

# Trinity Lutheran Church

September 7, 2025  
13th Pentecost

# WELCOME

## GATHERING HYMN:

### *Remember and Rejoice (ELW 454)*

♩ = 135

We bear the sign of Je-sus Christ, that time can-not e-rase.  
for-ev-er traced by wa-ter sign, and sealed by Spir-it flame.  
to cling to Christ's com-mu-ni-ty, in jus-tice, peace to dwell.  
Re-new-ing Spir-it, fill us now, in-spire our work, our prayer.  
We bear the sign of Je-sus Christ, that time can-not e-rase.

## CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

At the Jordan River, Jesus was baptized and the heavens opened,  
the Spirit descended like a dove,  
and the voice of God declared: "You are my beloved Son."  
Through the waters of baptism, God claims us as beloved children,  
yet we confess that we do not always live as God's own.

We pray together.

**Merciful God,**

**we confess that we have forgotten who we are.**

**We do not live as your beloved children.**

**We turn away from your Spirit,**

**ignore your call,**

**and resist your will.**

**We cling to old ways of sin instead of walking in newness of life.**

**Forgive us, Lord.**

**Wash us again in your mercy,**

**renew your Spirit within us,**

**and help us to live as those who are baptized into Christ. Amen.**

Hear the good news:

In Christ, you are named and claimed,  
forgiven and set free.  
The Spirit rests upon you,  
and God's love is poured out for you.  
Live now as beloved children of God.  
one with the Father and with us.

## CONFESSITIONAL HYMN:

### *Baptized and Set Free (ELW 453)*

♩ = 115

1 We are peo-ple cre-at-ed, cho-sen by God.  
2 We are fed and we're nour-ished, filled and re-freshed.  
3 We are nour-ished by wa-ter, all liv-ing things.  
4 Now with praise and thanks-giv-ing, we join the song.

Then we're washed, ev-er gent-ly, in mer-cy and love.  
Then our hun-ger re-turns and a-gain we are blessed.  
and by life that the Spir-it a-bun-dant-ly brings.  
All are wel-come! We gath-er to sing loud and strong.

Sin has pow-er no more, Je-sus o-pened the door  
For what-ev-er the need, God is great-er in-deed:  
As we jour-ney toward home, may your pres-ence be known:  
Not en-slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be

to a foun-tain bring-ing heal-ing, and whole-ness and more.  
end-less o-cean, al-ways deep-er than all of our need.  
pre-cious riv-er, ev-er-flow-ing, now car-ry us home.  
one in Je-sus, one in wa-ter, bap-tized and set free!

## HOLY BAPTISM

I invite James and Belinda Apronti, Nicole Sorenson, and Damion Liles to present James Apronti, Jr. for the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

God, who is rich in mercy and love,  
gives us a new birth into a living hope  
through the sacrament of baptism.

By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death  
and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ.

We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ,  
anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit,  
and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Called by the Holy Spirit,  
trusting in the grace and love of God,  
do you desire to have James, Jr. baptized into Christ?  
**I do.**

As you bring James, Jr. to receive the gift of baptism,  
you are entrusted with responsibilities:  
to live with him among God's faithful people,  
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in his hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture him in faith and prayer,  
so that he may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help James, Jr. grow in the Christian faith and life?  
**I do.**

Godparents, do you promise to nurture James, Jr. in the Christian faith  
as you are empowered by God's Spirit,  
and to help him live in the covenant of baptism  
and in communion with the church?  
**I do.**

People of God, do you promise to support James, Jr.  
and pray for him in his new life in Christ?  
**We do.**

I ask you all to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin,  
and confess the faith of the church.

Do you affirm the gifts of faith that God gave you at baptism?  
**I do, by the grace of God.**

Do you affirm the scriptures that have taught you the stories of faith?  
**I do, by the grace of God.**

Do you affirm this Christian community  
and the cloud of witnesses that surround you today?  
**I do, by the grace of God.**

Do you believe in God the Father,  
God the Son,  
and God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty,  
you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring,  
you are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.  
Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow.  
Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you.  
You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters:  
Noah and the animals survive the flood.  
The Israelites escape through the sea,  
and they drink from your gushing rock.  
The Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

At this font, holy God, we pray:

Praise to you for the water of baptism

and for your Word that saves us in this water.

Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation.

Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears.

Wash away the sin within us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

James, Jr., I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

Alleluia!

Alleluia!

Let us pray together.

