August 2, 2020

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



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And they all ate and were satisfied.

Matthew 14:19-20

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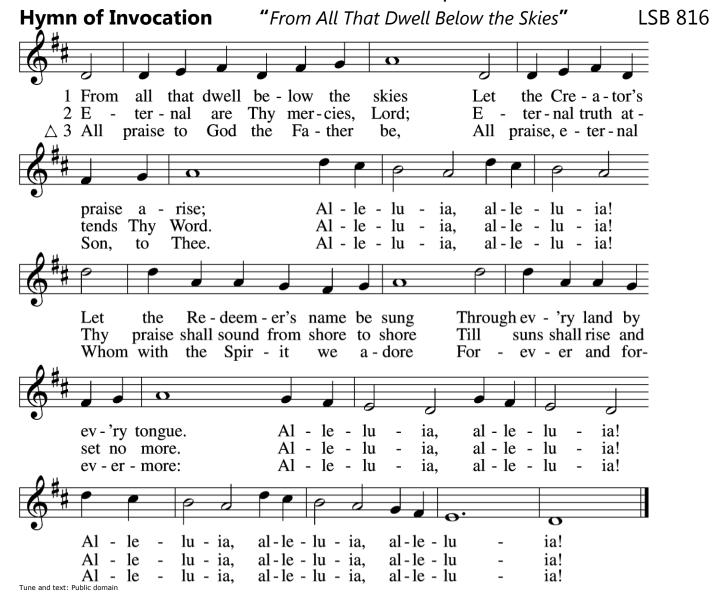
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Our mission is sharing the saving love of Jesus



DIVINE SETTING 4

Who Does Salvation Depend On?



Confession and Absolution

- ightharpoonup In the name of the Father and of the ightharpoonup Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **©** who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **©** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

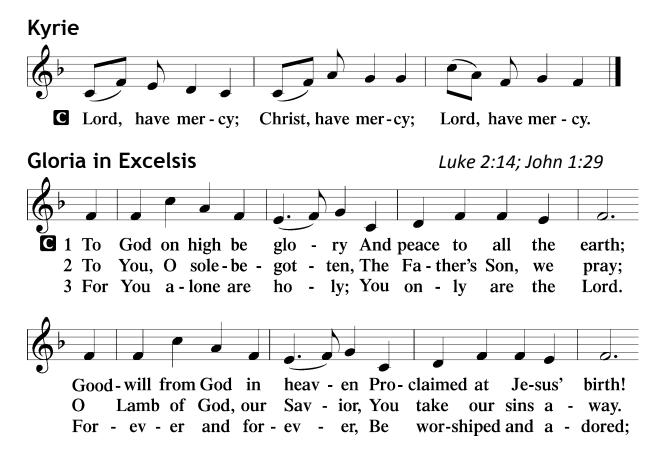
P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen.

Service of the Word





We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray together the Collect of the Day.
- Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:1-5

¹"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you."

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

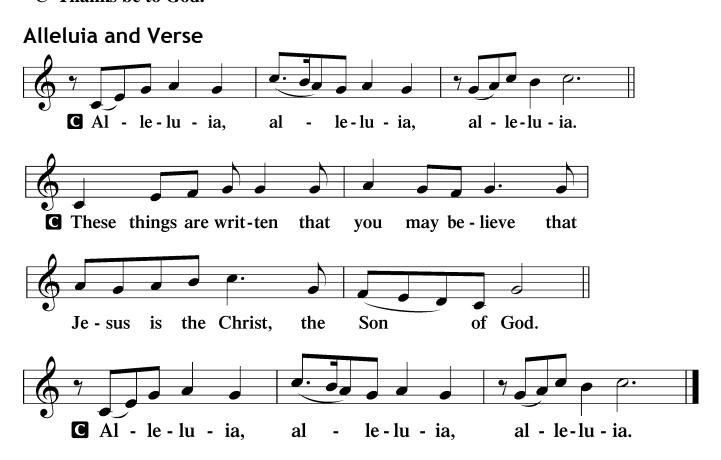
Epistle Reading

Romans 9:1–13

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— ²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish

that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen. ⁶But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." ⁸This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ⁹For this is what the promise said: "About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son." ¹⁰And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call— ¹²she was told, "The older will serve the younger." ¹³As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel Matthew 14:13–21

