

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
September 3rd, 4th & 6th, 2011

The gospel promises of our Lord Jesus Christ turn hearts to faith and strengthen faith. If you are a guest with us, please sign our guest register. Come and worship with us again!

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 – 422

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 and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of 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: Exodus 14:10-31 (NIV)

¹⁰ As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the LORD. ¹¹ They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? ¹² Didn’t we say to you in Egypt, ‘Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians’? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!” ¹³ Moses answered the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. ¹⁴ The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still.” ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. ¹⁶ Raise

your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷ I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen. ¹⁸ The Egyptians will know that I am the LORD when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen.” ¹⁹ Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel’s army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, ²⁰ coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long. ²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, ²² and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. ²³ The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. ²⁴ During the last watch of the night the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. ²⁵ He made the wheels of their chariots come off so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, “Let’s get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.” ²⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen.” ²⁷ Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place.

The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the LORD swept them into the sea.²⁸ The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.²⁹ But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.³⁰ That day the LORD saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore.³¹ And when the Israelites saw the great power the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

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Epistle Lesson: James 1:2- 8,12 (NIV)

² Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. ⁴ Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. ⁶ But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷ That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.

¹² Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

VERSE OF THE DAY:

M: Alleluia. Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Alleluia. (Hebrews 11:1)

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 14:22-33 (NIV) *When the storms of life pass, we too worship Jesus with a deeper confidence: "Truly you are the Son of God."*

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. ²⁵ During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. ²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." ²⁸ "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he

said, “why did you doubt?” ³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY– 384, verses 1-3

Sermon Text: Matthew 14:22-33

“ON THE STORMY WATERS, JESUS HAS RESCUED US”

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 – 405

STAND

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, 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 – 451



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 Ev. 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

Our organist this weekend is Janice Loppnow from Trinity Kiel. We thank her for playing and helping to beautify our worship.

Prayer Requests –

- Greg Buechner, the son of our member Greg, who is in the military and on a half-year mission in Afghanistan – Lord of hosts, gently guide your servant Greg in his service abroad. Keep your protecting angels near him. In all things, bless his work there and strengthen his faith in Christ. Calm also his wife and family by your sure promises.
- Our members and their family members and friends who are serving in the armed forces at home or abroad – Heavenly Father, we thank you for the faithful service of our nation’s military. Protect them all, and especially those who are our loved ones. Shield them by your angels and comfort their spirits in Christ.
- Jessica Johnson, who is in Scotland studying to be a veterinarian – Almighty God, protect Jessica in her studies overseas. Give her enjoyment in her surroundings, comfort in your Word, and courage to be a faithful ambassador of Christ.

Upcoming Concert at Trinity

Chris Driesbach, a WELS singer songwriter from New Orleans, will present a concert at our church on Tuesday, September 13th at 7:00 pm. Mark your calendar, it’s coming up! Chris does these concerts full-time, expressing his Christian faith in song. Set aside this date and tell your friends!

Thank you for Flowers

We thank the Michael and Marilyn Kaufmann Family for the lovely altar flowers last week in honor of Harold and Alice Schnell's (Marilyn's parents) 66th wedding anniversary. Congrats to the Schnells also and to Ed and Janet Matthias on 63 years!

Outreach Service in Valders

Sunday, September 18th at 9:30 am is our outreach service at Valders Memorial Park. We plan to advertise in the Valders Journal, and hope this event will draw unchurched people in the Valders area. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors. Refreshments will follow the service.

Lakeshore Lutheran Chorale

The Lakeshore Lutheran Chorale will be resuming rehearsals Sunday September 11, at 6:30 pm in the new music suites at MLHS. Interested singers are encouraged to attend. There is also information on the bulletin board.

Addresses

Parents, please provide the addresses of your college bound student. They will be forwarded to the WELS Ministry so the students can receive the *Forward In Christ* and *Meditations*. They will also receive any mailings from church. Thank You.

Reminders

- Our updated website is now up and running. You'll find it at trinityliberty.org
- Our church services are available on DVD. Please ask Pastor.
- Please have all Messenger articles in by Sept. 6th. Thank You!

Calendar of Events

Sat.3rd	7:00 p.m.	Worship
Sun.4th	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Tues.6th	7:00 p.m.	Worship
Sat.10th	7:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Sun.11th	8:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class
	8:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Tues.13th	7:00 p.m.	Chris Driesbach Concert

Ushers:

Sept. 3rd Alan Sieker, Mark Kiesow

Sept. 4th Ron Kasten, James Glaeser, Andy Fisher, Jeff Tuschel

Tuesday Service

Sept. 6th John Smith, Marty Kiesow

Sept.10th Dave Williamson (Server), Warren Lutze (Server), Peter Liermann

Sept.11th Kieth Petersen (Server), Len Arnold (Server), Wayne Otto, Todd Bergmann

Tuesday Service

Sept.13th Gary Vetter, James Ott, Larry Hochkammer, Mike Hackmann

Greeters:

Sept. 4 August Teesch

Sept. 11 Edward Vetter

Sept. 18 Bob Lietzau

Sept. 25 Shelby & Ivy Johnson

Altar Guild: September – Group 2:

Sharon Arnold, Lois Glaeser, Mary Liermann, Linda Wallander



A Happy Birthday to...

9/3 Matthew Fitzgerald

9/4 Mark Matzke

9/5 Myron Schreiber

9/6 Virginia Ratsch

9/7 Susan Krey

9/9 Donna Fischer

9/9 Bob Lietzau

***** 9/13 Florence Bratz-83 yrs. young**

9/13 Matthew Kaufmann

9/13 Andrew Krey

***** 9/13 Agnes Lawrence-93 yrs. young**

9/13 Harold Luebke

9/13 Alison Reindl



Happy Anniversary To...

9/1 Harold & Alice Schnell – 66 Years!

9/2 Damian & Jane Bushman – 33 Years!

9/3 Todd & Lisa Petersen – 17 Years!

9/4 Edward & Janet Matthias – 63 years!

9/5 Steve & Kim Fischer – 13 years!

9/5 Jay & Debbie Fitzgerald – 31 Years!

9/7 Eli & Betsy Kenneke – 20 Years!

9/9 Rick & Audrey Bratz – 16 Years!

**If you have a September birthday or anniversary that was missed or listed incorrectly please let us know so we can update church records! Thanks!*

