



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (*Proper 18*) September 7, 2025

Prelude

**WATER, BLOOD, AND SPIRIT CRYING**

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**Service of Holy Baptism**

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**Divine Service *Setting One***

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**INTROIT**

*Psalm 119:28-32; antiphon: v.27*



**P** Make me understand the way of Your | Precepts,\*  
and I will meditate on Your | wondrous works.

**G** My soul melts away for | sorrow,\*  
strengthen me according | to Your Word!

**P** Put false ways | far from me\* and graciously teach | me Your Law!

**G** I have chosen the Way of | faithfulness\*  
I set Your just Decrees be- | fore me.

**P** I cling to Your Testimonies, | O Lord;\* let me not be | put to shame!

**G** I will run in the way of Your Com- | mandments\*  
when you en- | large my heart!

**G** Glory be to the Father and | to the + Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

**P** Make me understand the way of Your | Precepts,\*  
and I will meditate on Your | wondrous works.

**KYRIE**

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**HYMN OF PRAISE** *Gloria in excelsis*

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**P** O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **G** Amen.

*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT

## Deuteronomy 30:15-20

*See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the Commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in His ways, and by keeping His Commandments and His statutes and His rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.*

*But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying His voice and holding fast to Him, for He is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.*

## PSALM 1

*antiphon: v.2*

Ⓟ His delight is in the Law | of the Lord,\*

and on His Law he meditates | day and night.

☛ **Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the | wicked,\*  
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of | scoffers;**

Ⓟ His delight is in the Law | of the Lord,\*

and on His Law he meditates | day and night.

☛ **He is like a tree planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not | wither.\*  
In all that he does, he | prospers.**

Ⓟ The wicked | are not so,\* but are like chaff that the wind | drives away.

☛ **Therefore the wicked will not stand in the | judgment,\*  
nor sinners in the congregation of the | righteous;**

Ⓟ for the Lord knows the Way of the | Righteous,\*

but the way of the wicked will | perish.

☛ **Glory be to the Father and | to the + Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

▮ His delight is in the Law | of the Lord,\*  
and on His Law he meditates | day and night.

## EPISTLE

## Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our beloved fellow worker and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the Gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your ow-

ing me even your own self. Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

*Stand*

## VERSE

*Gal. 6:14*

☐ Alle- | luia.\* Alle- | luia.

Far be it from me to boast

except in the cross of our Lord | Jesus Christ,\*

by which the world has been crucified to me, and I | to the world.

Alle- | luia.\* Alle- | luia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

**Luke 14:25-35**

Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and He turned and said to them, **If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be My disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be My disciple.**

**Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.**

## PRAISE THE ALMIGHTY

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**SERMON**

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

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**RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**



If this is your first attendance at Trinity Lutheran Church, we kindly ask that you speak with one of the Pastors before receiving the Lord's Supper.



We *believe* the Lord's Supper to be a participation in the body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins. We *teach* that under bread and wine Jesus delivers life and salvation to His church. We *confess* Jesus desires you to partake in this meal, and He instituted the Holy Ministry to serve His gifts with care.

The holy Apostles warn us in the Scriptures not to receive the Supper to our harm, thereby the Pastors would hope to know who you are and where you are from before they serve you what Christ has given. We are in fellowship with the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod (LCMS). If you are a member in good standing of one of our churches you can expect to be welcomed to our rail.

If you need help or prayer, would like to learn more about our congregation, or about attending Holy Communion in the future we will be honored to speak with you about these things.

*See Matthew 26:26-28, John 20:19-23, 1 Corinthians 11:16, 26-28, Acts 2:42*

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

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**HOW CLEAR IS OUR VOCATION, LORD**

**853**

**LORD JESUS CHRIST, YOU HAVE PREPARED**

**622**

**O GOD, MY FAITHFUL GOD**

**696**

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE is *Nunc dimittis***

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**Postlude**

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**We rejoice today in the Baptism of Savannah Rae Smith.**

**A NEW TOPIC** will begin 9/14 in the Sunday morning parish hall study. Called **CEREMONY AND CELEBRATION**, it will cover the topic of liturgy and practice in the Divine Service. You will have ample opportunity to ask questions about the what and why of the service. We will also examine symbols, colors, gestures and movements used by both congregant and pastor. **Pastor Bauer** will be leading the discussion.

**The Sunday School and Co-op teachers have spent a lot of time preparing the nursery classroom for**

the school year. In an effort to maintain all the hard work, please refrain from using the classroom outside of designated times. Please see Sarah Peterson, Lynn Stuchlik or Linda Sherrill with questions or concerns. Thank you!

**Single or Married Young adults.** There is an ongoing study to which you are invited. Led by **Pastor Bauer**, the current topic is based on the Lutheran Confessions. Discussion is lively. Study time is 6:30 PM on Mondays. If you want more information text Pr. Bauer at 303-358-8362, or email him at [pastorbauer@gototrinity.com](mailto:pastorbauer@gototrinity.com).

