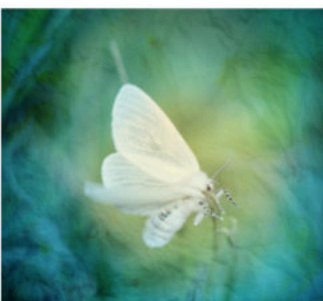


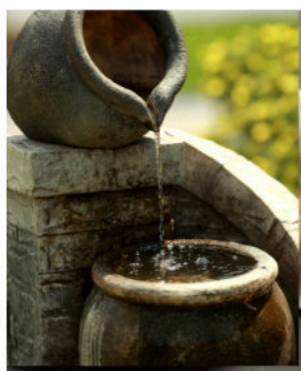
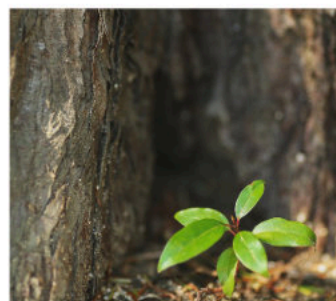
*"Send forth your spirit, and...  
...renew the face of the earth."*



# Always being made New




Trinity Lutheran  
September 21, 2025



WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN: *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* (ELW 324)

 = 160



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and  
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of  
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the  
love up - on my way, from the cross the  
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.  
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Beloved in Christ, we come before God who searches for the lost,  
the One who leaves the ninety-nine to seek out the one wandering.  
Like sheep, we have gone astray.  
we have wandered from the voice of the Shepherd.  
Yet God's heart is not content to let us go.  
God pursues us with mercy,  
finds us in our lostness,  
and carries us home with rejoicing.

Trusting in this promise, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**Merciful God,**  
**we confess that we wander and grow weary,**  
**forgetting that Your heart longs for our return.**  
**Too often we cling to shame or despair,**  
**as though Your mercy has limits.**


**Yet You are the God who takes delight in restoration, more than in judgment of sin.**

**You rejoice when the lost are found, more than judging our actions.**  
**Gather us again into Your embrace.**  
**Lift the burdens we cannot carry.**  
**Heal the broken places within us.**

**By Your grace, make us whole once more.**  
**Restore us to joy,**  
**that our lives may reflect Your delight,**  
**and our lips may proclaim Your praise.**

**In ✚ Jesus Christ, the One who restores all things, we pray.**  
**Amen.**

CONFESSIONAL HYMN: *Praise to You, O God of Mercy* (ELW 208)

 = 120



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -  
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -  
3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:  
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:  
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

Let us pray.  
Holy God, by the gift of your Spirit  
show us the truth that you desire  
and teach us wisdom in our hearts.  
Let us hear with joy and gladness  
the renewal that you speak today;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

FIRST READING: Exodus 32:7-14

<sup>7</sup> The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup> they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ ” <sup>9</sup> The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup> Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation.”

<sup>11</sup> But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup> Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup> Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’ ” <sup>14</sup> And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

PSALM: Psalm 51:1-10

- <sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- <sup>2</sup> Wash me through and through from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- <sup>3</sup> For I know my offenses,  
and my sin is ever before me.
- <sup>4</sup> Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.
- <sup>5</sup> Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my mother’s womb.
- <sup>6</sup> Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom deep within.
- <sup>7</sup> Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.
- <sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- <sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my wickedness.
- <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.

