of our team! You are most welcome to join us the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm. We usually meet out in the pavilion for the summer/warmer evenings and then move to the school dining room during the winter.

Blessings!

Brad Feinauer, President

VLHS HOMECOMING AND GRAND TAILGATE: Homecoming Week at VLHS is coming up soon - September 21-26! You are invited to attend Monday's soccer match under the lights, Wednesday's home volleyball match, or join us at Friday's Grand Tailgate, parade, and football game! The week's events can be found at www.vlhs.com/hoco26. On Friday September 25, the Grand Tailgate will begin at 4:30. Grab a hot dog, connect with friends, and play a game of cornhole at the central Valley tent, set the kids loose on the inflatables and games,

and enjoy the Homecoming Parade at 5:45 pm. (Detailed information about the tailgate, parking, ticketing, and more is at www.vlhs.com/HCTailgate.) The football game kicks off at 7 p.m. versus Hemlock; tickets are \$7, available for purchase online at 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!

VLHS Job Openings: Valley has openings for the following positions:

- Assistant to the Athletic Director
- Freshman Boys Basketball Coach
- Set Builder

More information about each of these positions and directions to apply can be found at www.vlhs.com/jobs.

Stewardship Corner

Are the demands of daily living preventing you from recharging your “faith battery”? In John 15, Jesus tells us that, in order to bear the fruit of faith, we need to stay connected to Him. Only when we remain in Jesus will our faith grow. Buffeted by the winds of daily living, it is a constant struggle to remain attached to Jesus. However, with God’s strength we can set aside time daily to read and study His Word and to pray, and to worship regularly so we can remain in Him.



You're Invited to Homecoming at Valley Lutheran!

HOMECOMING WEEK			
MON. 9/21 VARSITY SOCCER 7 PM	WED. 9/23 VARSITY VOLLEYBALL 6:30 PM V. ITHACA	FRI. 9/25 GRAND TAILGATE 4:30 PM PARADE 5:45 PM	FRI. 9/25 VARSITY FOOTBALL 7 PM

Visit www.vlhs.com/tickets for tickets to all athletic events.

Visit www.vlhs.com/hoco26 for all the week's details!

The GATE KICK-OFF

FUN. FRIENDS. EPIC START.

JOIN US!



SEPTEMBER
27TH



12:00-2:30PM

COME HANG OUT. MAKE MEMORIES.
LET'S KICK OFF SOMETHING GREAT!

RSVP TO KATE KAISER: 712-242-8072

Here are the tentative dates for this school year for The GATE. We are switching to once a month meetings that are a little more involved/themed.

- September 27: Kick-Off Party: Laser Tag & Mini Golf @ Valley Lanes
- October 11: Hayride (combined event with YSC)
- November 8: Escape Room
- December 13: Christmas Party
- January 10: Sledding
- February (TBD): Bowling (combined with YSC)
- March (12-13): Lock-In
- April 25: Close-Out Party w/8th graders invited

ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
ARE INVITED TO JOIN US AT

