

Undivided Attention On a Neighbor in Need

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 2025

Trinity Lutheran Church Faith-Filled; Family Focused

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Trinity Lutheran Church is a family because God welcomed us into his family. Our mission is to grow closer to God, to our brothers and sisters in Christ, and to share this sense of belonging with the surrounding community, welcoming more souls into the family of God.

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We tend to think of distraction and focus as opposites. If someone is focused, they are not easily distracted by random events and encounters. If someone is focused, every decision about how to spend time and resources is calculated. Apart from Christ that type of focus spells disaster for our neighbor. We may dismiss the needs of our neighbor thinking, "If I spend time helping him, that will distract me from other things that need my attention." This week, Jesus teachers us that he has set us free to live a life of such distraction. No matter the neighbor and no matter his need, we are free to give him our undivided attention, even if that seems senseless. Christ has set us free to bear any cost and go any distance to serve a neighbor as Christ himself would serve them. May God bless your worship.

Show me your ways, Lord Teach me your paths

Serving in Worship

Preacher **Organist**

Pastor Fred Toppe Becky Marotz

+ Order of Service +

Greeting and welcome.

Hymn

737, Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

- 1 Lord, help us walk your servant way wherever love may lead and, bending low, forgetting self, each serve the other's need.
- You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, but pow'r you laid aside.You lived your years in servanthood, in lowliness you died.
- 3 No golden scepter but a towel you place within the hands of those who seek to follow you and live by your commands.
- 4 You bid us bend our human pride nor count ourselves above the lowest place, the meanest task that waits the gift of love.
- 5 Lord, help us walk your servant way wherever love may lead and, bending low, forgetting self, each serve the other's need.

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Please stand

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Confession CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

CW 157

Lord, have mercy.

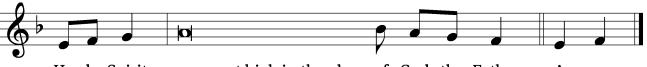
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

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Glory Be to God on High



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho-ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

First Reading

Ruth 1:1-19a

The LORD moves a Moabite woman named Ruth to care for her widowed mother-in-law, even though it meant leaving her people, her country, and her way of life behind.

¹In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. ²The man's name was Elimelek, his wife's name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there.

³Now Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, ⁵both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶When Naomi heard in Moab that the Lord had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return

home from there. ⁷With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah.

⁸Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the Lord show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. ⁹May the Lord grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband."

Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud ¹⁰and said to her, "We will go back with you to your people."

¹¹But Naomi said, "Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? ¹²Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons— ¹³would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the Lord's hand has turned against me!"

¹⁴At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵"Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her."

¹⁶But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me." ¹⁸When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

¹⁹So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Cong. sings in unison





To you, O LORD, I lift / up my soul;* in you I trust, / O my God.

Remember, O LORD, your great mer- / cy and love,* for they are / from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my re- / bellious ways;* according to your love remember me, for you are / good, O LORD.

Refrain

Turn to me and be gra-/ cious to me,*
for I am lonely and af-/ flicted.

Look upon my affliction and / my distress*
and take away / all my sins.

Guard my life and / rescue me,*
for I take ref-/ uge in you.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son* and to the Holy / Spirit, as it was in the be-/ ginning,* is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain

Second Reading

Galatians 5:1,13–25

Those who have been set free from the law by Christ naturally bear fruit that benefits their neighbor.

¹It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

¹³You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. ¹⁴For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

¹⁶So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

- a. ¹⁹The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- b. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

1 John 4:14

We have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Alleluia

Gospel Luke 10:25–37

In a well-known parable, Jesus teaches us how one loves their neighbor.

²⁵On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

²⁶"What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

²⁷He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

²⁸"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

²⁹But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

³⁰In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³²So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

³⁶"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

³⁷The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

Hymn of the Day

768, Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

- 1 Lord of all nations, grant me grace to love all people, ev'ry race; and in each person help me view my kindred, loved, redeemed by you.
- 2 Break down the wall that would divide your children, Lord, on ev'ry side. My neighbors' good let me pursue; bind them to me and all to you.
- 3 Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred by loveless act and thoughtless word. Make me to see the wrong I do will hurt my neighbor, Lord, and you.
- 4 Give me your courage, Lord, to speak whenever strong oppress the weak; and should I be a victim, too, help me forgive, rememb'ring you.
- With your own love may I be filled and by your Holy Spirit willed, that all I touch, whate'er I do, may be divinely touched by you.

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Sermon

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

FREE TO DO GOD'S GOOD

Please stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Please be seated

Friendship Registers & Communion Announcement

When filling out the Friendship register for communion, please include those communing on one line, and those not communing on a separate line. Thank you.

Offering

If you would like to give electronically, please visit <u>www.trinitycoleman.org</u> and click "Giving" or scan the QR code.



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Preface CW 165

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

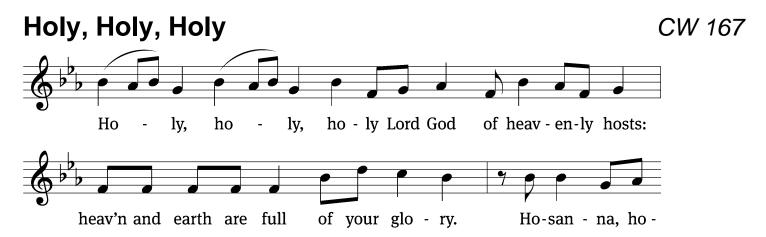
Lift up your hearts.

