

## The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Divine Service, Setting 1

August 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 5:00 + 8:15 + 10:15



No matter who you are or what you're going through;
No matter where you've been or what brought you here.
We want you to feel welcome in this House of Worship.
So relax, make yourself at home. Follow along as best you can.
And don't be afraid to ask questions.
We're really glad you're here!

**HEARING ASSISTANCE** - Live Captioning is located on the TV found in-front on the south wing of the Sanctuary. Also available are personal assisted listening devices, please see an usher for a headphone.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE A PRAYER** spoken in the worship service or placed on our prayer chain, fill out a yellow Prayer Request card located in the pew rack and prepare to hand it to the aisle during the sermon hymn.

**DEAR PARENTS WITH LITTLE KIDS,** We know it's hard, but thank you for what you do when you bring your kids to church. Your family — with all its noise, struggle, commotion and joy - aren't just tolerated, you're a vital part of the community gathered in worship. We're glad you're here!

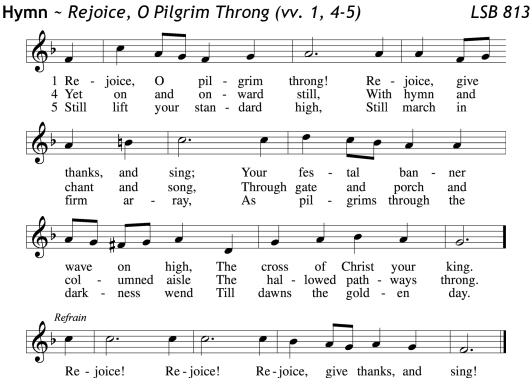
**THERE IS AN UNSTAFFED NURSERY** located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Parish House found through the door located in the front of the Sanctuary. Audio from today's worship is piped in through our speaker system so you can still participate. Ask ushers for assistance.

#### Prelude

Ringing of the Bells

## + Service of Preparation +

Please Stand



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#### Call to Worship & Invocation

#### Psalm 118

**Pastor:** O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; the Lord's steadfast

love endures forever.

People: The Lord is my strength and my song; the Lord has become my

salvation!

**Pastor:** The Lord has disciplined me, but the Lord has never given me over to

death.

People: I shall not die but live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

**Pastor:** This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

People: Blessed is whoever comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you

from the house of the Lord.

**Pastor:** All are welcomed in this House of the Living God; to sing of God's

Name and to be refreshed by God's goodness;

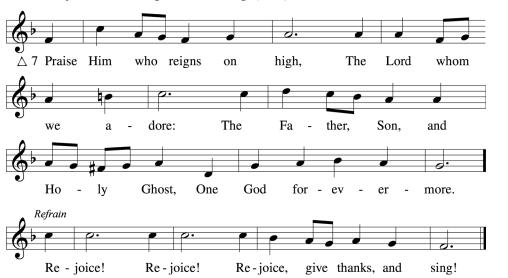
People: And none are turned away.

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.



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## Confession & Forgiveness

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not

in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will

forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

(A Time of Silence)

People: 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.

**Pastor:** In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given... ...in the

Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

## + Service of the Word +

#### Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Pastor: .... through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns

with You and the Holy Spirit; one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

#### Children's Message

(10:15)

### **Backpack Blessing**

### Old Testament

Isaiah 58:1-3a, 6-11

<sup>1</sup> "Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet.

Declare to my people their rebellion and to the descendants of Jacob their sins.

<sup>2</sup> For day after day they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God.

They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them.

<sup>3</sup> 'Why have we fasted,' they say, 'and you have not seen it?

Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?'

<sup>6</sup> "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:

to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke,

to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?

<sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—

when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

<sup>8</sup> Then your light will break forth like the dawn,

and your healing will quickly appear;

then your righteousness<sup>[a]</sup> will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard.

<sup>9</sup> Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.

"If you do away with the yoke of oppression,

with the pointing finger and malicious talk, <sup>10</sup> and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry

and satisfy the needs of the oppressed,

then your light will become like the poond

and your night will become like the noonday.

<sup>11</sup> The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame.

You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.

**Lector:** This is the Word of the Lord,

**People: Thanks be to God!** 

#### **Epistle**

#### Hebrews 12:18-24

<sup>18</sup> You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; <sup>19</sup> to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, <sup>20</sup> because they could not bear what was commanded: "If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death." <sup>21</sup> The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, "I am trembling with fear." <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, <sup>23</sup> to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Cantor Sings v. 2



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As saints join with the an - gels And all the mar - tyr throng.

O sweet and bless - ed coun - try That faith - ful hearts ex - pect!