**We give you thanks, O God,**

**that through water and the Holy Spirit**

**you give your daughters and sons new birth,**

**cleanse us from sin,**

**and raise us to eternal life.**

**Sustain James, Jr. with the gift of your Holy Spirit:**

**the spirit of wisdom and understanding,**

**the spirit of counsel and might,**

**the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,**

**the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.**

James, Jr., child of God,

you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit

and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

Jesus said,

“Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share. Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God’s creative and redeeming word to all the world!**

## BAPTISMAL HYMN:

*Children of the Heavenly Father* (ELW 781)

♩ = 95



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra dn Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,

1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa-ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;

2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish;

3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;

4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej pd him - la - fils - tet, fä - geln ej i kän - da nds - tet,

nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.

From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.

un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth,

his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

**Holy God, when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan the heavens opened, the Spirit descended, and your voice affirmed your love in Jesus for the healing of the human race and all creation.**

**By water and word you lovingly invite us into this same life-giving mission.**

**May your Spirit, moving like a stream of water flowing from its source, work in us this day to realize your vision of a world made new in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 14:19-22

<sup>19</sup> The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. <sup>20</sup> It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

<sup>21</sup> Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup> The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

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Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 139:1-6, 13-18

<sup>1</sup> Lord, you have searched me out;

**O Lord, you have known me.**

<sup>2</sup> You know my sitting down and my rising up;  
**you discern my thoughts from afar.**

<sup>3</sup> You trace my journeys and my resting-places  
**and are acquainted with all my ways.**

<sup>4</sup> Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,  
**but you, O Lord, know it altogether.**

<sup>5</sup> You encompass me, behind and before,  
**and lay your hand upon me.**

<sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
**it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

<sup>13</sup> For you yourself created my inmost parts;  
**you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

<sup>14</sup> I will thank you because I am marvelously made;  
**your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

<sup>15</sup> My body was not hidden from you,  
**while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.**

<sup>16</sup> Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book;

**my days were fashioned before they came to be.**

<sup>17</sup> How deep I find your thoughts, O God!  
**How great is the sum of them!**

<sup>18</sup> If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;

**to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.**

## NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-25

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

<sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup> If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup> But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup> If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many members yet one body. <sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” <sup>22</sup> On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, <sup>24</sup> whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup> that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another.

Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## NEW TESTAMENT READING: Titus 3:4-7

<sup>4</sup> But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. <sup>6</sup> This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN:

### *Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me (ELW 767)*

♩ = 130

1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;  
 2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;  
 3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and might has come,

di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day,  
 for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.  
 I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home.

With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;  
 Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe;  
 then noth - ing can im - pede me. O bless - ed Friend!

so take my hand, O Say - ior, and lead the way.  
 for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.  
 So, take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

## GOSPEL READING: Matthew 8:23-27

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup> And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. <sup>24</sup> A windstorm suddenly arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves, but he was asleep. <sup>25</sup> And they went and woke him up, saying, “Lord, save us! We are perishing!” <sup>26</sup> And he said to them, “Why are you afraid, you of little faith?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a dead calm. <sup>27</sup> They were amazed, saying, “What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?”

Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY:

### *Baptized in Water (ELW 456)*

♩ = 155

1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
 2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
 3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Glorious God,  
 as Jesus prayed at his baptism,  
 your mothering Spirit brooded over him,  
 providing sustenance and strength.

So brood over us today  
 as we offer our prayers for the church and world.

*As the Reader closes each petition:*

*Mothering Spirit,*

*The people respond:*

**stir us with your power.**

O God, you have made us, formed us, and called us by name.  
 Into your hands, we commend all for whom we pray,  
 trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ,  
 the one who calms the sea and brings life from the waters.  
 Your life-giving Spirit is powerful to save.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERING

*Please place offering in one of the Bulletin Stand offering plates at the end of worship as you leave the church.*

## OFFERTORY: *Here is Bread* (ELW 483)

1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.

Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.  
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je-sus here.  
We'll pro-claim till he comes Je-sus cru-ci-fied.

*Refrain*

In this bread there is heal-ing, in this cup is life for-ev-er.