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed LSB 206

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

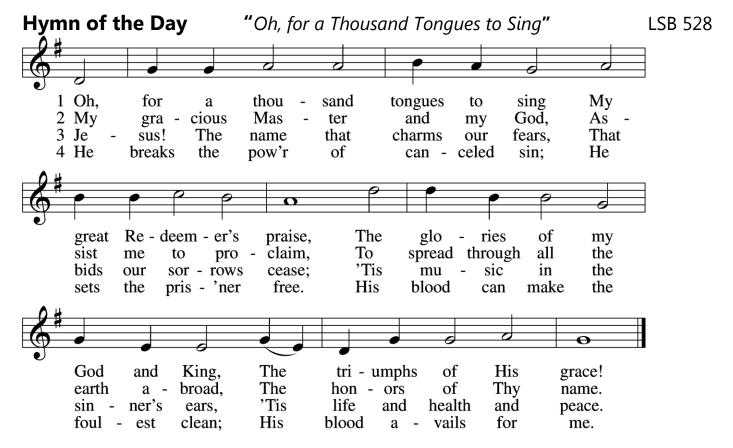
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life

→ of the world to come. Amen.



- 5 Look unto Him, ye nations; ownYour God, ye fallen race.Look and be saved through faith alone,Be justified by grace.
- 6 See all your sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain.

His soul was once an off'ring made For ev'ry soul of man.

To God all glory, praise, and love
 Be now and ever giv'n
 By saints below and saints above,
 The Church in earth and heav'n.

Sermon

"Who Does Salvation Depend On?"

(Romans 9:1–13)

Offering (The offering plate and generic offering envelopes are available on the table in the narthex.

For electronic giving, please see "Resources" tab at the top of the home page on Trinity's website - - www.trinityaubne.org)

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Guests and Members please read—What we believe about the Sacrament of the Altar

LORD'S SUPPER: God's Word teaches the Real Presence of Christ's body and blood invisibly in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. We take seriously the spiritual care of those who commune at our altar. The Word of God states that no one offend against Christ and His Word by denying His true presence and its promise and seal of forgiveness. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (see 1 Cor. 11:27-29) and because Holy Communion is a confession of what is taught and believed at this altar (1 Cor. 11:26), any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession (beliefs) differing from that of this congregation (that is, belong to another church body or denomination) and yet desire to receive the sacrament, will want to first speak with the pastor before communing. As a courtesy, guests from sister congregations of The LCMS or from congregations of the American Association of Lutheran Churches (AALC) are also asked to introduce themselves to the pastor before communing.

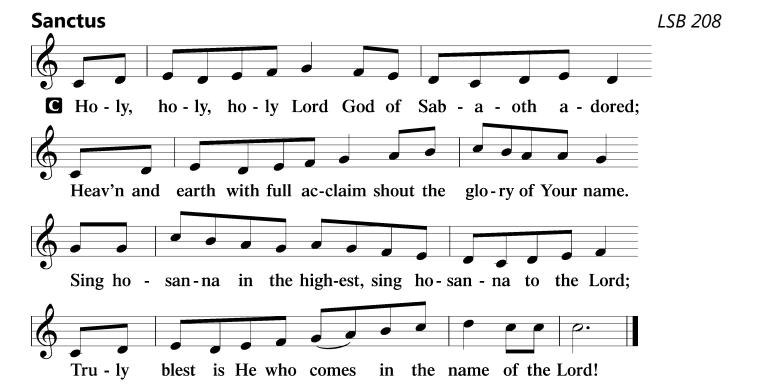
Other communion information:

- O **Baptismal blessing:** If you are **not** a communicant member of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) or The American Association of Lutheran Churches (AALC) (that is, one who has been instructed in the faith, confirmed and is currently in good standing) but have been baptized, we invite you to come forward during Communion to receive a Baptismal blessing from the pastor. We simply ask you to indicate such by crossing your arms over your chest as you kneel/stand at the Communion rail.
- O Communion in the pews: If you are unable to walk to the communion rail, please contact an elder so that communion may be brought to you in the pew.
- o **Gluten-Free Communion wafers** are available during the Lord's Supper if you have a dietary intolerance to gluten, wheat, dairy, yeast, egg, soy, nut or corn. If you desire a gluten-free host during Communion, please notify Pastor or the head elder before the service and you will be served that in place of the regular communion wafer.
- For anyone who is not able to drink alcohol, near the middle of each tray, three individual cups will be located that have one drop of wine diluted with water. They will be recognized by their lighter color. If you have questions, please see pastor.

Preface LSB 208

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **©** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **Q** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your onlybegotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels

and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life....

Hear us as we pray in His name as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer LSB 209

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.

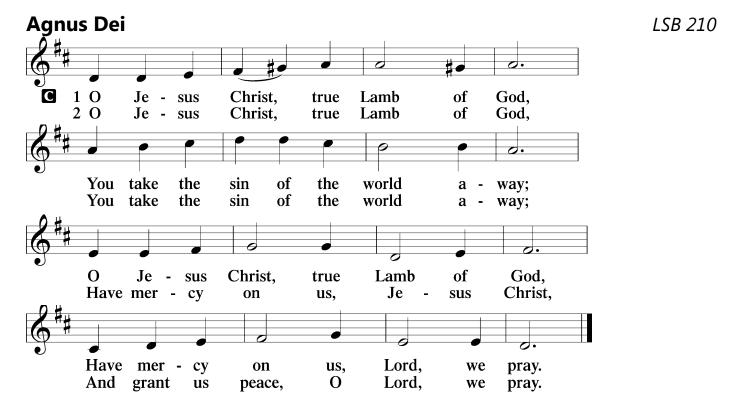
The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My → blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini LSB 209

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

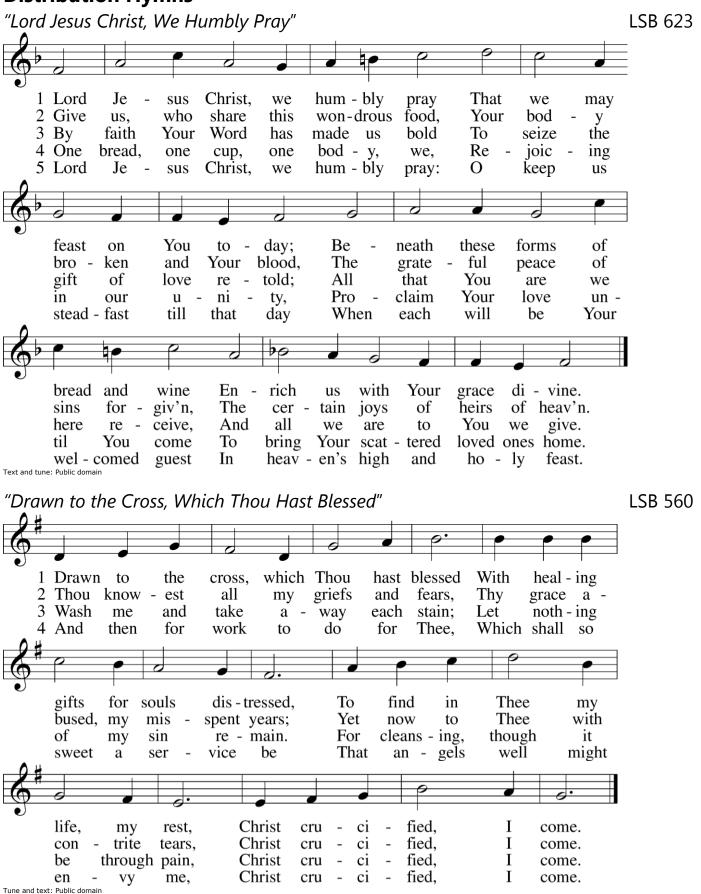
Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