We know not, oh, we know not What joys a - wait us there:

We know not, oh, we know not What joys a - wait us there: The Prince is ev - er with them; The day - light is se - rene; In mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us To that e - ter - nal rest



Please Stand

#### **Holy Gospel**

Luke 13:31-35

**Leader:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord!

<sup>31</sup>At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup>He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.' <sup>33</sup>In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem! <sup>34</sup>"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. <sup>35</sup>Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'

**Leader:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ!



Message

Tale of Two Mountains Hebrews 12:18-24

#### **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.

#### Prayers of the Church

After Each Petition...

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy, People: Hear our prayer.

Please Be Seated

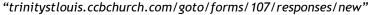
## Offering Ways to Give

Giving a portion of the gifts God has given is, at its heart, an act of worship.

- Place your giving in the basket when you come forward for communion.
- Text to Give, simply text your gift amount ("i.e., \$25" be sure to include the \$ sign) to 314-310-0442.
- Online giving at https://trinitystlouis.ccbchurch.com/goto/giving.
- Mail your giving to Trinity Lutheran Church, 812 Soulard St., St. Louis, MO 63104.

#### Connect with Your Church & Community!

If you're new to our neighborhood, worshipping community, or a regular attender, we invite you to connect with our ministry by filling out our online Connection Card. Snap the QR Code to be taken to our online welcome, or navigate to the following URL to connect...





## + Service of the Sacrament +

We believe that in this Sacrament we receive the true body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. All who wish to receive the sacrament with this understanding are invited to come forward to receive the unending forgiveness of Jesus Christ; to become together what we consume: The Body of Christ in and for the world.

Children and those who would prefer not to receive the sacrament are welcome at the altar to receive a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.

Please ask the pastor at the time of reception if you would prefer a gluten-free wafer.

#### Please Stand

#### **Preface and Proper Preface**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

**Pastor:** It is truly good, right... evermore praising You and singing:

#### Sanctus





#### 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.

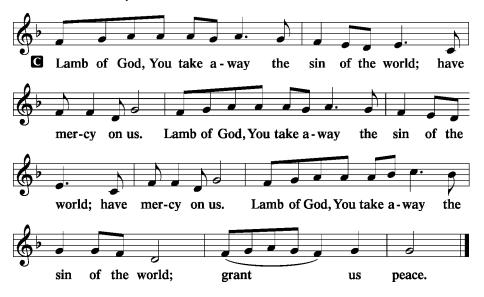
#### Words of Institution

#### The Peace

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

## Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God



## Hymn ~ I, the Lord, of Sea and Sky



## **Communion Hymns**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence Blest Be the Tie That Binds LSB 621 LSB 649

#### **Prayer**

Pastor: ... through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns

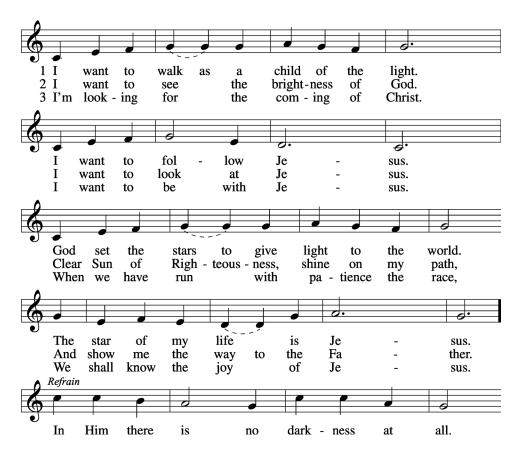
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

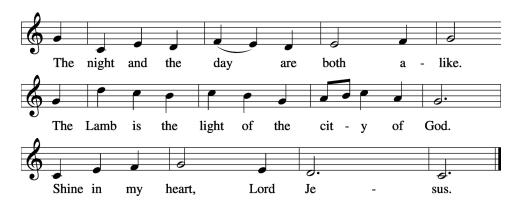
People: Amen.

#### **Benediction**

## Hymn ~ I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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#### **Postlude**

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## **Worship Leaders**

Ministers: The People of Trinity Lutheran Church

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 8:15am	Sunday 10:15am
Preacher:	Steve Albers	Steve Albers	Steve Albers
Presider:	Steve Albers	Josh Hatcher	Josh Hatcher
Liturgist:	Steve Albers	Josh Hatcher	Josh Hatcher
Prayers of the Church:	Steve Albers	Josh Hatcher	Josh Hatcher
Children's Message			Dianne Davis
Acolyte:			
Crucifer:			Joshua Steele
Communion Assistant:	Allen Helms	Kathy Leitner	Marti Fruend
	Nancy Poggemoeller	Kurt Hertel	Paul Weinhold
			Laura Borstell
			Bo Jarabak
Lector:	Allen Helms	Bo Jarabak	Paul Weinhold
			Joshua Blasingame
Cantor:	Nicole Heerlein	Nicole Heerlein	Nicole Heerlein
Organist:	Jeff White	Jeff White	Jeff White
Communion Prep:	Dianne Davis	Annette Carson	Kay Weber
Livestream Broadcast:			John Carroll
Greeter:			Melba Wetmore
Usher:	Dianne Davis	Dianne Davis	Al Becker
	Phil Koehr	Phil Koehr	John Caroll
			Ken Horvath
			Kay Weber

If you're interested in volunteering for any of our service positions, please speak to an usher if you see an immediate need or reach out to the office to be connected with the group leader. We would love to have you!

