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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 23 & 24, 2025

Welcome to Worship!

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The *worship bulletin* is intended to help guide us through our worship. Sections in **bold** print are for congregation response.

We believe our risen Lord Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine of *Holy Communion* and we extend our Lord's invitation to all who are baptized to share in this meal.

Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please contact an usher if you need *communed in the pew*.

A *large print copy* of our worship service and *wireless sound enhancers* are available in the front narthex.



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Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 8:15am (Broadcast, 98.7FM, 107.5FM, 1480AM, 910AM; Livestream @www.trinitylatrobe.com), Sunday 10:45am

Service of Holy Communion

(ELW Setting 4)

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

The prelude is a signal to end our conversation and prepare our hearts and minds for worship

Prelude and Silent Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

(at the end of the bell peal, please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)

GATHERING The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Confession and Forgiveness

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin. (please kneel or remain seated as you are comfortable)

Merciful God, you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.

Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. Amen.

(please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)

Gathering Hymn

"Morning Has Broken"

ELW #556

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.**

Hymn of Praise



Prayer of the Day

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. **Amen.**

(please be seated)

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Children's Message

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Because Luke often presents Jesus as carrying on the ministry of the Old Testament prophets, our first readings during these weeks are from several of those figures. Today we begin reading from the book of Jeremiah, starting with his call as a boy.

⁴ Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, ⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." ⁶ Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." ⁷ But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy,' for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. ⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD." ⁹ Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 71:1-6 (Leader/Assembly: Spoken)

This psalm, acknowledging God's call and protection from birth, could be Jeremiah's song, and is certainly ours.

¹ In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.

² In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.

³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.

⁴ Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

⁵ For you are my hope, O Lord GoD, my confidence since I was young.

⁶ I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29

We continue to read through the book of Hebrews, written to a community beginning to tire of God's delay in fulfilling the promises of Christ's return and their vindication. Here the author reminds the readers that God does not come with terror, but comfort. Abel was Adam and Eve's son, killed by his brother Cain, whose blood cried out for vengeance to God (Genesis 4:10).

¹⁸ You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰ (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²² 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, ²³ 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, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. ²⁵ 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!

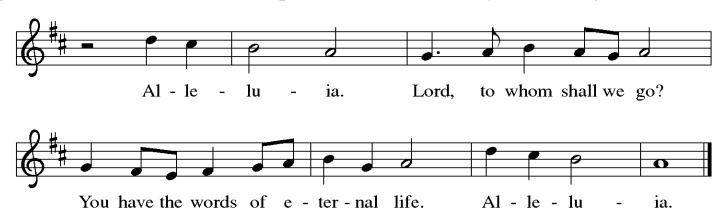
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²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." ²⁷ This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

(please stand to welcome the Gospel or remain seated as you are comfortable)



Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

Through these weeks, we have been reading about Jesus' journey toward Jerusalem, where he will be crucified. In all four Gospels Jesus is described as facing opposition because he healed on the sabbath. Keeping Saturday as a day of rest was an important way in which Jews identified themselves and preserved their distinction as the chosen people. Especially for those who could not travel to the temple to sacrifice, it was the most evident defining tradition.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 13th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ 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. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ 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."

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¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water?

¹⁶ 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?" ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

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

(please be seated)

Sermon Pastor Jess Felici

Hymn of the Day (please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)

"O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come"

ELW #610

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 the People (please kneel or sit as you are comfortable)

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

The Peace (please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

(share God's peace with one another and then be seated)

MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Gathering of Gifts

As we move to the time in our worship where we offer our gifts to God's church, a portion of your offering supports Community Programs – such as Social Chit-Chat, Grief Groups, AA, and Line Dancing. Your offerings provide space, utilities, and staff support for people to gather to promote mental and physical wellness.



If you prefer, scan the QR code to give online. You may then place a giving card from the pew in the offering plate as it passes by.



Offertory (please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)

"We Are an Offering"

ELW #692

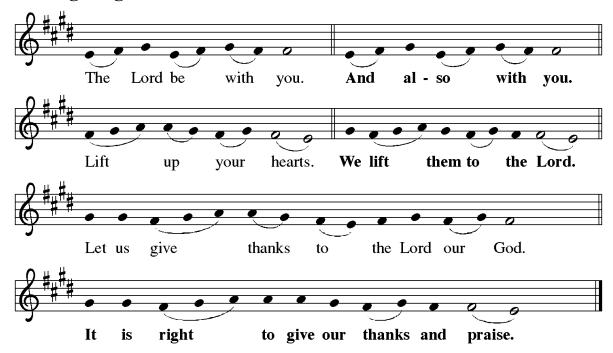


Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

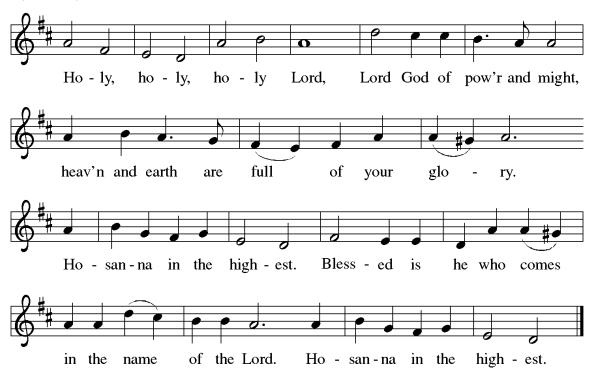
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy God,
our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,
in the harmonious world of your creation,
the plants and animals, the seas and stars
were whole and well in your praise.
When sin had scarred the world,
you sent your Son to heal our ills
and to form us again into one.

