A man in a dark suit and tie is standing on a city street, looking down at his phone. He is reaching out with his right hand to give a dollar bill to a homeless person sitting on the ground. The homeless person has long, white, messy hair and a beard, is wearing a blue and white patterned beanie, a brown leather jacket, and a light-colored t-shirt. They are holding a brown paper cup in one hand and a cardboard sign that says "JOBS" in the other. The background shows a city street with buildings and a street lamp.

Trinity Lutheran Church

September 28, 2025
16th Pentecost

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN:

Take My Life, That I May Be (ELW 583)

CONFESION AND FORGIVENESS

Beloved in Christ, we come before God who searches for the lost. 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.

GREETING

May 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.

KYRIE

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, ev'-ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
 2 That we may live out your im - pas-sioned re - sponse to the
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for
 hun - gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam - i - ly; for
 wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,
 we may live out . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,
 life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,
 nour - ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - try for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be

peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of

vic - try for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -

le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - try for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-24

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom,

²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 146

¹ Hallelujah!
Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
³ Put not your trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there is no help.
⁴ When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.

⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
6 who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;
7 who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
The LORD sets the captive free.
8 The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.
9 The LORD cares for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
10 The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke, the sixteenth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.

²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’

²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’

²⁷ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’

²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’

³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *When the Poor Ones* (ELW 725)

I Cuan - do_el po - bre na - da tie - ne y anín re - par - te,
 1 When the poor ones, who have noth - ing, still are giv - ing;
 2 When com - pas - sion gives the suf - f'ring con - so - la - tion;
 3 When our spir - its, like a chal - ice, brim with glad - ness;
 4 When the good - ness poured from heav - en fills our dwell - ings;

cuau - do al - guien pa - sa sed y a - gua nos da,
 when the thirst - y pass the cup, wa - ter to share;
 when ex - pect - ing brings to birth hope that was lost;
 when our voic - es, full and clear, sing out the truth;
 when the na - tions work to change war in - to peace;

cuan - do_el dé - bil a suher-ma - no for - ta - le - ce:
 when the wound-ed of - fer oth - ers strength and heal - ing:
 when we choose love, not the ha - tred all a - round us:
 when our long - ings, free from en - vy, seek the hum - ble:
 when the strang - er is ac - cept - ed as our neigh - bor:

Refrain / Estribillo

Va Dios mis - mo_en nues-tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar;
 We see God, here by our side, walk - ing our way;

va Dios mis - mo_en nues-tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar.
 we see God, here by our side, walk - ing our way.

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



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.



We are called as we pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation. Make us servants to one another for the sake of the gospel. Instill a heart in us for service and a passion for justice where all are genuinely welcomed and their gifts are celebrated.

We are called as we see those in need. Orchestrate kindness in the face of cruelty, hope where there is despair, love in the face of neglect, comfort where there is death, healing in illness, and recovery from surgery.

We are called as we care for your creation. The foundations of the earth bear witness to your faithfulness; the mountains and hills echo with your holiness. Inspire us with reverent awe to honor all you have made.

We are called as you gather your church today. Shape us to be people of kindness, generosity, and justice. Enable us to look beyond the walls of our building to perceive where you are calling us forward. We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God.

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: *We Are Called* (ELW 720)



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . . mer - cy to all those in
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
ha - tred and blind-ness . . . will be . . . no more.
sis - ters and broth-ers . . . u - nit-ed in love.



Refrain
We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.
Nurturing God,
you give life to all things
and long to satisfy the needs of your children
in their desire for healing and wholeness.
Send your Spirit upon us this day,
that we may meet Jesus,
the one in whom all our hungers are fed. 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



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

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.
**Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and
nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and
blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world,
and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

Now pursue righteousness, godliness,
faith, love,
endurance, and gentleness.

And may the sovereign Lord bless you,
may the **Christ** of mercy keep you,
and may the Holy Spirit sustain you,
in this life and the life to come.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *Canticle of the Turning* (ELW 723)



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a -
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . . age to age, we re -



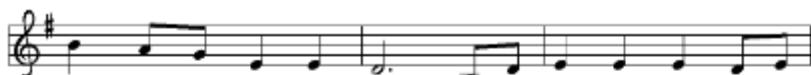
God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



Refrain
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn.

DISMISSAL

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

Serving in Worship

TODAY — Sep 28, 2025

Reader: **Martha Leonard**

Assistant: **Erik Boss**

Fellowship: **Martha Leonard**

NEXT SUNDAY — Oct 5, 2025

Reader: **OPEN**

Assistant: **OPEN**

Fellowship: **OPEN**



7 Daily Prayers



Lauds: Thanksgiving for the Day



Prime: Blessing on the Day



Terce: Guidance thru the Day



Sext: God in the Day



None: Perseverance thru the Day



Vespers: Reflection on the Day



Compline: Entrusting all the Day

WHAT IS YOUR SPIRITUAL PRACTICE?
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Trinity Happenings:

Sun, Sep 28:	9:00am	Worship Service w/ the Band
	9:00am	Sunday School in Downstairs Youth Rm
	10:15am	Fellowship in Gruver Rm
Mon, Sep 29:	9:00am	Becoming in Gruver Rm
Wed, Oct 1:	10:00am	Women's Study in Gruver Rm
Sun, Oct 5:	9:00am	Worship Service
	10:15am	Fellowship in Gruver Rm



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