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# Eleventh Sunday After Trinity August 31, 2025

## Before Worship ~ Speak to God (Silent Prayer) After Worship ~ Speak to Friends (Socialize)

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS TODAY. May you find grace and blessing in the time we spend together. If you are looking for a church home, please speak to one of the pastors. We would be happy to share with you ways in which you might become a regular part of our Christian fellowship. Please fill out a visitor's card and put in the offering plate when it is passed.

#### **HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES**

If you have trouble hearing during the worship service we have hearing assistance devices for your use. Please ask an usher for assistance in getting one.

#### **NOTE ABOUT COMMUNION:**

At today's service, we will receive the very body and blood of the Lord Jesus under the forms of bread and wine in the Sacrament of the Altar (Matt 25:26-29). If you do not belong to a congregation of our fellowship or if you have not been able to speak with our pastor before the service, out of concern for your spiritual wellbeing, we ask that you remain in your pew while the sacrament is being distributed. If you are a communicant member in good standing of a congregation that belongs to the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS) and intend to receive this sacrament at Trinity, please be sure to speak with our pastor about receiving the sacrament before the service begins.

While this sacrament is a great blessing to Christians who receive it in faith, the Apostle Paul tells us that those who receive it unworthily will experience negative spiritual and physical consequences (1 Cor 11:27-30). Moreover, he writes that anyone who eats sacrifices at an altar joins himself to that altar and confesses that the teaching in that place is true (1 Cor 10:16-21). Our communion practice stems from our desire to spare visitors to our congregation from experiencing the grave spiritual and physical consequences that come with receiving the Lord's body and blood unworthily and to help them not to confess things inadvertently that they do not believe to be true. If you are interested in communing here in the future or would like to learn more about what this congregation teaches, please let our pastor know. And he would be happy to find a time to talk with you further.

Organist: Sue Markworth

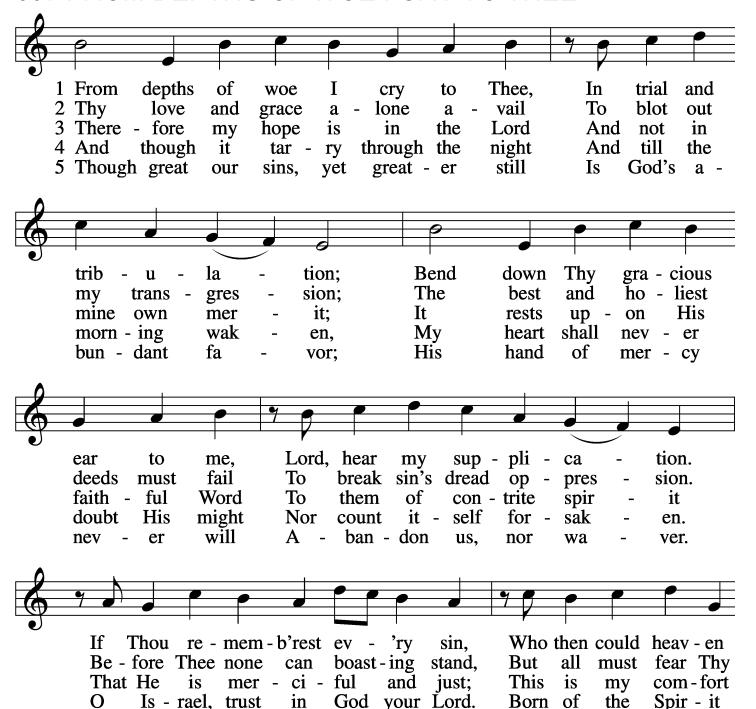
#### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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## The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

## Silence for reflection on God's Word and for selfexamination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal

punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

#### SERVICE OF THE WORD



Psalm 68

God is in his holy habi- | tation;\*

[he] settles the solitary | in a home.

In your goodness, O God, you provided for the | needy.\*

The God of Israel – he is the one who gives power and strength to his people; | Blessed be God!

God shall arise, his enemies shall be | scattered;

And those who hate him shall flee be- | fore him! 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.

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## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



## P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 4:1-15

<sup>1</sup>Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." <sup>2</sup>And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. <sup>3</sup>In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, <sup>4</sup>and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup>but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. <sup>6</sup>The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? <sup>7</sup>If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it."

<sup>8</sup>Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. <sup>9</sup>Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" <sup>10</sup>And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. <sup>11</sup>And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. <sup>12</sup>When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to

you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." <sup>13</sup>Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. <sup>14</sup>Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." <sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL Psalm 28

In [God] my heart trusts, and | I am helped;\*
my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to
him.