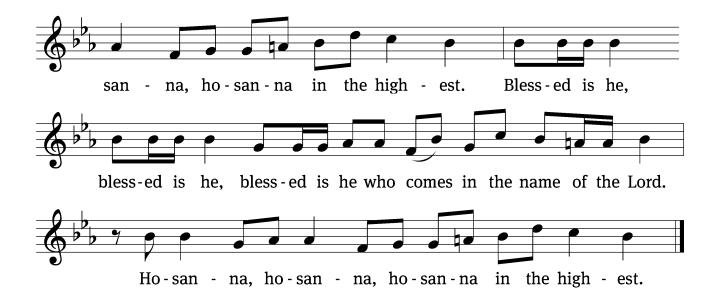
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:





Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Words of Institution

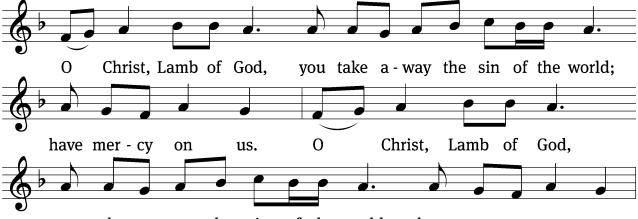
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

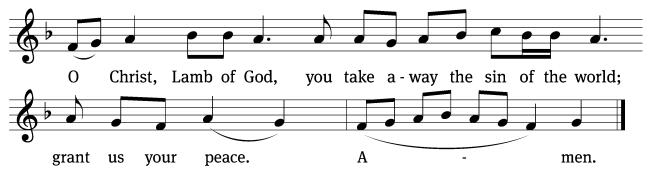
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God CW 169



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



Please be seated

Communion is an expression of unity and agreement in faith. We ask if you are not a member of Trinity, please speak with pastor before you publicly express such unity.

Distribution

Distribution Hymn 667, Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared this feast for our salvation; it is your body and your blood, and at your invitation as weary souls, with sin oppressed, we come to you for needed rest, for comfort, and for pardon.
- 2 Although you did to heav'n ascend, where angel hosts are dwelling, and in your presence they behold your glory, all excelling, and though your people shall not see your glory and your majesty till dawns the judgment morning,
- 3 Yet, Savior, you are not confined to any habitation, but you are present ev'rywhere and with your congregation. Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, unmoved by any daring hand or subtle craft and cunning.

- We eat this bread and drink this cup, your precious Word believing that your true body and your blood our lips are here receiving. This Word remains forever true, and there is naught you cannot do, for you, Lord, are almighty.
- Though reason cannot understand, yet faith this truth embraces:
 your body, Lord, is even now at once in many places.
 I leave to you how this can be;
 your Word alone suffices me;
 I trust its truth unfailing.
- 6 Lord, I believe what you have said; help me when doubts assail me. Remember that I am but dust, and let my faith not fail me. Your supper in this vale of tears refreshes me and stills my fears and is my priceless treasure.
- 7 Grant that we worthily receive your supper, Lord, our Savior, and, truly grieving for our sins, may prove by our behavior that we are thankful for your grace and day by day may run our race, in holiness increasing.
- 8 For your consoling supper, Lord, be praised throughout all ages!
 Preserve it, for in ev'ry place the world against it rages.
 Grant that this sacrament may be a blessèd comfort unto me when living and when dying.

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Please stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

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.

Amen.

Please be seated

Hymn

506, For the Fruits of His Creation

- 1 For the fruits of his creation, thanks be to God.
 For his gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.
 For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.
- In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
 In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
 In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,

in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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Announcements

<u>In recognition of Beth Henry's 23 years of service</u>, the first two Sundays in July we will have a box put out where you can put in a freewill offering, recognizing her many years of service. This will be presented to Beth after worship on July 20 when we will recognize Beth's many years of service here at Trinity, and have a cake reception after church.

<u>Paula</u> has decided to not continue serving as secretary, so Trinity is looking for a secretary 3 days per week from 8 a.m. -3 p.m. Schedule can be flexible. Responsibilities would be bulletin preparation, record keeping, and administrative tasks for the church and the preschool. Please reach out to Dave Frievalt (920-883-2084), Paula Dembroski (920-591-0609), or Pastor Langebartels (928-200-1827) if interested.

<u>Taking a trip</u> or vacation this summer? Don't take a vacation from God. <u>yearbook.wels.net</u> is an easy way to find a church near where you are traveling.

<u>Coleman's Firemen's Parade is July 19th.</u> The theme this year is 50's. If you have any ideas for our float, please contact Sebasten Freimuth or Beth Henry.

Summer Softball Game Schedule- first pitch 1 pm

- Village of Pound Ball Field , July 27-Trinity's Church Picnic
- Crivitz Ball Field, Aug 17

<u>Ladies Save the Date-</u>The 4th annual sunset cruise will be on Tuesday, August 12th at Robin Sager's, 129635 S. White Potato Lake Rd. All ladies are invited!

Epic Australian Adventure Trinity Lutheran VBS

Monday, July 21, 2025, thru Friday, July 25, 2025, 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM Throughout this program, we will go on an epic adventure through Australia and along the way be guided by our Savior, Jesus who is the way, the truth, and the life! Let's go on an unforgettable journey! Sign up today for VBS registration slips are in the back of the church, turn into Beth or Paula or go to Trinity's website! Also click the link in our e-

This week at Trinity...

13 8:15 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Worship Service	14	15 8 am Elders Meeting 6 pm Church Council Meeting	16	17	18 3 pm meet at Church to decorate Trinity's float	19 9 am meet at church to group before Fireman's Parade
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