August 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> 2025

# TRINITY TODAY

Thank you for worshipping with us today! We pray that your time with us is uplifting and encouraging as we follow Christ together.

Our ministry team and community of faith are here to help you connect with Christ Jesus, with our ministry, and with each other. If we can be of help to you in any way, please don't hesitate to let us know.

#### WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

Saturday service: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday services: 8:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

WEEKEND	MONDAY-THURSDAY	
Confirmation Class 9:15 a.m. Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Parish House	Office Hours Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m3:00 p.m.	
	Soup Window	
	Monday-Saturday	
	9:30 a.m10:30 a.m.	
	Groceries on Fridays!	

#### CONFIRMATION

Youth Confirmation class starts this weekend, Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m. with Pastor Josh on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Parish House. We look forward to seeing you there!

## KIDS' NEWS

#### Backpack Blessing - this weekend!

Join us during all services as we lift up in prayer:

- Students and children
- Parents and families
- Teachers and school staff
- Bus drivers
- Principals and counselors

Together, we ask God's blessing and guidance for a new school year.

#### Rally Day Pancake Party!

Get ready - Chris's Pancakes will be flipping (and tossing!) pancakes on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> between services. Come hungry and join the fun as we kick off Rally Day together!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### Sunday School is back!

Starting Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> during the 10:15 a.m. service, right after the Children's Message, we invite all children from 3 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade to join us! We will be meeting in the Parish House on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. We can't wait to see you there!

We're also looking for teachers, substitutes, and helpers - if you love sharing the gospel with kids, we'd love to have you on the team! See Dianne Davis or Paula Wike for details.

#### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All women, of all ages, are invited to join in either of our women's Bible study classes. Come grow in faith, connect with others, and engage in meaningful discussion while being part of a supportive and inspiring community.

The Tuesday Women's Bible Study will resume Tuesday, September 9th at 9:45am(fellowship followed by 10:00am study time). We will continue our study of the book Woman of God by Cindy Bunch, Lesson 6 "Forgiving".

We would love to include YOU, even if you have not participated before this study. Each lesson is separate (stand-alone) and you can order the book from Amazon.

If you have any questions, please check with Jeaninne Meyer, Gail Horvath or Mary Marth.

Monday Evening Bible Study. Join us for a 4-week Bible study on the Book of Esther. Held every Monday at 6:30 pm, beginning September 29 and continuing through October 20 on the Third floor of the Parish House. Come grow in faith and fellowship together!

Questions? Contact Melissa McCrory Hatcher.

## MUSIC MINSITRY

Our Sanctuary Choir will begin rehearsing on September 3rd at 7:00 PM in the choir loft. We meet every Wednesday during the "school year", and we welcome singers of all voice ranges to join us in singing God's praises. You just need to have a love for music!

Our Handbell Choir also begins rehearsing on September 3rd at 6:00 PM in the choir loft. Did you know we have 5 octaves of bells? That's 61 bells total! We need ideally 12-13 people to be able to use our full set, and right now we have 6-7 people. Bells are a lot of fun to ring, and if you can hit a nail into the wall with a hammer, you have the basic motion down! The rest: we can teach you!

Did you know we are hoping to get a **Children's Choir** started? We have been having music during Sunday School. As you heard in the Announcements, we are returning Sunday School to the 10:15 service after Children's Time. This will include some time for kids to learn to sing songs that can be sung in worship.

We would like to try to form a **Trinity Orchestra**. We know there are some of you who can play instruments - maybe you haven't mentioned your talent to Jeff yet? If we could put an ensemble together to play for worship occasionally, that would be a wonderful addition to our services! We don't need players who are symphony musicians - any level will do! We just need willing hearts and instruments to make it happen! Rehearsals will be determined at a mutually convenient time - perhaps between services on Sundays once the school renovation is completed?

Jeff White, our Minister of Music, can be reached at <u>jeffwhite@trinitystlouis.com</u>, or at 314-803-6234 (cell). Or, catch him after worship and he'd be glad to discuss any questions or concerns.

#### **FELLOWSHIP**

**Dine Out Sunday:** Join us on Sunday, **September 7**, after church at 1860 Hardshell café for good food and fellowship.