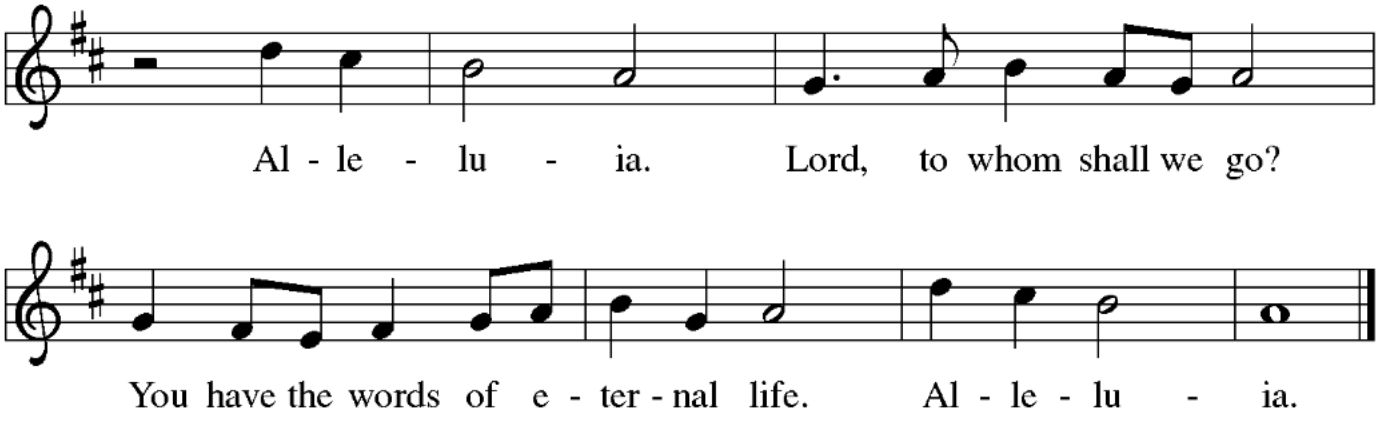
SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

<sup>12</sup> I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup> even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup> and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup> But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup> To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-10

The holy gospel according to St. Luke the fifteenth chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”  
<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ <sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

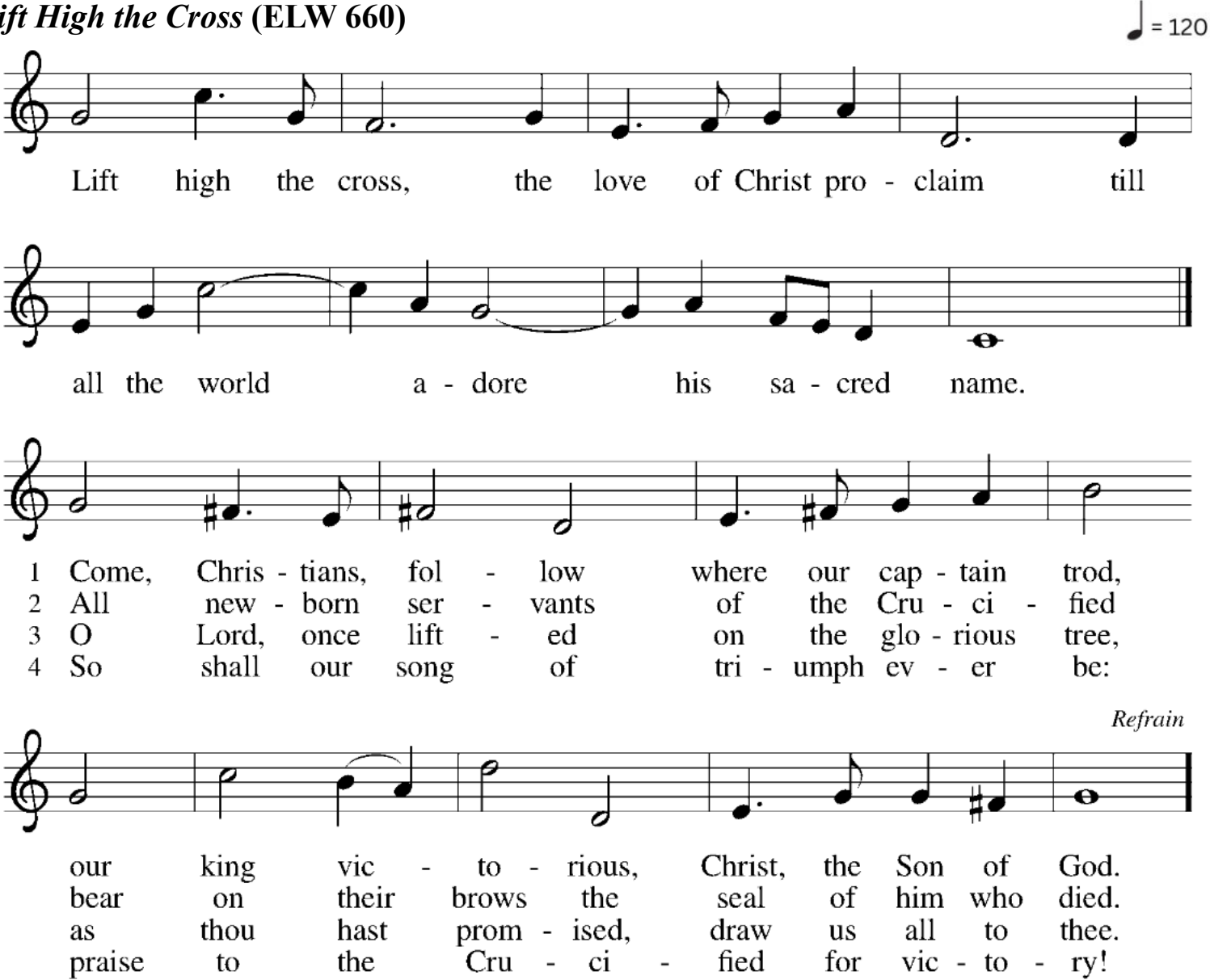
<sup>8</sup> “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup> Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

