# **Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 24, 2025 10:00 a.m.

# Service of Word and Sacrament

In the bulletin: The asterisk (\*) invites you to stand as you are able. Boldface type indicates the congregation's responses. At the sign of the cross ( $\pm$ ), you are invited to make that same sign upon yourself in remembrance of your baptism.

The flowers on the Altar today are given by Diann Jenkins in memory of Erica Sharp.

#### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude** Prayer in F Major Alexandré Guilmant

# \*Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand if you are able.

Blessed be the holy & Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God,

to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

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.

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.

God, who is rich in mercy,

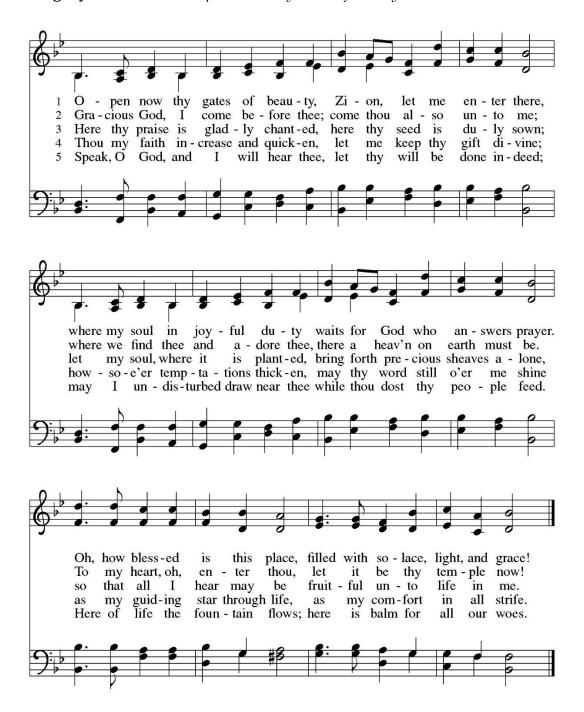
loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

### \*Gathering Hymn No. 533 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

### \*Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

### \*Canticle of Praise

# Glory to God



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for ev er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen-dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

# Prayer of the Day

Please be seated.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, mighty and immortal,

you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright.

Give us strength of mind and body,

so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

### ₩ WORD ₩

### First Reading: Isaiah 58:9b-14

God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

<sup>9b</sup> If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, <sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. <sup>11</sup> The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. <sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

<sup>13</sup> If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;
<sup>14</sup> then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 103:1-8

### Refrain



- <sup>1</sup> Bless the Lord, <sup>1</sup> O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's <sup>1</sup> holy name.
- <sup>2</sup> Bless the Lord, <sup>1</sup> O my soul, and forget not <sup>1</sup> all God's benefits—
- <sup>3</sup> who forgives <sup>1</sup> all your sins and heals all <sup>1</sup> your diseases;
- <sup>4</sup> who redeems your life | from the grave and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy; R
- <sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires | with good things so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.
- <sup>6</sup>O Lord, you provide <sup>1</sup> vindication and justice for all who <sup>1</sup> are oppressed.
- <sup>7</sup>You made known your <sup>1</sup> ways to Moses and your works to the chil- <sup>1</sup> dren of Israel.
- <sup>8</sup> Lord, you are full of compas- <sup>1</sup> sion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in <sup>1</sup> steadfast love. R

### **Second Reading:** Hebrews 12:18-29

Using images of Moses, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

<sup>18</sup> You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup> (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." <sup>21</sup> Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

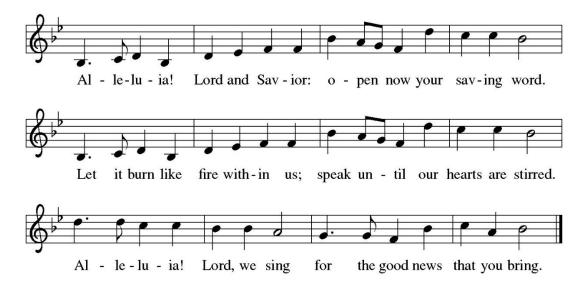
<sup>25</sup> See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup> At that time the heavenly voice shook the earth, but now has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." <sup>27</sup> This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a dominion that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; <sup>29</sup> for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### \*Gospel Acclamation

Please stand if you are able.