**Church Silent Movie Night**: Join us for a fun evening of fellowship at our Benjamin Kolodziej Silent Movie Night - Saturday, **September 20** at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Movie: The Navigator.

Bring your family, invite a friend, and enjoy popcorn and refreshments as we watch a great film together.

#### COMMUNITY CARE

Trinity is proud to be a Bombas Giving Partner to support our Soup Alley neighbors. Bombas is a one-for-one company, for every pair of socks purchased, they donate on pair to those in need. Trinity is proud to be one of 4,000 global Bombas giving partners for the third year.

We receive 3,000 pairs of socks every year and our annual shipment has arrived! Please grab a few bags or an entire box, to help us ball up socks. Remove the paper sleeve and recycle it, ball us the socks and return to Trinity. You will find socks and return bins in the middle of the sanctuary on the lectern side. Please return socks to the marked bins.

Thank for supporting the Bombas Sock Project send pics of you and your family balling socks to kimdannmessier@trinitystlouis.com

Thank you to all who supported our School Supply drive for Humboldt. We collected over 2,500 items for students and teachers.

**Soup Alley Food Update:** We served 892 meals for the month of July! With a Daily average of 42 meals over 21 open days. We were able to bless our guests by giving away two grocery bags of food and assisting two community members with their utility bills. Thank you for supporting this ministry of compassion and care!

Community Care is again looking for **Thrivent Action Grants** to support Sammie Sunday. Please email Kim

at <u>kimdannmessier@trinitystlouis.com</u> if you are interested or have applied for a grant. Please order M and L t-shirts through Thrivent for our Soup Alley friends.



The need for t-shirts is great at this time. Shop our Amazon wish list <a href="https://a.co/iCA08hl">https://a.co/iCA08hl</a>. Thank you for your support of our Soup Alley neighbors.

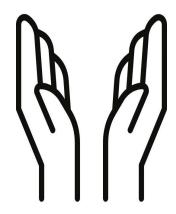
Please consider how you can help, donate, or serve. Meals are served Monday-Friday 9:30 -10:30 a.m. for our unhoused and hungry neighbors.

- T-shirts size medium and large (doesn't need to be new)
- PB&J or Meat Sandwiches
- Mustard and mayo packets
- Bottled water
- Fruit (small oranges or bananas preferred)
- Chips/Pre-packaged snacks
- Pre-packaged snack cakes, desserts, etc.

# **PRAY**

Birthdays ~ August 23rd-August 29th		Parish Community	
Sage	Finney	Aug 23	The Gundermann Family
Maggie	Hilmer	Aug 23	The Haar Family
Chris	Carr	Aug 24	The Hadi Falliny
Navjot	Khatra	Aug 24	The Haas Family
Carter	Bartels	Aug 25	The Hackman Family
Alex	McMillan	Aug 25	The Hackinair Fairing
Don	Prahlow	Aug 25	The Haertling Family
Bodhin	Shankar	Aug 26	TI 11 66 5 11
Caroline	Vemulapalli	Aug 26	The Haff Family
Andrew	Drescher	Aug 27	The Hagemann Family
Brendan	Reed	Aug 27	
Helene	Ryan	Aug 27	The Hahlbeck Family
Jeff	Craig-Meyer	Aug 28	The Hahn Family
Ella	Ruhland	Aug 28	,

Our Altar Flowers are given this weekend to the Glory of God by Mike and Amber Johnson.



#### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of July 31, 2025, the current year net income is \$1,993. Church income, excluding Other donations, is 13.84% below budget.

Expenses are under budget. The primary reason why expenses are less than budgeted is because certain expenses do not occur evenly throughout the year and because the budget included School building maintenance bills which have not been incurred.

	2025 YTD ACTUA	L 2025 Budget	Variance 2024 YTD
Member Contributions	\$ 314,503.	\$ 351,510.	\$(37,007.) \$320,982.
Community Care	8,469.	23,333.	(14,864.) 8,954.
Other donations*	<u>12,553.</u>	<u> </u>	12,553. <u>15,003.</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 335,525.	\$ 374,843.	\$(39,318). \$344,939.
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ <u>333,532</u> .	<u>374,843</u> .	(41,311.) \$348,825.
Net Income (loss)	\$ 1,993	\$ 0. \$	5 1,993. \$(3,886).

<sup>\*</sup> non-recurring donations such as RMD, Thrivent Choice, Memorials

**School Renovation Loan**— As of August 14, 2025, our outstanding construction loan balance is \$1,433,741. The approximate cost to complete the renovation is \$2 million. Assuming, after construction is completed, we have a loan balance of \$3.4 million, our monthly principal and interest payments will be approximately \$34,000.

To date, we have paid \$9,629 of construction period interest. Thank you to all for your donations, whether pledged or not.

## CHURCH COUNCIL & CABINET



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Keith Suedmeyer Vice President



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