

**18th Sunday after Pentecost
September 26, 2021**

Welcome

P This is the day that the Lord has made!

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it!



Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence for reflection and self examination

P Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. **Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

Opening Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear



shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
stars in their cours-es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un - to me.

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Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray together. **Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

First Reading *Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29*

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,’ to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”

....*The Word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19:7-14

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one’s own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Reading **James 5:13-20**

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

....*The Word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

Gospel Verse (*sung*)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9th chapter.

(*sung*) ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Gospel **Mark 9:38-50**

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

....*The Gospel of the Lord.*

(*sung*) ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

Please be seated

Youth Time

Meditation

Hymn

Here I Am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



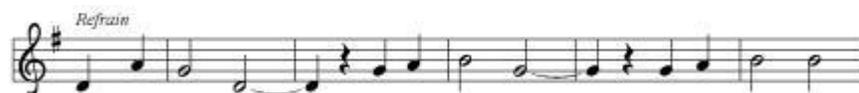
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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The Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

Prayers of the Church

A Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

We pray for the church and its ministry. Bless the newly baptized and encourage them in their journey of faith. Sustain all members of the body of Christ in lives of prayer, service, and worship.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for natural wonders of your creation. Restore damaged forests, waterways and natural habitats and lead us to be good stewards of what you have provided.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in authority. Give them wise minds and compassionate hearts. Strengthen in them a desire to protect the vulnerable and care for those underserved.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are struggling with cancer, dementia, Covid, or any other disease. Provide them with peace and resilience for the days ahead. Sustain caregivers with energy and patience.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the worship leaders of TOL and Augustana: for musicians, worship assistants and ushers. Bless us through their ministry and grant them the passion to continue in their service. Show us your will for the ministries of TOL and Augustana, and strengthen our relationships in this community as we serve our neighbors in love.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all your saints, those we have loved and known and those from every time and place. Continue to guide us by their example and reassure us of your promised salvation.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn (*sung*): **Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks; and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray. **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.**

P All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

Hymns Before Communion (*sung*)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

As we continue our transition to re-opening, communion will be as follows: Please come up the aisle, pulpit side first, to receive the body/bread or a blessing, then move to receive the blood/wine/grape juice. Place empty glass in tray as you return to your seat. At this time, we will not have kneeling or use the altar rail.

Communion: *From the Small Catechism of Martin Luther: “that person is well prepared [to receive communion] who believes these words, **given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins, for the words for you simply require a believing heart.**”*

The Body of Christ given for you.

The Blood of Christ shed for you.

Post-Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray. Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers and Announcements

Prayer Petitions

We remember in our prayers today: Glenda and Ralph Fretz, Lacy Stang, Arlene Lyman, Evelyn Miske, Grace Root-Derby, Bill Krieger, Carol Diana, Don & Dorothy Ehlers, Jane Koons, Bill Wolff, Joan Heath, Amanda and Baby Emory Thies. We remember those impacted by war and violence and those affected by natural disasters, and we pray for our men and women in the armed forces.

Welcome to Worship at TOL: Based on new CDC and Upstate Synod recommendations, we are strongly urging everyone to please wear a mask indoors and to continue to socially distance. We understand that getting vaccinated and wearing masks are personal decisions, and we ask everyone to be respectful and nonjudgmental about the decisions of others.

Today’s Altar Flowers: The flowers are given for the Glory of God from Debbie Feger in honor of her mother’s birthday.

Worship on Cable TV: **Pastor Fred is a part of this worship service today!** This program was recorded ahead of time, so Pastor will still lead us in worship. You can watch this service later on YouTube ‘WNY Church Unleashed.’ Each Sunday, if you are unable to join us for in-person or Zoom worship, Lutheran worship is available on Cable TV channel 5, MeTV, Sundays at 10:00 am. “Church Unleashed” is run by Lutheran Pastors Beigner, Griffiths and Smith.

Offering: Thank you for your gifts to TOL. There is an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. If you send your offering through the US mail, please use checks only—please don’t mail cash. We also have online giving through tithe.ly, which can be accessed through TOL’s website homepage (www.trinityoldlutheran). If you have a smartphone, you can download the Tithe.ly app. Instructions for both ways of giving through Tithe.ly are on our website’s homepage. Please call the office at (716) 836-4868 if you have any questions.

September Mission: Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) will be the mission focus. The organization has been welcoming migrants and refugees from around the world for over 80 years. LIRS is in urgent need of donations that would provide the Afghan Allies with food, housing assistance, clothing and other basic needs. Please use the marked envelopes in the narthex, or mail your donations to the church office. Thank you.

Adult Ed Classes – Fall 2021: Did you always want to learn more about other world religions? This Fall, the Adult Ed classes will help us learn about these! Here is the schedule for this series of classes, which take place on **Mondays at 1 pm**, in the Fireside Lounge and on Zoom.