\*Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding "sabbath work" to include setting people free from bondage.

<sup>10</sup> Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." <sup>13</sup> When Jesus laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie your ox or your donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup> When Jesus said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

### **Prayer of Understanding**

Please be seated.

Living Word,
you still have many things to say to us.
Speak, for we are listening.

Amen.

**Sermon** Pastor David Williams

# Hymn of the Day No. 581

### You Are Mine



### \*The Apostles' Creed

Please stand if you are able.

With the whole church let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Amen.

### \*Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

A brief silence.

You call your church to proclaim liberation and freedom to all. Give wisdom to bishops, synod councils and staff, and congregation leaders as they pursue a more just and equitable church and society. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You inspire all creation to sing and bless your holy name. Send healing rains to parched places and relief to flooded lands. Lead us to enact policies to rebuild ruined ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God.

### Your mercy is great.

You work vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. Strengthen the resolve of world leaders and local officials in the way of love and mercy, so that all persons may experience abundant life. Hear us, O God.

### Your mercy is great.

You satisfy your people with good things. In your steadfast love, receive the cries of all who are bent over under the weight of addiction, isolation, and mental or physical illness. We pray for all those on our prayer list, especially, Jacquie, Deb, Dan, Le, Will and Alex... Manifest your healing presence in their midst. Hear us, O God.

### Your mercy is great.

You call us to delight in the sabbath. Invigorate worship planners and leaders with creativity to aid this assembly in fresh and faithful prayer and praise. Enable all who gather here to be nourished and renewed. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

With all your apostles, prophets, and saints, we give thanks and bless your holy name. As they now rest from their labors, guide us by the witness of their lives to pursue your reign, which can never be shaken. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

# **¥** MEAL **¥**

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The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We share the peace of Christ with one another and then we are seated.

OffertoryLasst uns efruenDavid Schack

# **Offertory Response No. 188** *Create in Me a Clean Heart*



Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

### **Offertory Prayer**

Blessed are you, O God,
maker of all things.

Through your goodness
you have blessed us with these gifts:
ourselves, our time, and our possessions.

Use us, and what we have gathered,
in feeding the world with your love,
through the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

#### Invitation

Christ comes to us in, with and under the bread and wine to nourish our faith.

The uncontainable presence, grace, love, forgiveness and
mercy of Christ come to us in this simple meal that spans all time and space.

All of God's children – regardless of denominational background –
are welcome and invited to share it with us.

# \*The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand if you are able.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

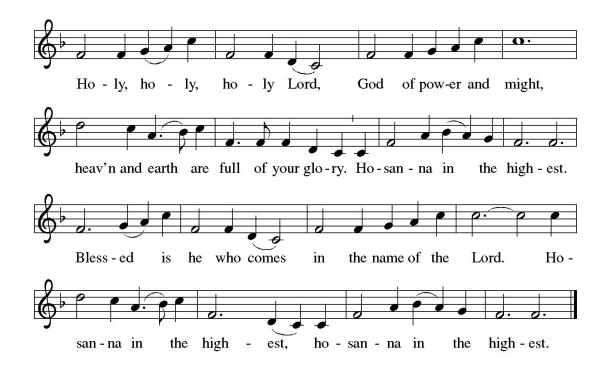
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places,
give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

And so, with the all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## \*Prayer at the Table

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

# \*The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Amen.

Please be seated.

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat, drink, and rejoice.

#### The Communion

Those celebrating with us from your homes: please share the bread and wine or grape juice with one another using these words: The Body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. An Amen or Thanks be to God is spoken in response to these gifts.

Those celebrating with us in person: Please come forward by the center aisle to receive a wafer- gluten free wafers are also available - and an individual cup of wine or white grape juice from those serving. Please return to your seat by the side aisle.



## Communion Hymn No. 484 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart



Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997 Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996 Text and music © 1977 Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

# **Prayer after Communion**

Please remain seated.

Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.

Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

Amen.

