

***Eighth Sunday after Pentecost***  
***August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014***

Welcome to our worship today of the triune God, our Savior. As the rain makes crops grow, God uses his Word to grow saving faith in our hearts. Let us listen to it eagerly!



**Our Worship**

**Order of Service:** “Service of the Word” can also be found on page 38 in *Christian Worship* if you would like to follow the music there.

**HYMN:** 568

**STAND**

**M:** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

**M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C:** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen**

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### **OH, TASTE AND SEE (Sung)**

**C:** **Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him. Your word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues forever. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** Let us pray.

**M:** Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen (Sung)**

*BE SEATED*

## **THE WORD**

### **Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 55:10, 11 (NIV)**

10 As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, 11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

**PSALM:** 65, on page 89

### **Epistle Lesson: Romans 8:18-25 (NIV)**

<sup>18</sup> I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. <sup>19</sup> The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it,

in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. <sup>23</sup> Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

### **VERSE OF THE DAY:**

**M:** Alleluia. The Word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. Alleluia.  
(Deuteronomy 30:14)

**C: (Sung) Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*STAND*

### **Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. <sup>2</sup> Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. <sup>3</sup> Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. <sup>4</sup> As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup> Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was

shallow. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. <sup>8</sup> Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. <sup>9</sup> He who has ears, let him hear.”

<sup>18</sup> “Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path. <sup>20</sup> The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. <sup>21</sup> But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away. <sup>22</sup> The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful. <sup>23</sup> But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

**C: (Sung) Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*BE SEATED*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: 574**

**Sermon Text: Isaiah 55:10, 11**

“GOD’S WORD WILL NOT RETURN TO HIM EMPTY”

*STAND*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*BE SEATED*

## **OFFERING**

*STAND*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

#### **(Saturday & Tuesday)**

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.

Or

**(Sunday)**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

*BE SEATED*

**HYMN:** 544

*STAND*

**M:** Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: (Sung) Amen.**

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

**C: (Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**HYMN: 283**



*We welcome those visiting us this weekend. If you are a resident of this area and have no church home, we invite you to consider Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, town of Liberty. If you are interested, please speak to the pastor. We pray the blessing of God's Holy Spirit upon his Word, which you have heard with us today. Come worship with us again!*

## **Announcements:**

### **Organist**

We thank our organist this weekend: Janice Loppnow from Trinity, Kiel. We thank her for beautifying our worship of God.

### **Vacation Bible School Sings**

The Vacation Bible School children will be singing August 10<sup>th</sup>. VBS this year, Christ's Kingdom as Seen in the Animal Kingdom, is this Monday-Wednesday, August 4-6.

### **Sunday School Display**

At the East entrance of church is a display table for the Sunday School. Their theme is "Here We Grow" based on 2 Peter 3:18, "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen."

They are emphasizing the truth that our Sunday School is all the more blessed the more members are involved in helping out. No matter your age, and whether or not you have Sunday School aged children, please consider signing up on one of the sheets to let the teachers know where you're willing to assist.

## Meditations

There is a signup sheet in the back of church for *Meditations*. *Meditations* is our synod's daily devotion book, and includes a daily Bible reading, devotion, and prayer. Those who've ordered it have enjoyed great benefit to their faith. We encourage you to sign up. The price for a one year subscription is \$14.00 for regular print and \$18.50 for large print. Please make your check out to Trinity Lutheran Church and place in the church secretary's mailbox. The last date to sign up will be August 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Reminders

- Our church services are available on DVD. Ask Pastor.
- Please have Messenger articles in by Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

## Calendar of Events

<b>Sat.2<sup>nd</sup></b>	7:00 p.m.	Worship
<b>Sun.3<sup>rd</sup></b>	9:30 a.m.	Worship
<b>Mon.4<sup>th</sup></b>	5:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
<b>Tues.5<sup>th</sup></b>	5:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
	7:00 p.m.	Worship
<b>Wed.6<sup>th</sup></b>	5:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
	8:00 p.m.	Board of Spiritual Affairs
<b>Thur.7<sup>th</sup></b>	6:00 p.m.	Bible Information Class
<b>Sat.9<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
<b>Sun.10<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion Vacation Bible School sings
<b>Tues.12<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion

### **Ushers:**

August 2<sup>nd</sup> Fred Schnell, Mike Kiesow

August 3<sup>rd</sup> Gary Vetter, Len Arnold, Andy Kiesow, Jeff Tuschel

### **Tuesday Service**

August 5<sup>th</sup> Derrick Krey, Mark Kiesow

August 9<sup>th</sup> Greg Buechner (Server), Warren Lutze (Server), Steve Pleuss

August 10<sup>th</sup> Ron Kasten (Server), John Smith (Server), David Mellstrom, Todd Bergmann

**Tuesday Service**

**August 12<sup>th</sup>** Larry Hochkammer (Server), Brian Glaeser (Server), Marty Kiesow

**Greeters**

Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> Gary Vetter

Aug.10<sup>th</sup> Shelby & Ivy Johnson

Aug.17<sup>th</sup> Connie Mangin

**Altar Guild: August – Group 1**

*Helen Isaacson, Darlene Kiesow, Donna Nagel, Elaine Petersen*