In this mo-ment, by the Spir-it, Christ is with us here.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

## EUCARISTIC PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

## COMMUNION

*All are welcome to share in the gift of Holy Communion.*

*White grape juice is available, and all altar bread is gluten-free..*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

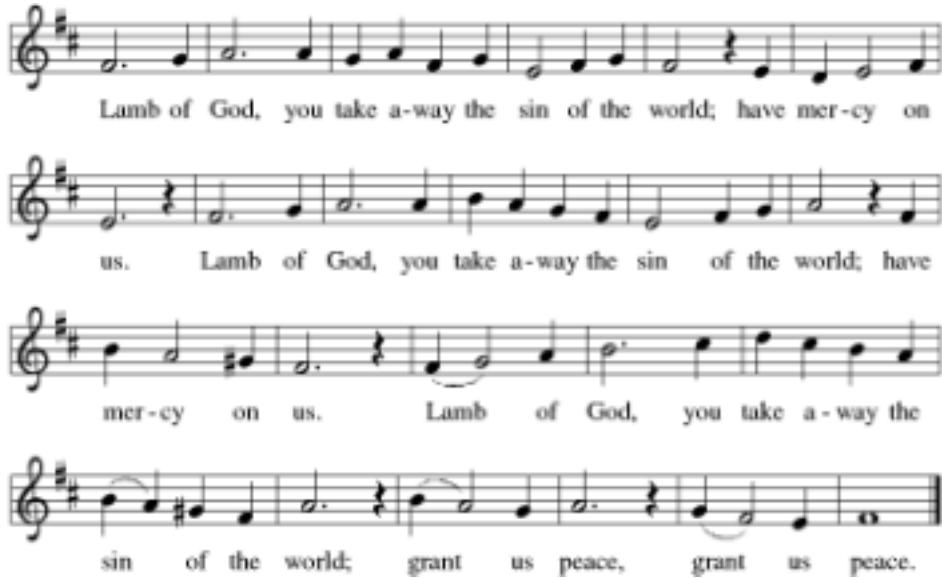
The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond*

Amen.

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMNS:

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (ELW 807)  
*I Come with Joy* (ELW 482)

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our lord and savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

**O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

Now may the God who at his baptism called Jesus “beloved” Speak grace to you, beloved sons and daughters, and empower you to bring that good news to others.

And may God who called forth order out of watery chaos, Christ who stilled the storm as we navigated challenge and offered us peace, and the Spirit who claims us as God's own, bless you now and forever. Amen.

## SENDING HYMN:

*I'm Going on a Journey* (ELW 446)



1. I'm going on a journey, and I'm start-ing to-day. My head is wet, and I'm on my way. Christ's mark is on me; it's on you, too; it says he loves me, and he loves you, too!

2. I'm be-com-ing this day a saint of God. It real-ly does-n't matter what roads I trod. Wher-ev-er I go, God's been there, too. God's love has touched me and will car-ry me through.

3. There are oth-er saints who have said a-men. They'll keep me faith-ful to my jour-ney's end. A - long the way I want to be the kind of per-son that God set free.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

# Serving in Worship

**TODAY — Sep 7, 2025**

**Reader:** Bernadine Lewis  
**Assistant:** Eric Amegashie  
**Fellowship:** Apronti Family

**NEXT SUNDAY — Sep 14, 2025**

**Reader:** OPEN  
**Assistant:** OPEN  
**Fellowship:** Trinity Council

## Trinity Happenings:

<b>Sun, Sep 7:</b>	9:00am	Baptismal Worship
	9:00am	Sunday School in Downstairs Youth Rm
	10:15am	Celebrate Junior in Gruver Rm!
<b>Mon, Sep 8:</b>	9:00am	Becoming in Gruver Rm
<b>Tue, Sep 9:</b>	6:00pm	Church Council in Gruver Rm
<b>Wed, Sep 10:</b>	10:00am	Women's Study in Gruver Rm
<b>Sun, Sep 14:</b>	9:30am	Outdoor Worship w/ the Band @ Washington Park
	11:00am	Potluck w/ Barbecue and Drinks Provided

## **Washington Park Worship!**

- Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am
- Council providing meat, drinks, serving ware
- Bring a chair and a side dish or dessert

## **NEEDED**

- someone to haul **three large Rohr folding tables**
- someone to haul **eight folding chairs**
- someone to haul **the smaller Rohr folding table**
- extra help to load at the church at 8am
- extra help to load after the event



## **Sign up in the Gruver Room**

<b>Mon, Sep 15:</b>	9:00am	<b>Becoming in Gruver Rm</b>
<b>Tue, Sep 16:</b>	5:30pm	TheologyPUB @ Coal Creek Downtown
<b>Wed, Sep 17:</b>	10:00am	<b>Women's Study in Gruver Rm</b>
<b>Sun, Sep 21:</b>	9:00am	Worship Service
	10:15am	Fellowship in Gruver Rm

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