

what  
goes into

someone's mouth does  
not defile them,

BUT WHAT COMES  
OUT OF THEIR MOUTH,  
THAT IS WHAT DEFILES THEM.

September 1, 2024

Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

***We are glad you are here!***  
***It is always good to be together, hearing the Word proclaimed  
and sharing in the Lord's Supper.***  
***Thank you for choosing to worship at Trinity Lutheran Topeka.***

***Evangelical Lutheran Worship — Setting 2***

*Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.*

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**HYMN SING ALONG**

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**GATHERING**

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*Please stand as you are able.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.


*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Most merciful God,



**C** **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.


**C** **Amen.**




1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;


for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
 for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:



*Refrain*



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.



**GREETING**

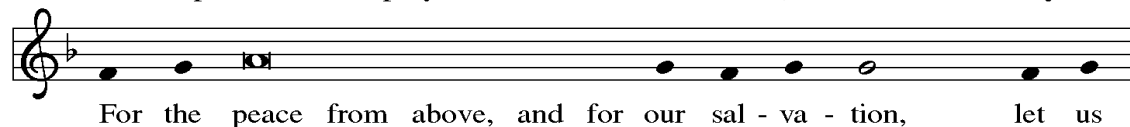
**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

**KYRIE**



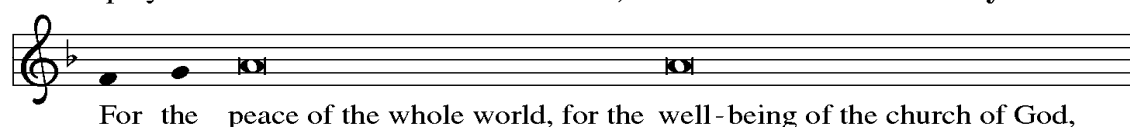
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



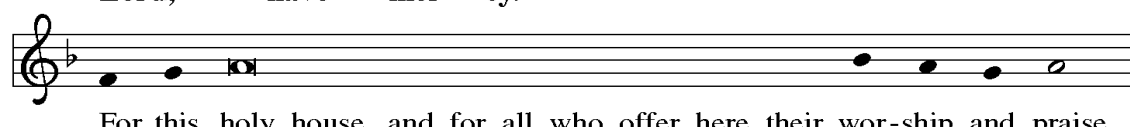
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



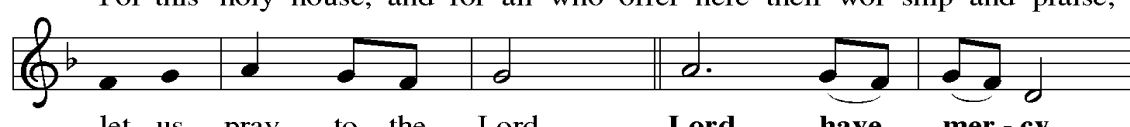
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



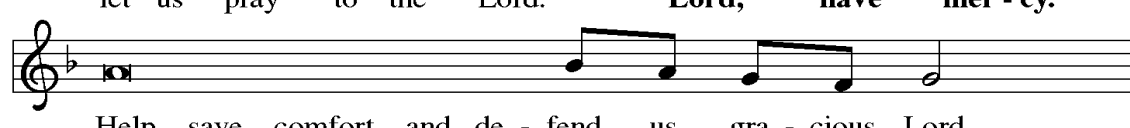
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer 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

*Refrain*  
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we  
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

*Refrain*  
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of  
God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are  
seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*  
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*Refrain*  
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A Let us pray.

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

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**WORD**

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**FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 4:1-2, 6-9**

<sup>1</sup>So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

<sup>6</sup>You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" <sup>7</sup>For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup>And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

<sup>9</sup>But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 15**

*Spoken responsively*

<sup>1</sup>LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup>**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,  
who speak the truth from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup>they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;  
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

<sup>4</sup>**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the  
LORD.**

**They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

<sup>5</sup>They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

**SECOND READING: JAMES 1:17-27**

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

<sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness.

<sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.42**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

P The Holy Gospel, according to Mark, the seventh chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; <sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ <sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

<sup>21</sup>“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

PASTOR BARBARA JONES

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*

ELW 512



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,





warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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 Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

A God of every generation, give the church a sense of purpose and belonging. Sustain and build up leaders and lay people as we accompany one another in our life with Christ. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A God of creation, you named humans as co-creators with you. Where the earth cries out in pain, bring wholeness. Guide governments and industry, that environmental laws and practices seek to heal and not harm. Bring relief and justice to people and places suffering from climate catastrophe. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A Sovereign God, we pray for communities of every kind. Lead those in authority to seek the good of all through their words and actions and to mentor others in honest and generous ways. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A Healing God, draw near to all who desire relief from chronic and acute illness, cancer, and post-traumatic stress disorder. Strengthen health care workers, therapists, and caregivers. Tend to those who are close to our hearts, especially Donna Allen and David McGinnis. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A On this Labor Day weekend we remember and give thanks for all who have fought for workers' rights around the world. Continue to improve working conditions and establish fair wages so that all people may thrive. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God of life, we pray for Ellen Irwin, David Ralph, Bob Horton, and Laurie Jackson as they celebrate their birthdays and for Parker Jackson, Asher Klamm, Charlotte Blenden and Hudson Ralph as they remember their baptisms. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

P Comforting God, console us as we mourn our departed. We hold fast to the promise that death has been defeated by our Savior Jesus Christ. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

P We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**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.*

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#### MEAL

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#### OFFERING

#### OFFERING SONG

*Please stand as you are able.*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the  
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
 prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
 and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**A** Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

**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. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er 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. 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.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**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 Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

*Please be seated.*

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; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

*O Master, Let Me Walk with You*

**ELW 818**

*See page 14*

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly  
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,  
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;  
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,  
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

*Please stand as you are able.*

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**C** Amen.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C **Amen.**

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**SENDING**

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**BLESSING**

P The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Take My Live, That I May Be*

**ELW 685**

*See page 16*

**DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please join us for coffee and refreshments downstairs in Fellowship Hall immediately after worship.*

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**POSTLUDE**

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1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.



5 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.



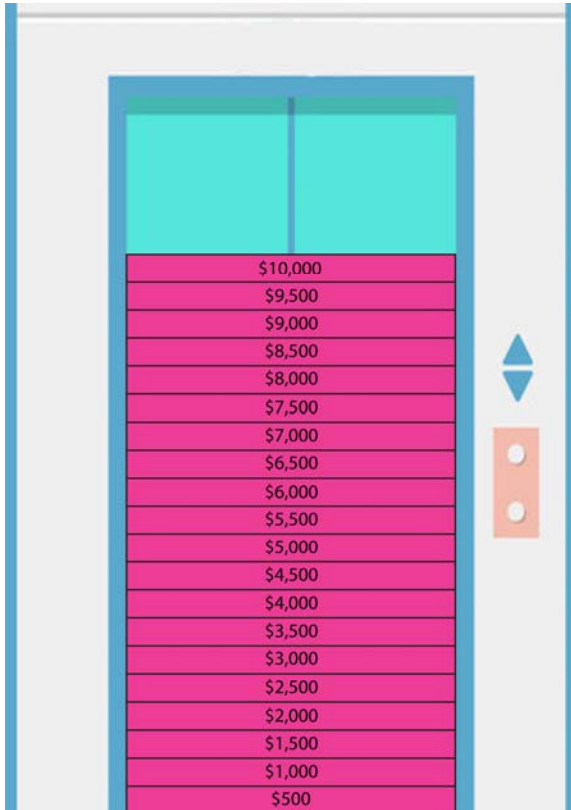
### UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Sept. 1 .....	Doorstep Food Collection .....	
.....	Hymn Sing Along .....	10:15 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM
.....	Coffee Hour .....	after worship
.....	Congregational Life meeting .....	Noon
Mon., Sept 2.....	Labor Day (office closed).....	
Tues., Sept. 3 .....	Quilters .....	9:00 AM
Sunday, Sept. 8.....	Adult Sunday School.....	9:30 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM
.....	Coffee Hour/Light Lunch .....	after worship
.....	God's Work. Our Hands workday @ Doorstep.....	1:00 PM
.....	PFLAG meeting.....	2:00 PM

### Fundraiser for Elevator Repair

We need to raise funds to cover the cost for repairs of our elevator. Currently the elevator is not operational. MEI Total Elevator Solutions gave us a bid for the repairs needed. The cost exceeds \$10,000. Covering this amount will put a strain on Trinity's financial resources.

We are asking you to consider making a donation to the Elevator Fund. Matching funds up to \$1,000 are available. Mark your gift "Elevator Fund" and place it in the offering or mail to the office. Watch for special envelopes in your bulletins and pews. This fundraiser will continue for the next 60 days (ends mid-October). As you can see by the graphic, we have received \$2,500 toward the elevator repair expense. One pink bar will disappear for every \$500 received.



