

## Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Eucharistic Matins** 

September 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<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 one of the hearing headsets.

**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 Bell

## + Service of Preparation +

Please Stand as you are Able (all) & Face the Back of the Nave (10:15)

## Call to Worship



## Confession & Absolution

**Pastor:** God is here in this place, Christ is with us every day, and the Spirit of God surrounds us:

People: Yet we have turned our minds toward the challenges we see in front of us. We've lost our focus on God, and are sinking in our brokenness.

**Pastor:** Yet God promises us daily: We are made new. In Christ, we can begin again;

People: We have cast aside God's vision for us in order to maintain the familiar; and cast aside the dreams of others, fearful of what they might mean.

**Pastor:** In these moments of quiet reflection, we invite you to confess silently to God all that separates you from Him and from one another...

## Silence for Individual Confession

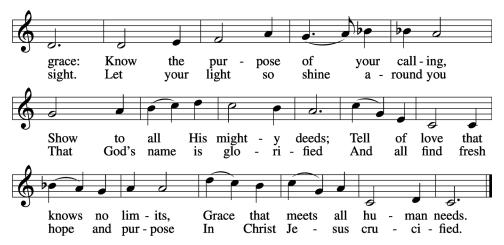
**Pastor:** In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given... ...in the

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

People: Amen.

The Cross will Process During the Hymn (10:15)





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## Prayer of the Day

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

Pastor: Let us pray.... through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives

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

People: Amen.

## + Service of the Word +

Please Be Seated

## Children's Message

## **Old Testament**

## Jeremiah 18:1-11

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: <sup>2</sup> "Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message." So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. <sup>4</sup> But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him. <sup>5</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to me. <sup>6</sup> He said, "Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?" declares the Lord. "Like clayin the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel. <sup>7</sup> If at any time I announce that a nation or

kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, <sup>8</sup> and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. <sup>9</sup> And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, <sup>10</sup> and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it. <sup>11</sup> "Now therefore say to the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, 'This is what the Lord says: Look! I am preparing a disaster for you and devising a plan against you. So turn from your evil ways, each one of you, and reform your ways and your actions.'

Psalm Psalm 139

- <sup>1</sup> You have searched | me, O Lord, and | you know me.
- <sup>2</sup> You know when I sit and | when I rise; you perceive my thoughts | from afar.
- <sup>3</sup> You discern my going out and my | lying down; you are familiar with | all my ways.
- <sup>4</sup> Before a word is | on my tongue you, Lord, know | it completely.
- <sup>5</sup> You hem me in behind | and before, and you lay your | hand upon *me*.
- <sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me, too lofty for me | to attain.
- <sup>D</sup> Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the | Holy Spi*rit*; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever; | A-men.

## **Epistle**

Philemon 1:4-12, 16-17

<sup>4</sup>I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers,<sup>5</sup> because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. <sup>7</sup> Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people. <sup>8</sup> Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, <sup>9</sup> yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as

none other than Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus—<sup>10</sup> that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. <sup>11</sup> Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me. <sup>12</sup> I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. <sup>13</sup> I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. <sup>14</sup> But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary. <sup>15</sup> Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever—<sup>16</sup> no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord. <sup>17</sup> So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me.

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

**People: Thanks be to God!** 

Please Stand

Holy Gospel Luke 14:25-33

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>25</sup> Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: <sup>26</sup> "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? <sup>29</sup> For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, <sup>30</sup> saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.' <sup>31</sup> "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

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

People: Praise to you, O Christ!

## Hymn ~ How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord



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## Message

Please Stand

## Prayers of the Church

After Each Petition...

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

## Installation of Parish Council

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 during offering.*
- Text to Give, simply text "Give" to 1-877-618-0062
- Online giving at <a href="https://pushpay.com/g/trinitystlouis.">https://pushpay.com/g/trinitystlouis.</a>
- Scan the QR code
- Mail your giving to Trinity Lutheran Church, 812 Soulard St., St. Louis, MO 63104.



