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God of all creation who gives us this beautiful day
and life itself, who hung the stars in the sky,
and who also generously provides our daily bread,
we welcome you into our presence.
Dear Lord, what can I do for you today?

August 19, 2018 — 13th Sunday after Pentecost



John 6:51-58

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 5

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

C Amen.

P Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Eternal God our creator,

C in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God ☩ forgives you all your sins.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

ELW HYMN 574

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

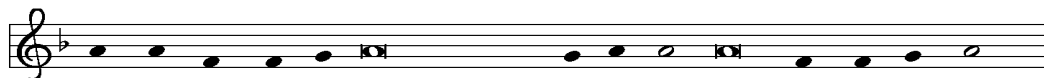
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



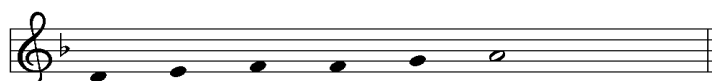
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



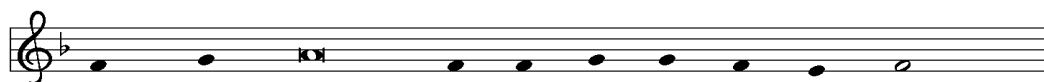
For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



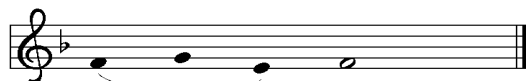
let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we
giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -
au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes
name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one
will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,
sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to
liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord
heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we
ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in
praise you for your glo - ry.
ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.
God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world.
Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and
sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: PROVERBS 9:1-6

Wisdom is portrayed as a woman who invites people to partake of her banquet. Just as ordinary food is necessary for physical life, Wisdom's food—insight and understanding—is necessary for fullness of life with God. Partaking of Wisdom's banquet is the way to life.

¹Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.

²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.

³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,

⁴“You that are simple, turn in here!”
To those without sense she says,

⁵“Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.

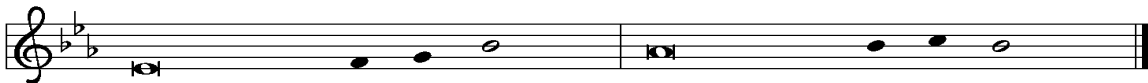
⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34:9-14

Sung responsively



⁹Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD,
for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good.

¹¹Come, children, and lis- | ten to me;
I will teach you reverence | for the LORD.

**12 Who among you takes pleasure in life
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**

¹³Keep your | tongue from evil
and your lips from | lying words.

**14 Turn from evil | and do good;
seek peace | and pursue it.**

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 5:15-20

True wisdom integrates our new reality in Christ with our Christian fellowship and daily conduct. Because we are filled with the Spirit, Christians regularly rejoice together, give thanks to God for one another, and care for one another. In this way we revere our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Repeat alleluia

P The Holy Gospel, according to John, the sixth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: JOHN 6:51-58

In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last

day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

PASTOR ELWYN LUBER

HYMN OF THE DAY

Thine Is the Glory

ELW HYMM 376

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C 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.

THE PRAYERS

A Trusting in our loving and almighty God who abundantly provides the bread of life to all hunger, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A O Lord, you build your church, the body of Christ, and sustain it with living bread. Let wisdom guide your church, and teach all its members the way of righteousness. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A O Lord, bless the work of musicians, composers, writers, and all artists. Move us to even greater praise through their gifts of creativity. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A O Lord, we thank you for the diversity of the nations. Shower your wisdom and mercy upon all leaders and citizens. Give us all the courage to seek peace and pursue it. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A O Lord, send calm and perseverance to those who are in trouble or who live daily with great stress. Fill them with your Spirit and satisfy them with your presence, especially Carl Quarnstrom. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A O Lord, we thank you for this congregation and for that of Martin Luther Lutheran in Lee's Summit, St. Paul Lutheran in Cole Camp, and Kansas City Oromo Mission in Kansas City, Missouri, and for Bethany Home in Lindsborg. Give us gratitude for the many blessings we enjoy, and inspire us to give thanks at all times. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A O Lord, we pray for Samantha Ginter and Karen Kaiser as they celebrate their birthdays, Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, we bless you for family, friends, and sisters and brothers in Christ who have guided us in wisdom and insight. Lead us into peace with all people until the day of Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty and loving God, we look to you in hope and trust, knowing that you will do far more than we can ask or imagine, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Let us greet one another with God's peace.

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

Please stand as you are able.

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C **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.

