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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

## RALLY DAY SERVICE THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 6 & 7, 2025  
5:30 PM & 9:00 AM Services

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HYMN TO OPEN “10,000 Reasons” vv. 1-3

#### **Chorus:**

Bless the Lord, O my soul; O my soul, Worship His holy Name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy Name.

#### **Verse 1:**

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

#### **Chorus:**

#### **Verse 2:**

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,  
Your Name is great and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

#### **Chorus:**

#### **Verse 3:**

And on that day, when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near and my time has come;  
Still, my soul sings Your praise unending,  
Ten thousand years, and then forevermore!

*(continued...)*

**Final Chorus:**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship His holy Name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I worship Your holy Name.  
Yes, I will worship Your holy Name.  
Lord, I worship Your holy Name.

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*(Please stand)*

**INVOCATION**

**P** We begin our service in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Together, we confess: Most holy and merciful Father,

**C** **like sheep, O Lord, we have strayed and wandered from You. We have sinned against You and one another. We have done the evil You forbid, and we have not done the good You desire. O merciful and divine Shepherd, cover our sins with Your forgiveness, clothe us with Your perfect righteousness, and preserve us in this faith, that we may be seen by You as redeemed people. Have mercy, O Lord, and fulfill Your Word to us in Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

**P** People of God, I have good news for you! Know with joy that 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**

**P** He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. His peace be with you.

**P.** Our Rally Day service is focused on the gifts that God has given to each one of us. St. Paul compares the work we can do in the church to the work of our bodies. They are made of many different parts and each part has a different job. Working together, each part of our body makes us capable of great things. And so it is in the church. Our Trinity family is made up of many different members. Each of us has talents and abilities that we can share. Working together, we can accomplish great things for God's kingdom. Listen to Bible passages that speak about the work we can do together.

*(Please sit)*

**EPISTLE READINGS****Reading Romans 12:4-8**

<sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. <sup>6</sup>Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup>if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup>the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

**Reading Ephesians 2:8-10**

<sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

**Reading 1 Peter 5:10-11**

<sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

**Reading 1 Corinthians 12:4, 5, 7**

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;  
<sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;  
<sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

**GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:14-16**

**P** A reading from Matthew, chapter 5, verses 14-16.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

P Together, let us confess our faith as we say the Apostles' Creed

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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**

*(Please sit)*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE****(9:00 ONLY) DEDICATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF  
AND BIBLE STUDY LEADERS**

P All Sunday School Teachers and Bible Study leaders, please come forward. You have agreed to serve the members and children of Trinity Lutheran Church. Do you believe and confess the Old and New Testaments of the Bible to be the inspired and true Word of God?

**Leaders and Teachers: Yes, I do.**

P Are you ready and willing to dedicate yourself to the service you have been asked to do, whether helping, or teaching or directing?

**Leaders and Teachers: Yes, I am.**

P On behalf of Trinity Lutheran Church, I accept your statement of dedication to the service of the members of our church in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. We thank God for each of you! The Lord bless and strengthen you for service in His name.

**C Amen**

P Let us pray together:

**C Almighty and most merciful God, we are grateful to You for these men and women whom You have blessed and equipped for service in Your name. We are thankful to You for them and for their faithful service. Help us to show respect and honor to these teachers and leaders. We promise to cooperate and support them in their work. In Your name we pray, Amen.**

P Go now in peace and serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God. Amen!**

**SERMON HYMN “God Whose Giving Knows No Ending” vv. 1-3**

1 God whose giving knows no ending  
From Your rich and endless store  
Nature's wonder Jesus' wisdom  
Costly cross grave's shattered door  
Gifted by You we turn to You  
Offering up ourselves in praise  
Thankful song shall rise forever  
Gracious donor of our days

2 Skills and time are ours for pressing  
Toward the goals of Christ Your Son  
All at peace in health and freedom  
Races joined the church made one  
Now direct our daily labor  
Lest we strive for self alone  
Born with talents make us servants  
Fit to answer at Your throne

3 Treasure too You have entrusted  
Gain through powers Your grace conferred  
Ours to use for home and kindred  
And to spread the gospel word  
Open wide our hands in sharing  
As we heed Christ's ageless call  
Healing teaching and reclaiming  
Serving You by loving all

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**SERMON “WHAT ARE SPIRITUAL GIFTS?” (Text: 1 Corinthians 12:4,5,7)**  
*Rev. Peter Gueldner***CANTICLE HYMN “There Are Many Ways of Sharing” vv. 1-3**  
(Tune: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing")

1 There are many ways of sharing, But God's Spirit gives each one.  
There are different ways of caring; It's one Lord whose work is done.  
God, whose gifts are overflowing, May we hear you when you call;  
Keep us serving, keep us growing For the common good of all.

*(continued...)*

2 We've been baptized in the waters! We've been given work to do.  
When you call your sons and daughters, You give gifts for serving you.  
God, we join in celebration Of the talents you impart.  
Bless each baptized one's vocation; Give each one a servant's heart.

3 All are blest by gifts you give us; Some are set apart to lead.  
Give us Jesus' love within us As we care for those in need.  
Give us faith to make decisions; Give us joy to share your Word.  
Give us unity and vision As we serve your church and world.

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## **TITHES AND OFFERING (9:00 ONLY - Trinity Choir – “Family of Christ”)**

### **(9:00 ONLY) WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

*(Please stand)*

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** Almighty God, we thank You for the blessings of our Sunday School, our youth group and all of our Bible class ministries. Fill our leaders and teachers with the joy of doing work for You. Give them wisdom and Your Spirit to guide us all in faith, hope and love. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord Jesus, we ask that You stir up in each of the members of Trinity, hearts that are compassionate and ready to serve You and Your church. Open our minds and hearts to see the ways in which we have been gifted. Help us to recognize the ways we can help in the church. Give us joy and humility to step forward to serve the body of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Healing Lord, we bring before You all those who face sorrow, sickness, adversity or pain. Comfort them with Your tender care. Especially, we remember these people who have requested our prayers:...Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Loving God, we thank You for the new people who have joined our church family. Watch over them, strengthen their faith and help them to feel Your love as they worship at Trinity and serve You. Give us welcoming hearts to support each other as we grow in Your word and in the activities of Trinity. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P We thank You, Lord, for our country and for the many blessings of life and liberty we enjoy. Please guard and guide all of our officials and leaders at every level of government. Grant them wisdom and courage. Guide them to act with integrity and honesty. We pray also for our first responders, police officials, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel. Protect them when in danger, strengthen them when they are weary. Surround them with Your peace and comfort. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P We bring all of these matters to You dear Lord, knowing that You have promised to hear our prayers.

P Together, we pray as You have 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.**

## **BENEDICTION**

P. Receive now the blessing of our Lord:

From Hebrews 13, May the God of Peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant, brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will. May He work in us what is pleasing to Him through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory for ever and ever.

The Lord bless you and keep you,

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen**

*(Please sit)*

**CLOSING HYMN “Take My Life and Let It Be” LSB 784 vv. 1-6**

**P** Following the service, you are invited go to the Fellowship Hall to see displays set up of the many ways you can be of help and service at church. Find an area that you feel you are gifted to help, or would like to learn how to help and sign up.

**P** Go now, in peace, and serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**\* \* \* To GOD BE THE GLORY \* \* \***

*Congregational members and youth are encouraged to explore various volunteer positions within our church by visiting the tables in the Fellowship Hall.*

*Following the 9 a.m. Sunday service, after exploring the volunteer opportunities, parents of Sunday School students are invited to meet in the gym for registration and activities.*

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