Distribution Hymns

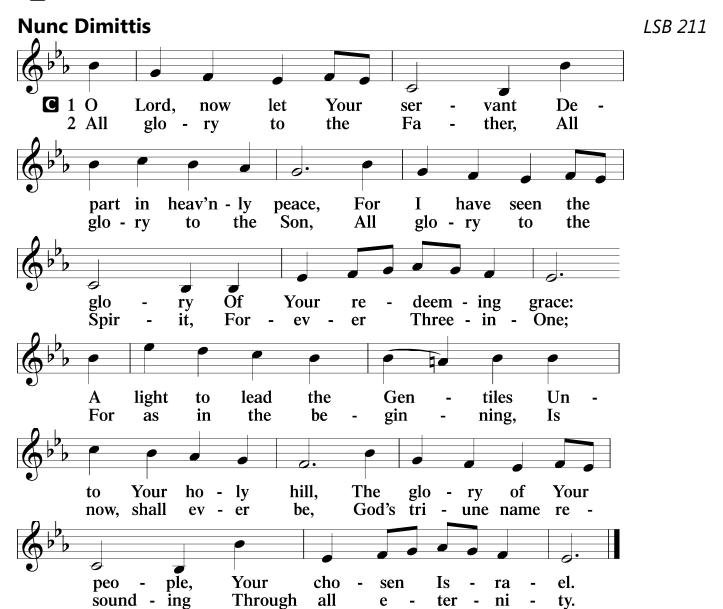


In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

→ in peace.

C Amen.



Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

A Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

P 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.

C Amen.

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IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK, we pray to our merciful Heavenly Father for:

- Healing and strengthened faith in Christ for those who are ill: Carlos David Aleman (friend of Eric & Loli Bohling), Darlene Dinse (Rev. Marcel Kohlmeyer's mother-in-law), Teri Epler (worker at KOHK), Janet Gerardi (Gina Stutheit's aunt), Mary Gerardi (Gina's step-mom), Hadley (former pastor Rev. John Denninger's granddaughter), Donna Hogan (Susan Johnston's sister), David Leavitt (friend of Rich Scotter), Scott and Joyce Pinnow (Melissa Buman's cousin and his wife) Elaina Riley, Cindy Russell, (Gina Stutheit's cousin), Rev. Bob and Robin Schermbeck, Chuck Sierks (friend of the Chaneys), Darlene Volker, Emily Zech (Pat Collins' daughter & friend of Trinity members) and all those in special need.
- Our missionary: Licensed Deacon Tulio Meza. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless Tulio with wisdom and all he needs as he works with children, youth and families to prepare them for baptism and confirmation. Pray also that the Lord will raise up more people and congregations to provide prayer and financial support for Tulio.
- ₱ Ethnic congregations/ministries: Cristo Cordero de Dios, Grand Island (Vacancy Pastors Rev. Luke Biggs and Rev. Adam Snoberger); African immigrant ministry (Rev. Eddie Mekasha); Peace International Friendship Center, Omaha (Rev. Jim Haack, director); Sudanese Ev. Lutheran Church, Omaha (Rev. Peter Gatkuoth); Lord of Lords Sudanese Lutheran Church, Omaha (Rev. Leroy Gerner, vacancy pastor); Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Outreach, Winnebago (Rev. Ricky Jacob).
- Graduating Seniors, Joshua Barker from Auburn & Elaina Riley from Johnson-Brock, that God would continue to lead and guide them by His Word during this time of transition, and that they would continue to make time for worship and hearing that Word even as they move into a new phase of life.