We, the **Trinity Survivors** will be hosting the 7th Annual Suicide Fundraiser, on Sunday, September 7th. This is to teach how to prevent suicide. Suicide has been growing and we need to raise awareness to each other, that there is help. Suicide leaves loved ones with so many unanswered questions for the rest of their life. Let's STOMP OUT SUICIDE!! Come join us after church on September 7th, for bagels, fruit, cake and fellowship. Everything will be provided. There will be a Free Will Donation. The Suicide Walk will be held at: BERKELEY LAKE PARK in Denver, on Saturday, September 13th. Walk with us if you can, and don't forget to wear your Trinity Survivor shirt if you have one. Donations will be turned in to the Out Of The Darkness chair person by the end of September. All donations collected after September will be turned in to the chair person before years end. Thank you! Trinity Survivors, Dawn Clevenger/chair.

**Please fill out a pew card every Sunday.** It helps with record keeping for congregation, District and Synod. Thank you.

**Life Quotation from Lutherans for Life:** God created every one of us to shine brightly in the world He made for us. Each person is a candle, sustaining His light to share with others. When a baby is aborted, his or her candle is extinguished. Clearly, that is not what God wants for us. None of us is unimportant to God; He cares about all of us, no matter our size, age, parents, gender (sex), or disabilities. Every candle has a special purpose God designed.

"Difficult situations like surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis can tempt us to forget our Savior's presence and power. Comfort comes not from making deals with death but from the gifts He wrings and the privileges He brings even in and through hardship. An everlasting, unchanging, and all-sufficient Creator and Keeper not only provides life, He protects it as well!" *Pastor Michael Salemink*

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Lutherans for Life National Conference is happening September 24-26, 2025 at Great Wolf Lodge in Colorado Springs, Colorado!

Registration Fees

- Adult: \$150
- Students and Youth, 13 years old through college-age: \$25
- Children, 12 years old and under: FREE

Keynote Speakers

- Jim Daly | Focus on the Family

- Jack Phillips | Masterpiece Cakeshop
- Judge Ruth Neely | Retired Wyoming Judge
- Joy Pullman | The Federalist
- Rev. Dr. Aric Fenske | Lutherans For Life

We are also asking that anyone who is interested in contributing Thrivent Dollars to sponsor a youth team to attend, please contact Lynn Stuchlik @ 817-501-3249.

**Looking for a way to help?** Sunday morning coffee and donuts are provided on a volunteer basis. If you can help, please sign up for an available slot at the welcome desk. You will receive a reminder on the Friday before. All proceeds from coffee hour will be used to help support the various Trinity programs. If you have questions, please contact Linda Sherrill.

**Trinity Homeschool Cooperative is accepting applications for the 25/26 school year.** Prospective families can schedule a tour on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Call/Text us at call/text (720) 306-1661 or visit us at [www.trinitylutheranchurchdenver.com](http://www.trinitylutheranchurchdenver.com).

**Community Ministry** needs for September: Jelly & Peanut Butter, Cereal; Holiday Food needs: Stuffing, Pie crust mix, Evaporated milk, Cake mix, Frosting; Children's needs: Clothing ages 4 & up, Diapers size 6, Boy's underwear size 2-3T, 4-5T, Girl's underwear size 16YO.

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**TODAY 9/7 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

9 AM – Divine Service/Holy Communion

10:30 – Bible Class/Sunday School

11:30 – Adult Choir

11:30 – Marriage Class

**MONDAY 9/8**

6:30 PM – Single or Married Young Adults Class

**TUESDAY 9/9**

8 AM – Tuesday Crew

9 AM Chapel

Trinity Homeschool CO-OP

**WEDNESDAY 9/10**

**9 AM – Trinity Ladies @ Sunrise, Sunset, 1424 S. Wadsworth Blvd., Lakewood (Moved to Wd.)**

Adult Handbells

**THURSDAY 9/11**

Trinity Homeschool CO-OP

**NEXT SUNDAY 9/14 Feast of the Holy Cross**

9 AM – Divine Service/Holy Communion

10:30 – Bible Class/Sunday School

11:30 – Adult Choir

11:30 – Marriage Class

**SERVING THIS WEEK AT TRINITY**

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 7, 2025**

**Acolytes** Ben Sherrill, Wendell Pitt

**Ushers** Jeramiah Basham, Jim Behrmann, David Germeroth,  
Christian Sherrill, Peter Sherrill

**Counters** TBD, Nathan Fehr

**Altar Guild** Wanita Wood

**SERVING NEXT WEEK AT TRINITY**

**Holy Cross September 14 2025**

**Acolytes** Greg Wood, Tim Wood

**Ushers** James Kellogg, Jeremy Kellog, Jeremiah Mulholland, Jim Malloreay,  
Joshua Malloreay

**Counters** John Krudy, Susanna Weisel

**Altar Guild** Docia Love