#### **Connect with Your Church & Community!**

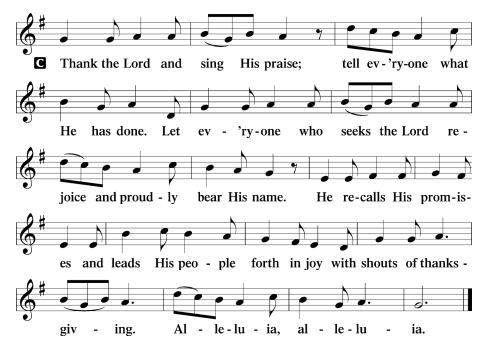
If you're new to our neighborhood, worshipping community, or a regular attender, we invite you to connect with our ministry by filling out our online Connection Card. Snap the QR Code to be taken to our online welcome, or navigate to the following URL to connect...



"trinitystlouis.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/107/responses/new"

Please Stand

## Hymn ~ Thank the Lord



## + 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 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 (DS II)



## 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

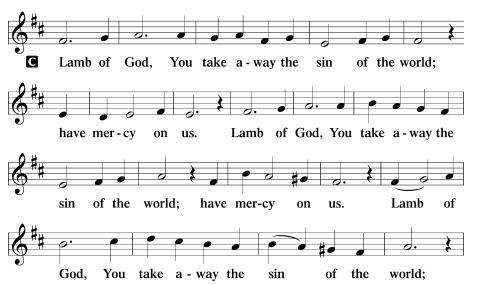
## The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

## Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God

(DS II)



## **Communion Hymns**

Take My Life, and Let it Be "Come Follow Me," The Savior Spake

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Please Stand

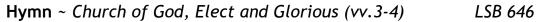
## Prayer

**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**





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## **Postlude**

## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Ministers: The People of Trinity Lutheran Church

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 8:15am	Sunday 10:15am
Preacher:	Josh Hatcher	Josh Hatcher	Josh Hatcher
Presider:	Josh Hatcher	Josh Hatcher	Josh Hatcher
Liturgist:	Josh Hatcher	Matt Rochester	Matt Rochester
Prayers of the Church:	Josh Hatcher	Josh Hatcher	Josh Hatcher
Children's Message			Dianne Davis
Acolyte:		Nora Hertel	Hayden Koeltzow
Crucifer:			Larry Edger
<b>Communion Assistant:</b>	Craig Heller	Keith Suedmeyer	Steve Meyer
	Jim Heine	Kurt Hertel	Jake Lipe
			Marti Fruend
			Grace Dick
Lector:	Steve Lange	Ryan Markel	Rosalie Wilke
			Trysta Foster
Cantor:	Nicole Heerlein	Nicole Heerlein	Nicole Heerlein
Organist:	Jeff White	Jeff White	Jeff White
Communion Prep:	Dianne Davis	Annette Carson	Dianne Davis
Livestream Broadcast:			
Greeter:			Mary Marth
Usher:	Dianne Davis	Dianne Davis	Tom Kellerman
	Phil Koehr	Phil Koehr	Bab Kurtz
			Joshua Blasingame
			Al Becker

## September 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<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.		
Dine Out Sunday Following 10:15 a.m. service 1860 Hardshell Café	Soup Window Monday-Saturday 9:30 a.m10:30 a.m. Groceries on Fridays!		
<ul> <li>Rally Day</li> <li>School building tours</li> <li>Flying Pancakes</li> <li>Church Council New Member</li> </ul>	Women's Bible Study Tuesdays 10 a.m.		

Installation

## CONFIRMATION

Join us for Youth Confirmation class on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Parish House. We look forward to seeing you there!

## KIDS' NEWS

## 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!

### **Youth Picnic**

Join the South City Circuit at Wilmore Park on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for fellowship, games, food, and drinks! Contact Dianne Davis or Joshua Steele for more information or details.