THOSE CELEBRATING SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK:

Birthdays: 8/6: Elizabeth Scotter, Elta Whitney; 8/7: Jeff Boden, Wyatt Gauchat;

8/8: Paul Hinrichs, Dennis Larson, Angel Tanderup

Baptisms: none this week

Anniversaries: 8/6: Brett and Emily Crotty, & Jerry and Judith Ruskamp

SUN – 8/2	MON – 8/3	TUE – 8/4	WED – 8/5	THU - 8/6	FRI – 8/7	SAT – 8/8	SUN – 8/9
9:00 AM Worship with		7:00 PM Elders			6:00 - 7:30 PM		9:00 AM Worship
Holy Communion		Lidolo			Open House for Preschoolers		10:15 AM Adult Bible Study
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THE GOSPEL AT WORK

Christ's Servants Today:	Our Thankful Response to Christ's Love:			
Elder Doug Lueders	Worship attendance22			
Asst ElderJim Parrish	Sunday School attendanceNA			
Organist Sandy Wilson	Offering\$1776.00			
Acolyte . Desmond Chaney	(Weekly Budget\$4434.00)			
	Give Thanks/Give Back\$180.00			

Lessons for next Sunday: Job 38:4-18; Romans 10:5-17; Matthew 14:22-33

Adult Bible Study: As part of our follow-up from the Re-Vitality Survey, the Board of Directors has approved for the congregation to participate in a module called "Serving God's Mission" that will begin later this fall. This will help us do some strategic planning for the future. To help us get ready for this module, a new Bible Study will begin today. Please join us! If you can't join us for the study, our intention is to record the Bible Study sessions and put them on the website. We encourage you to take a look at these.

Sunday School 2020-2021: The Education Theme is "The Lord is my refuge." The Theme verse is Psalm 91:1-2, "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, 'He is my reduce and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.' "

The Theme Hymn is "On Eagles' Wings" LSB #727. Pending the Elders' recommendations, Rally Day is tentatively planned for August 30 with the first week of Sunday School classes planned for September 13.

A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org "If God does not remember your forgiven sin, then why should you? Paul knew that when a penitent person confesses [his or her] guilt to God and seeks pardon through the merit of Christ the Savior, God forgives the sinner completely, absolutely, and without reservation." Rev. Dr. Armin Oldsen, former speaker of "The Lutheran Hour"

No VBS this year: The plan was to do a one day event on August 3rd, but with school starting up a little earlier than usual and other pandemic-related logistics, the directors (with full support of the Board of Education) decided to cancel. Please stay tuned for 2021 plans! Thanks to everyone who was willing to help!

Announcements August 2, 2020 The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Thank you to:

Rick Fritz for spraying weeds again and following up on some recent roof leaks.

Preschool Enrollment Information: Though we had to end this year early, we are planning, the Lord-willing, to start Preschool sessions again at the usual time in August. Enrollment information is on Facebook and the church website (www.trinityaub.org). **Twelve students are already enrolled! Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!** There is a LOT of interest in the remaining three spots (we are limited to 15 due to COVID-19 Directed Health Measures). Please spread the word if you know of anyone counting on a spot - it will be first-come-first-served to those with registration forms and fees! Forms and all info can be found here: http://www.trinityaubne.org/portfolio/preschool/.

YouTube Link Now Posted to Website! Videos of our worship services have been posted on YouTube, so that members who are not able to attend worship for various reasons can stay involved and engaged with the ministry of God's Word here. Thank you to Rich Scotter, John & Vicki Ackerman for their work to make those videos available. To make it easier for members and others to access the video each week, a link will be posted on the home page of Trinity Lutheran's website—www.trinityaubne.org. Because of this, an email with the link will no longer be sent. Please note: The link will be posted on the website as soon as possible after the service, but there will be some delay for data transmission and processing. If you prefer to listen to a recording of the service, a link for that is also posted on the home page of the congregation's website.

This week on KFUO.org, study Judges 14-17 on Sharper Iron's "Rebellion and Rescue" mini-series (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study the scriptures in the August Lutheran Witness with Pastor Weslie Odom on The Coffee Hour (8/7 at 9:00 a.m. CT), and study the Epitome of the Formula of Concord with Pastor Matt Richard and host Pastor Sean Smith on Concord Matters (8/4 at 2:00 p.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts.



"Rooted in Christ" Bible Verse of the Week: ... *Psalm 55:22*Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved. (*ESV*)