To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,\* hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 15:1–10

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared

to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

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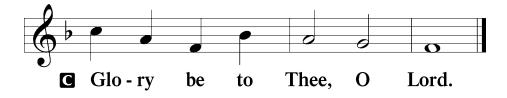
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#### HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 18:9-14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.



<sup>9</sup>[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>"Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee,

standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



#### NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down
from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## 559 OH, HOW GREAT IS YOUR COMPASSION

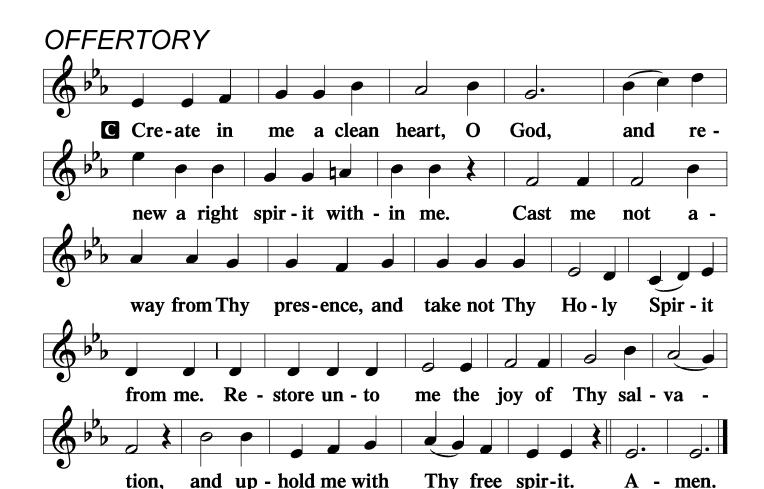


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#### SERMON

- P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C Amen.



**OFFERING** 

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.



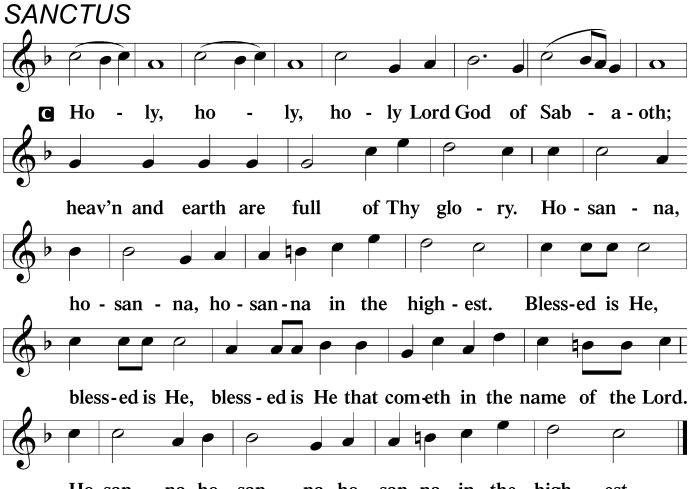
P Lift up your hearts.



P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



P It is truly good, right, and salutary..... Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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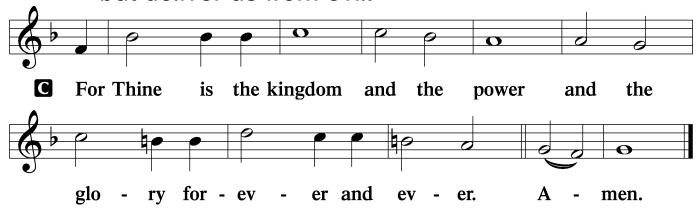
#### LORD'S PRAYER

P 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.



#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

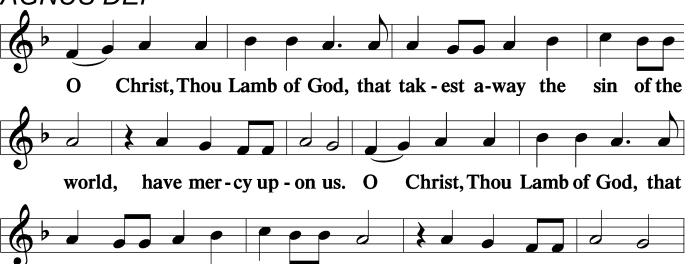
#### PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.