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.

Remembering, therefore,
his acts of healing,
his body given up,
and his victory over death,
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

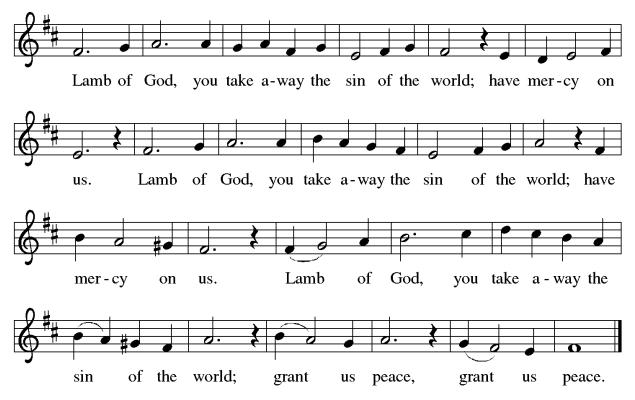
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Invitation to Communion

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

Lamb of God



(please be seated)

Distribution of Communion

To receive communion, please come down the center aisle, take a cup from the tray and gather at the altar rail. Receive the bread into your hand. Wine will be poured into your cup. The communion wine is gluten free. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. For those unable to receive wine, communion cups with water are available. Leave the altar rail, place your cup on the tray and return to your pew via the side aisles. If you would like to receive communion in the pew, please contact an usher. Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

Table Blessing (please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. 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

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

"Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand"

ELW #441

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

THE BROADCAST THIS WEEK is dedicated to the Glory of God in loving memory of my mother, Nora Irene "Mickey" Heintzelman, given by daughter, Connie Fyalkowski and family.

<u>THE FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND</u> are dedicated to the Glory of God in honor and in celebration of Greg and Kelly Stanko's 45th Wedding Anniversary on August 23rd.

Serving this Weekend

Preaching: Pastor Jess Felici **Presiding:** Pastor Jason Felici

Director of Music: Debbie Morley

Lectors: Saturday 5:30pm: Donna Showalter

Sunday 8:15am: Mark Jones Sunday 10:45am: Karen Clair

Liturgical Deacons: Saturday 5:30pm: Lucinda Nicely

Sunday 8:15am: Nancy McHenry, Evan Stemler

Sunday 10:45am: Karen Clair, Kathe Houck

Ushers: Saturday 5:30pm: Jay Elder, John Elder, Kasha & Don Loveridge

Sunday 8:15am: Rick Baldonieri, Herb Harris, Sandy Kisick,

Melinda Terney

Sunday 10:45am: Jill & Mike Macey, Tim Potter, Becky Tomlinson,

Susan Vargo

Acolytes: Saturday 5:30pm:

Sunday 8:15am: Claire Benning, Will Benning

Sunday 10:45am:

Tellers: Sunday 8:15am: Sandy Kisick, Candace Bungard, BJ Hebenthal,

Sherry Palmer

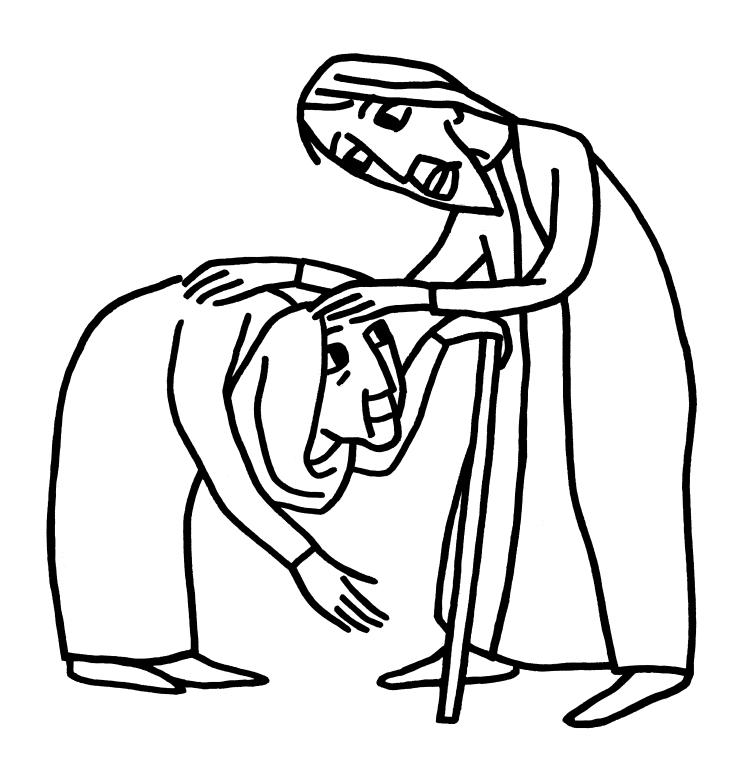
Sunday 10:45am: Linda McDowell, Christina Andrae,

Mike Macey, Darlene Schultz

Acolytes Serving Next Weekend August 30 & 31

Saturday 5:30pm: Sunday 8:15am: Sunday 10:45am:

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Luke 13:10-13 Common English Bible