*Lift High the Cross* (ELW 660)



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

APOSTLES’ CREED

**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

God of grace, hear our prayers  
for your church, your world,  
and all those whom we love.

*As the Reader closes each petition:*  
According to your steadfast love,  
*The people respond:*  
**have mercy, O God.**

According to your abundant mercy,  
receive all these prayers  
and accomplish your purpose in us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**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

OFFERTORY: *Come to the Table* (ELW 481)



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord’s in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.  
**We rejoice and give you thanks, O God,  
for the lost have been found,  
sinners have received mercy,  
and the dead have been restored to life.  
Use these offerings in your service  
and show the riches of your grace;  
through Jesus Christ our 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.**

EUCCHARISTIC 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 join 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

Musical notation for the hymn "Lamb of God" in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics: "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  
*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (ELW 338)*  
*Beneath the Cross of Jesus (ELW 338)*

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.  
**God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING  
Go now in the strength of the Lord Jesus Christ, who appoints us for service and makes us faithful.  
  
And may the Ruler of the ages, the immortal and invisible one, go with you and + bless you, this day and every day.  
**Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises (ELW 535)*

Musical notation for the hymn "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises" in G major, 4/4 time. The tempo is marked as 120. The lyrics are: "Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha - Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness." The hymn includes a refrain and an end.

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

Serving in Worship

<b>TODAY — Sep 21, 2025</b>	<b>NEXT SUNDAY — Sep 28, 2025</b>
Reader: <b>Lisa Guarnieri</b>	Reader: <b>OPEN</b>
Assistant: <b>Stuart Guarnieri</b>	Assistant: <b>OPEN</b>
Fellowship: <b>OPEN</b>	Fellowship: <b>OPEN</b>



## Trinity Happenings:

Sun, Sep 21:	9:00am 10:15am	Worship Service Fellowship in Gruver Rm
Mon, Sep 22:	9:00am	<b>Becoming in Gruver Rm</b>
Wed, Sep 24	10:00am	Women's Study in Gruver Rm
Sun, Sep 28:	9:00am 9:00am 10:15am	Worship Service Sunday School in Downstairs Youth Rm Fellowship in Gruver Rm

**Confirmation is an educational ministry along with spiritual development for those in the 7th and 8th grades. Depending on timing for families, sometimes they start in the 6th grade as well. Pastor Nate is reaching out to any families that would like their child to participate in this program. Please email or call Pastor Nate for more information.**

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