## 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 **jeffwhite@trinitystlouis.com**, 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 Silent Movie Night - Saturday, **September 20** at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Organist Benjamin Kolodziej accompanies Buster Keaton's silent comedy *The Navigator* (1924) in a musical style reminiscent of the great moving picture palaces of the 1920s in this event for all ages. Keaton, along with Harold Lloyd and Charlie Chaplin, was one of the most popular silent movie actors, known for his deadpan expressions, sardonic humor, and exciting stunts. This comedy, which was Keaton's most profitable and which he considered his best, follows a young man whose nautical adventures involve a fiance, a derelict navy ship, and a mischievous monkey. This film is suitable for all ages.

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

## COMMUNITY CARE

\*\* We are in need of sandwiches this week: Sammie Sunday is delayed by one week due to the busy September schedule. If you can make sandwiches please bring the to weekend services or call the office to make a drop off appointment.

**THANK YOU** for supporting the Bombas Sock Project!!! Please return socks in designated bins in back of the Sanctuary.

Soup Alley Food Update: We served 1,339 meals for the month of August! With a Daily average of 52 meals. We were able to bless our guests by giving away 17 grocery bags of food and assisting sux community members with their utility bills. Thank you for supporting this ministry with compassion and care! Together we are sharing Christ's love and bringing hope to those in need.

Community Care is again looking for Thrivent Action Grants to support Sammie Sundays, sweatshirts and coats. Please email Kim at <a href="mailto:kimdannmessier@trinitystlouis.com">kimdannmessier@trinitystlouis.com</a> if you are interested or have applied for a grant. Please order M and L t-shirts through Thrivent for our Soup Alley friends.

Join us September 6th & 7th to walk through the School Building, see what progress has been made and what there is still to do. Tours will follow each service.

Kim will be out on medical leave from September 10th - October 6th. Please contact Bob Kurtz for any Soup Alley questions. If other issues arise please contact the church office.



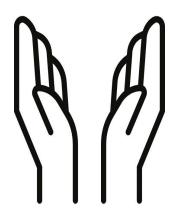
The need for t-shirts is great at this time. Shop our Amazon wish list <a href="https://a.co/iCA08hl">https://a.co/iCA08hl</a>. Thank you for your support of our Soup Alley neighbors. Thank you Sam, Grace, Naomi, Phil, Nicole, Russ andy and others who have contributed!

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 ~ September 6th-September 12th		Parish Community		
Kevin	Stirnaman	Sep 6	The Hartman Family	
Ava	Taff	Sep 7	The Hartung Family	
Emily	Korns	Sep 7	,	
Patricia	Kirsch	Sep 8	The Hatcher Family	
Tal	Fisk	Sep 8	The Hausmann Family	
Niki	Mayer	Sep 8	The Haasmann Lanning	
Meara	Hink	Sep 9	The Hayes Family	
Kirk	Verseman	Sep 9	_, ,, ,, ,,	
Pam	Weinhold	Sep 9	The Hazzard Family	
Rob	Stahl	Sep 10	The Hazzard-Herzing Family	
Greyson	Degenhardt	Sep 10		
Linda	Tippett	Sep 10	The Heerlein Family	
Sandy	VanDyke	Sep 10		
Jessica	Carson	Sep 11		
Josh	Hatcher	Sep 11		
Clay	Degenhardt	Sep 12		
Madeleine	Hatcher	Sep 12		



#### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of July 31<sup>,</sup> 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	AL 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> .	374,843.	(41,311.) \$ <u>348,825</u> .
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.

# **DUR MINISTRY TEAM**



Rev. Dr. Josh Hatcher Senior Pastor



Dianne Davis Congregational Care Director



Kim Dann-Messier Community Care Director



Rev. Steve Albers Associate Pastor



Jeff White Minister of Music



Sharon Parr Business Liaison



Rev. Dr. Travis Scholl Preaching Assistant



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**Bob Kurtz** Soup Alley Coordinator



Nicole Heerlein Cantor



Heather Forbes
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