Oct. 4, 11, 18	Buddhism
Nov. 8, 15, 22	Daoism

Table Talk: On **Wednesday, Oct. 6** at 6:30 pm, please join us for a bi-weekly discussion group. We will use Charlie Schmidtke’s new book, “My I’s,” as a resource for the topics, however, reading the book is not a pre-requisite for attending. The next topic of discussion will be “Gender Differences and Our Misunderstandings.” This class is held in the evening so that those who work during the day will be able to attend.

Bible Study at Augustana: We are currently discussing 1st Peter – this letter exhibits a triumphant conviction of faith. Pastor Fred is leading this 6-week bible study from 10 -11:30 a.m. at Augustana Lutheran Church. No class this coming Friday! The class will meet again on Friday, **October 8, and again on Friday, October 15 and 22.** A Zoom invite will be available too. Hope to see you there!

Adult Retreat “Love in the Time of COVID:” What have we learned about ourselves and others? We are gathering for fellowship, laughter and prayer at the Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Camp this **Friday, October 1 through Sunday, October 3.** Please see Charlie Schmidtke if you need any further information about this event.

Family Event at Great Pumpkin Farm: Lutheran Youth WNY (LYWNY) is sponsoring an event for youth and their families at the Great Pumpkin Farm in Clarence on Saturday, October 23 from 1:00 – 5:00. LYWNY will pay for the cost of admission and give \$20 to each person attending for the cost of games, rides, and food! There are scheduled activities (Arrive at 1, greetings and opening prayer at 1:15, explore activities on your own, devotionals in the maze at 3:40, followed by more food, games and fun.) Everyone must wear a mask, and friends and family can be invited. (Register online at: lutheranyouthwny.formstack.com/forms/greatpumpkinfarm_registration).

Food Drive: We are so grateful for all your donations! We will continue to accept grocery donations of non-perishable items, such as:

Soups and other canned goods (vegetables, tuna, etc.)

Peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, applesauce

Boxes of pantry staples, for example, cereal, rice and pasta

(Please check food expiration dates before donating.)

Paper goods (toilet paper, paper towels, etc.)

Personal care (feminine hygiene products, bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, diapers, etc.)

Gift cards for Tops or Wegmans

Food items can be dropped off here at TOL Tuesdays through Fridays from 9 a.m. – noon by entering through the far-left front door, where the elevator is situated, and placing the bags of groceries in the bins provided there. Thank you for your generosity!

Chicken BBQ: There are still a few leftover (cooked) half chickens in our freezer, and following today’s service, you can buy a bag of 2 half chickens for \$10 per bag.

Book Sale: Please visit our **Book Sale in the Resource Library**, which is the first room in the hallway near the main bulletin board. There are many books and puzzles to choose from, and additional items are being added each week (**lots of new puzzles this week!**)

Operation Christmas Child: We are still collecting items for this year’s shoeboxes; there’s a collection box in the narthex and a list of items needed in the Trinity Tidings each month. Thank you for your continued support.

Devotional: If you would like a “Christ in Our Home” devotional for October-December, please pick one up in the narthex or call the church office at 836-4868 to have one mailed.

Announcements: *If you’d like to submit a bulletin or Tidings announcement, please send it to trinityoldlutheran@verizon.net or call 836-4868 by Wednesday morning. Thank you.*

Please notify the Church Office of any schedule changes, member illness, prayer request, etc., so church staff can respond accordingly. Office hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9 am–12 noon. Please note that the office is unstaffed on Mondays. For a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Fred. For office related matters, please leave a voice mail message.	This week’s calendar	Sun	9/26	9:30 am 11 am 3:30 pm 7 pm	Worship Service at Augustana Worship Service at TOL Abiding Faith Worship GA and GAMAnon Meetings
		Mon	9/27	10 am 1 pm 5:45 pm	OA Meeting Adult Ed Yoga Class (in Studio and Zoom)
		Tues	9/28	6:30 pm 7 pm 7:30 pm	Eta Sigma Futures Team Meetings CoDA
		Wed	9/29	12 pm 5:45 pm 6:30 pm	Yoga (via Zoom) Yoga (in Studio and Zoom) Table Talk
		Thurs	9/30	9:30 am 5:45 pm	Yoga (in Studio and Zoom) Yoga (in Studio and Zoom)
		Fri	10/1	5:45 pm 6 pm	Meditation (in Yoga studio and Zoom) Adult Retreat at LCLC begins
		Sat	10/2	All day	Adult Retreat at LCLC
		Sun	10/3	9:30 am 11 am 12 pm 3:30 pm 7 pm	Worship Service at Augustana Worship Service at TOL Adult Retreat at LCLC ends Abiding Faith Worship GA and GAMAnon Meetings

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

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1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its
 2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and
 3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

le - lu - ia, al - le -

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righteous - ness, and all these things shall be
 you shall find; knock and the door shall be
 ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
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 mouth . . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

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Blessing

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. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.

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