# **¥** SENDING **¥**

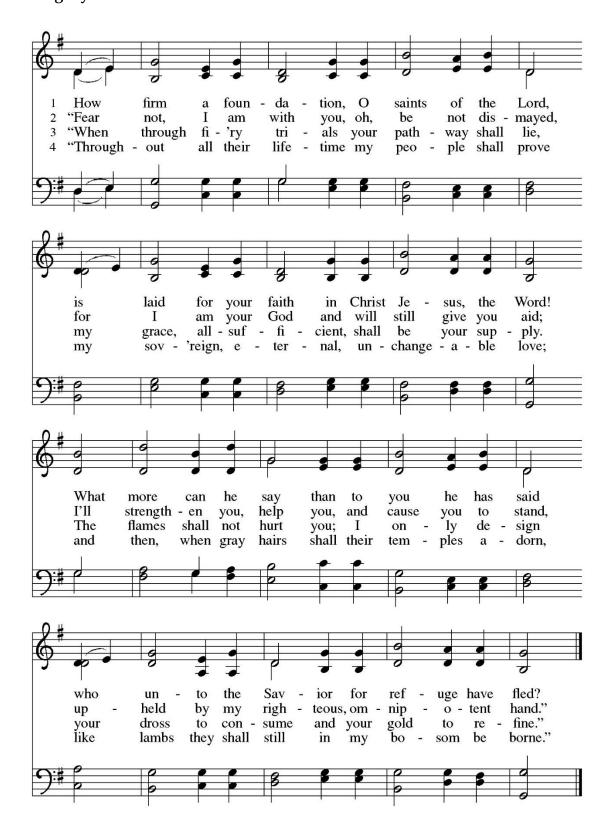
# \*Blessing

Please stand if you are able.

The love of God abound in you,
the grace of Jesus Christ fill your hearts,
and the life of the Spirit
H bless you and give you peace.

# \*Sending Hymn No. 796

### How Firm a Foundation



Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt. Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

#### \*Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

We go to connect people to Jesus through love and the Word of God. Amen.

Postlude

Allegro from Albinoni's Concerto #1

Johann Walther

As the last act of worship, you are invited to remain for the Postlude. If you do not wish to stay, please be respectful of those who are listening.

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The Love Offering August will go to South Street Ministries for their "Trails N Rails" annual event.

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# This Week at Holy Trinity

Sunday, 8/24	10:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Worship Holy Trinity Goes to Breakfast- Akron Fam. Res.
Tuesday, 8/26	6:30 p.m.	Derbytown Chorus - Fellowship Hall
Thursday, 8/28	6:30 p.m.	Akron BHS Chorus - Fellowship Hall
Friday, 8/29	9:00 a.m.	Faith 5 Check-In - Zoom
Sunday, 8/31	10:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	<i>Worship Coffee Fellowship</i> - Chapel Lounge

# August 24, 2025 Worship Stewards

Assisting Minister: Hayley Phillips

Reader: Amy Indorf

Communion Assistant: Amy Indorf

## In Our Prayers...

<u>August 24:</u> Jacquie Wert (member), Deb Ickes (member), Dan Seiberling (member), Le Linder (member), Will Bowers & Family (at the death of his grandmother), Alex Bass (daughter of Darlene Katz).

<u>August 17:</u> Vicki Perkins (friend of the Kimbles), Betty Oberdorfer (member) and Ben Gant (friend of Val Clark).

<u>August 10:</u> Jim Verbridge (Pastor Becki's husband), Lyle Weiss (friend of Frederica Cohen), Trina Smith (friend of Rachel Cohen), family of Lois Elswick, Jim Minisall & Family (at the death of his daughter), and Brad Crock & Family (at the death of his grandfather).

August 3: Rick Kimble (member).

The names of those making the request will be printed next to the name of the person being prayed for. We kindly ask those making the request to keep our prayer list coordinators updated as to the status of the person they are requesting prayer for. We would be glad to continue praying for individuals (adding them for another four weeks) upon request. If you have updates or additions to the prayer list, please contact Rachel Núñez, or Pastor Becki Verbridge.

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