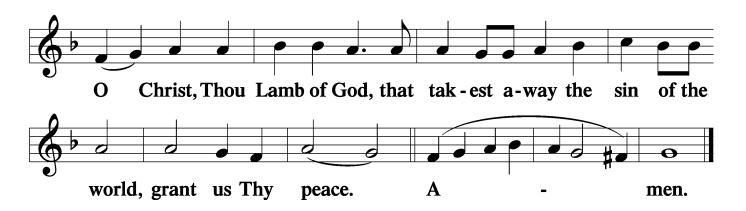
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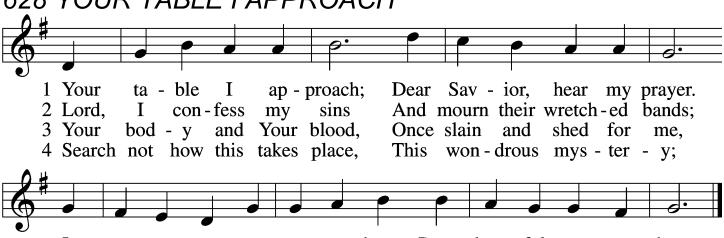
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#### DISTRIBUTION

#### 628 YOUR TABLE I APPROACH



Let not an un - re - pen-tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there. A con-trite heart is sure to find For - give-ness at Your hands. Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty. God can ac - com-plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

5 O grant, most blessèd Lord, That earth and hell combined May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.

6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

Text: Gerhard Wolter Molanus, 1633–1722; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt. Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois Text and tune: Public domain

### 614 "AS SURELY AS I LIVE." GOD SAID



- The words which absolution give Are His who died that we might live; The minister whom Christ has sent Is but His humble instrument.
- When ministers lay on their hands, Absolved by Christ the sinner stands; He who by grace the Word believes The purchase of His blood receives.
- 7 All praise to You, O Christ, shall be For absolution full and free, In which You show Your richest grace; From false indulgence guard our race.

## $\Lambda$ 8 Praise God the Father and the Son And Holy Spirit, Three in One, As was, is now, and so shall be World without end, eternally!

Text: Nicolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt. Tune: Jeremiah Clarke, c. 1674–1707 Text and tune: Public domain





## **NUNC DIMITTIS**



#### **THANKSGIVING**

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

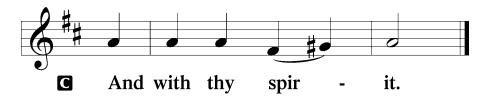


A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



P The Lord be with you.



#### **BENEDICAMUS**

A Bless we the Lord.



#### BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



#### 615 WHEN IN THE HOUR OF DEEPEST NEED



- 5 O from our sins, Lord, turn Your face; Absolve us through Your boundless grace. Be with us in our anguish still; Free us at last from ev'ry ill.
  - 6 So we with all our hearts each day To You our glad thanksgiving pay, Then walk obedient to Your Word, And now and ever praise You, Lord.

Text: Paul Eber, 1511–69; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510–61

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#### This Week At Trinity

| Sunday  | Aug 31, 2025 | 9:00AM – Divine Service |
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| Tuesday | Sep 02, 2025 | 1:00PM - Quilting       |

2:00PM - Pastor at TCC

Thursday Sep 04, 2025 3:30PM – Lifelight Bible Study

5:00PM - Women's Ministry

Sunday Sep 07, 2025 9:00AM – Divine Service

#### **FLOWERS**

Flowers on the Altar are given by Judy Heintz in loving memory of Marv Heintz.

#### HOUSEKEEPING ITEM

Names will stay on the prayer list for three weeks. If you would like your name or your loved one to stay on longer, please let the office know (secretary@trinityfarmington.org).

#### **ALTAR GUILD**

HELP WANTED: Could you help with something that happens once every 8-9 weeks in the church? If so, the altar guild could use YOUR help! The main responsibilities are setting up for communion and cleaning up after service, which takes less than an hour each. We rotate on a weekly basis so the more members, the longer the rotation. We're also happy to trade weeks to accommodate schedules. For more information, please contact Sue Markworth, altar guild chair.

#### **VETERANS DINNER**

Once again, our church is hosting a Roast Beef dinner for our local veterans! The dinner will be held on Monday, September 8 at 6 PM The dinner will be roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, vegetable with coffee/lemonade to drink. Donations are appreciated such as cash/check to purchase groceries or if cash is not possible, desserts and dinner rolls will be helpful. Questions or interested in assisting with the dinner, please contact Rose Little at 763-232-2208.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will begin September 7 with a Diapers and Donut Celebration to recognize and support the many new families who had babies this past year and celebrate the first day of Sunday School! Please see the Parish Life for more information on this event.

#### IMPORTANT SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES FOR THE YEAR:

September 7- First Day of Sunday School!

December 17- Wednesday - SS Nativity Play during Advent service

March 29- Palm Sunday-SS kids sing during Divine Worship

April 5- Easter Sunday-NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

May 17- Last Day of Sunday School & Congregational Picnic