Worship Assistants								
Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Asst. Minister	Presiding Minister	Coffee Hosts
Sept. 1	Parker Jackson	Duane Pomeroy, Howard Reece	Mitchell Bean	Marcy Carlson	Cindy McGinnis & Team 3	Marcy Carlson	Pr. Barb Jones	Mike & Shelley Andrews
Sept. 8	Brayden Winsor	Diane Bottorff, Bob Horton	Mitchell Bean	LaVell Winsor	Cindy McGinnis & Team 3	Ted Murphy	Pr. Barb Jones	Carol Marker & Duane & Debbie Pomeroy
Sept. 15	Cindy McGinnis	Dean McGinnis, Duane Pomeroy	Laurie Jackson	Debbie Pomeroy	Cindy McGinnis & Team 3	Bob Horton	Pr. Barb Jones	Janelle Meredith & Charlotte O'Brien

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Commun-
Aug. 4	\$3,270.95	\$110.00	\$3,380.95	-\$2,211.54	\$1,169.41	30/26
Aug. 11	\$1,126.00	\$0.00	\$1,126.00	-\$2,211.54	-\$1,085.54	33/30
Aug. 18	\$1,301.00	\$1,110.00	\$2,411.00	-\$2,211.54	\$199.46	29/27
Aug. 25	\$2,497.25	\$1,801.00	\$4,298.25	-\$2,211.54	\$2,086.71	35/29
		July 2024	\$6,802.00	-\$12,717.59	-\$5,915.59	
		Jan. - July	\$64,471.82	-\$75,195.98	-\$10,724.16	

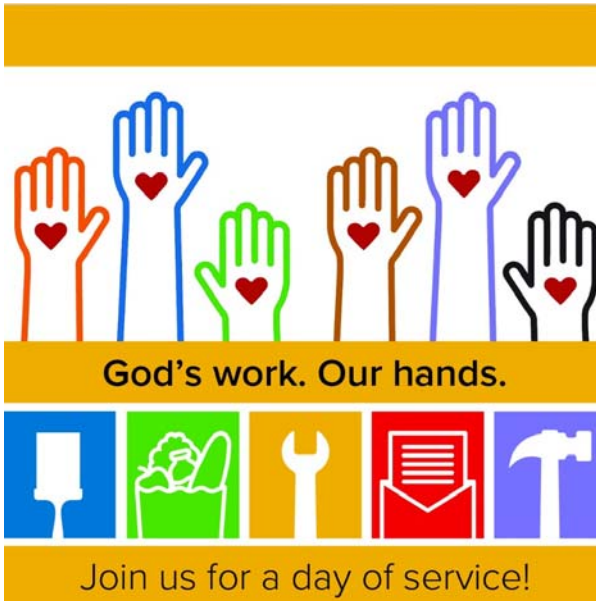
**Hymn Sing Along = Food for Our Soul**  
**Food Donation for Doorstep = Food for Our Neighbors**



Today, Sunday, Sept. 1, is our food collection day for Doorstep. If you forget to bring food for donation, you may drop it off at the office during the week.

Please remember our neighbors in need when you do your grocery shopping.





Mark your calendar for next Sunday, **September 8. It's God's Work, Our Hands Sunday**, ELCA's annual day of service.

Our service opportunity will be at Doorstep, beginning at 1pm. If you've volunteered before at Doorstep or haven't been able due to your weekday schedule, plan to join us on September 8.

A light lunch will be available during coffee hour.

Again this year we have asked members of Asbury Mount Olive United Methodist Church to join us.

## National Night Out 2024: The Salty and Sweet Social

**Saturday, Sept. 14, 11am-1pm**

Join us for our yearly National Night Out event! Join your neighbors for some salty and sweet treats resources, and some fun! There will be hot dogs, ice cream, a bubble machine. This event is open to Historic Old Town neighbors and Trinity members & friends.





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### OFFICE HOURS

10:00AM-3:30PM, Monday through Thursday

**Together in Community**

**Living with Christ**

**Caring for Neighbors**

### **Living with Christ's Love**

As Lutherans, we believe that we are justified by faith alone through the grace of God (*Ephesians 2:1-9*). As our namesake Martin Luther made clear, we are both sinners and saints as we live our lives of faith. Together as Christians, we are called to allow God into our lives everyday and to do our best to live according to Christ's love. We do this through being a community of faithful that welcomes all people to join us in prayer, service, study, and worship as we journey together in learning how to live out the Great Commandment.

### **CONGREGATION COUNCIL**

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