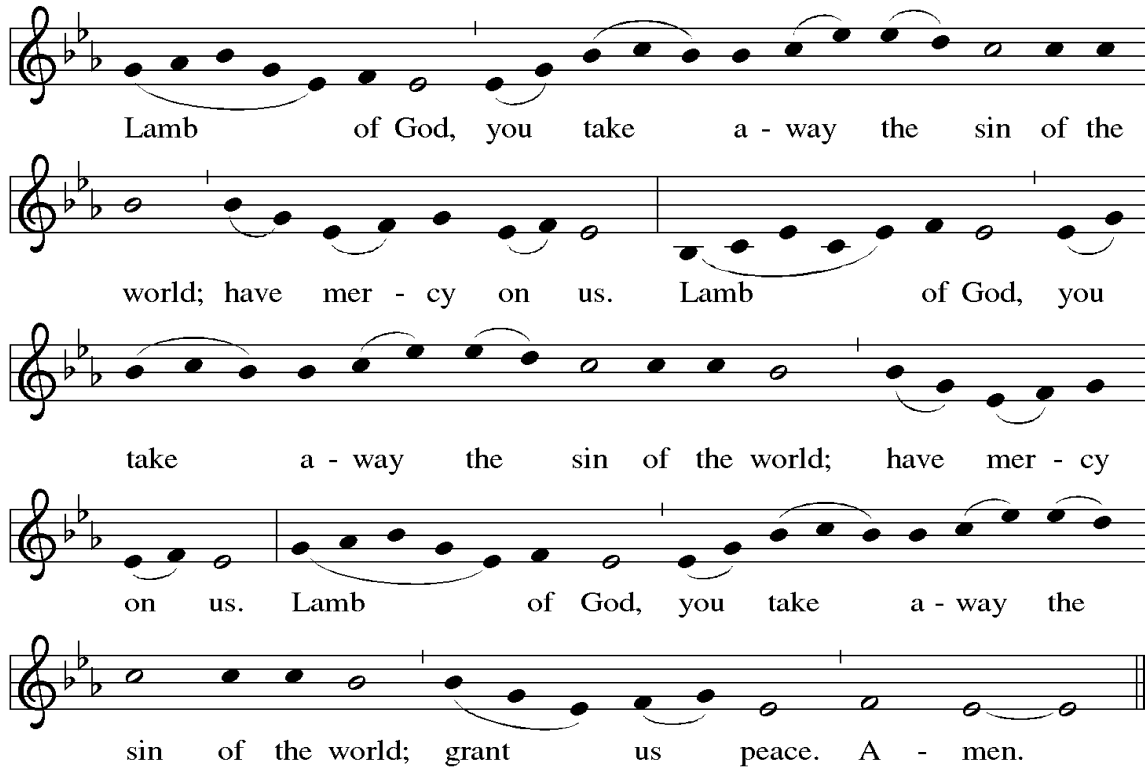
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD



We invite all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior to share with us in Holy Communion. All are welcome to join us at the Lord's table. White grape juice is available as an alternative to wine. Everyone is invited forward to receive communion or a blessing. Hands cupped open indicate an openness to receive communion; hands closed reflect a desire to receive a blessing.

Note: we have gluten-free communion wafers available. If gluten-free is your preference, please let the pastor know when you are at the communion rail.

COMMUNION HYMNS

*Come to the Table
Come, Let Us Eat*

ELW HYMN 481

ELW HYMN 491

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

P May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty* ELW HYMN 413

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Remember our shut-ins!

Kathryn Axelton	Marie Henriksen	Ron Owensby
Lucille Brill	Don Longren	Keith Springer
Peggy Buchholz	Shawn Nowak	Naomi Walker
Marlene Hassan	Roy O'Neil	



Please call the office, 233-0767,
promptly about hospitalizations in
our church family.



To share a prayer request please
contact Barbara Apps at 249-7244
She will get the prayer chain started.

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We welcome Pr. Elwyn Luber as he leads us in worship today.

Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you, members and visitors, found the Spirit of God in our midst.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, or have other questions, please contact the church office at 785.233.0767

Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
August 19, 2018	Dorothy Strom	Diane Bottorff	Laurie Jackson	Diane Bottorff	Rosie Nichols	Jane Lewis & Team 2	Don & Charlotte O'Brien	Ted Murphy	Pr. Elwyn Luber
August 26, 2018	Junior & Liz Utech	Duane Pomeroy	Mitchell Bean	Debbie Pomeroy	Ted Murphy	Jane Lewis & Team 2	Junior & Liz Utech	Bob Horton	Mary Heald

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS							
Date	General	Other	Flowers	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion
July 22	\$1,833.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,833.67	-\$2,643.92	-\$810.25	51/44
July 29	\$1,554.00	\$466.00	\$0.00	\$2,020.00	-\$2,643.92	-\$623.92	60/55
Aug. 5	\$4,114.00	\$165.00	\$0.00	\$4,279.00	-\$2,643.92	\$1,635.08	36/32
Aug. 12	\$3,306.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$3,356.00	-\$2,643.92	\$712.08	39/40
The money shown in the "Other" column is restricted and not available for our general fund.							
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead		
		July 2018	\$12,845.67	-\$11,572.83	\$1,272.84		
		Jan. - July	\$76,678.34	-\$78,684.41	-\$2,006.07		

You may find your contribution reports in the narthex. Please take yours with you as you leave today. Thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, August 19.....	Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM
.....	150th Anniversary Planning Meeting	11:30 AM
.....	Community Garden Meeting	6:00 PM
Mon., August 20	September <i>Trinity Tidings</i> deadline	
.....	Women's AA.....	5:00 PM
Tues., August 21.....	Quilters	9:00 AM
Wed., August 22	Women's AA.....	5:30 PM
Thurs., August 23.....	Men's AA	7:00 PM
Sunday, August 26	Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM
.....	Camdyn & Carsyn Ralph Baptisms	
.....	Youth Group Meeting	5:30 PM



Today, August 19th, immediately after worship there will be a meeting to start planning for the 150th anniversary of Trinity Lutheran Church in 2020. A light lunch will be provided.

FYI, Cindy will be out of the office on Tuesday, August 21st and will work Friday, August 24th.

Baker University Senior nursing students in the class, Nursing of Elders, have an assignment to interview someone who is age 65 or better. Interviews will be done during September. If you'd like to participate, the student who selects you for an interview will contact you to set up an appointment. The interview can take place at your home or at a mutually agreeable location. If you would like to be interviewed, please contact Diane Bottorff at 231-0379.

Gardeners will meet this evening, August 19th, at 6:00 pm. Meet around the picnic table, as weather permits.





The mission of
**Trinity Evangelical
 Lutheran Church**
 is to

- worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
- serve those in need, and
- reach out to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ!

Together in Community • **L**iving with Christ • **C**aring for Neighbors

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