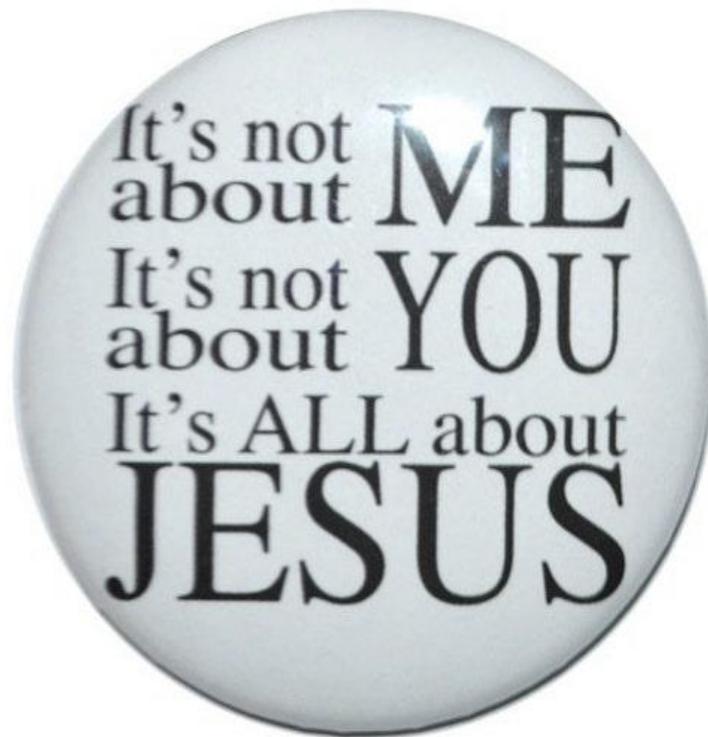


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**PENTECOST 8
JULY 31, 2022**

Silent Prayer Before Worship: Benevolent God, You are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to You, and to treasure what is precious in Your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and LORD. Amen.

Hymnals: *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW, the red cover hymnal), The Lutheran Hymnal (TLH, blue hardcover hymnal), and With One Voice (WOV, blue paperback cover)*

Welcome

GATHERING HYMN, ELW 654, verses 1-3

"The Church's One Foundation"

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Almighty God, to Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our LORD.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C: Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from You and given ourselves into the power of sin. We

are truly sorry and humbly repent. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to You, and uphold us by Your Spirit, so that we may live and serve You in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and LORD. Amen.

P: God, Who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE, "Change My Heart, O God" ELW 801



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953
 Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

It's difficult a lot of the time, LORD, to remember that You have assured us of much more than we are able to accomplish in our earthly lives. Help us, we pray, to stay focused on Your love and gifts to us, as we go about doing the best we can during our lives on this planet. We ask this, Jesus, in Your blessed and holy name. Amen.

FIRST READING, ECCLESIASTES 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23 (NIV)

The writer contemplates and mourns his earthly accomplishments.

"Meaningless! Meaningless!" says the Teacher. "Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless."

I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. I applied my mind to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under the heavens. What a heavy burden God has laid on mankind! I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. And who knows whether that person will be wise or foolish? Yet they will have control over all the fruit of my toil into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. For a person may labor with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then they must leave all they own to another who has not toiled for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. What do people get for all the toil and anxious striving with which they labor under the sun? All their days their work is grief and pain; even at night their minds do not rest. This too is meaningless.

L: This is the word of the LORD.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING, COLOSSIANS 3:1-11

In Jesus, we are more than the sum of our earthly achievements.

Since you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, Who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in Glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

L: This is the word of the LORD.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Tune is Unser Herrscher, "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty")



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL READING, LUKE 12:13-21 (NIV)

Jesus tells a parable about greed and its consequences.

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed Me a judge or an arbiter between you?" Then He said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

"Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"

"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

"This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

P: This is the Gospel of the LORD.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED (ELW, p. 104)

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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, Who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic* 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. * *catholic means universal*

HYMN OF THE DAY, ELW 799, VERSES 1, 2 & 4

"Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake"

SERMON, "It's All About Me – NOT!"

"Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all." – Colossians 3:9-11

OFFERING *(The plate is available in the back of the church.)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

HYMN, ELW 592 "Just As I Am"

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

P: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG, ELW 654, verses 1, 4 & 5
"The Church's One Foundation"

Spoken Announcements

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Statistics

Attendance on Sunday (7/24) was 39. The total offering was \$3,285.49 including \$50 to the Building Fund, \$50 to Synod, \$75 to Trinity First, and \$300 for Use of Building.

Celebrations This Week

Happy Birthday to Michael Blomberg (8/1), Arlene Kise (8/6), Errol Sorenson (8/6).

Weed & Water

The sign-up calendar and directions are in the narthex. Thanks so much for your help again this summer.

Now Available

- August Newsletter on the back table.
- 2022 Membership Directory on the back table.
- Lutheran Disaster Response info for Ukraine on the back table.
- June/July Newsletter from Erick and Courtney Horrmann on the bulletin board.

Bible Study

Bible Study will be in the Family Room after the worship service.

Lutheran Night at the Twins

The date is Tuesday, August 2nd, the Twins will be playing the Detroit Tigers. See the flyer on the back table for more information.

Treasurer Needed

Below is the list of treasurer duties. These are the duties that will remain after the payroll portion is transferred to an outside vendor. The job has really been simplified over the years and will take approximately 1 to 2 hours per week. They include:

- Write a few checks per month and mail them
- Review and enter weekly bank deposits (from the Sunday collection)
- Enter the direct deposit donations into Church 360
- Review and enter direct deposits and fees into checking account
- Balance the checkbook every month
- Balance the Staff debit card and transfer funds as necessary
- Prepare annual budget
- Prepare reports for Council meetings

Trinity First School Wishlist

Trinity First school has made their 2022-2023 "wishlist" available. If you would like to support Trinity First school by purchasing items for a classroom or the office, you can do so in multiple ways:

- 1) Through the Amazon Wishlist. (Copies available on the table in the back of the church.) Or go to <https://a.co/bVCzlwe>
- 2) Teachers also greatly appreciate gift cards to Lakeshore Learning or Teachers Pay Teachers.
- 3) Child-sized disposable covid masks.
- 4) To give a monetary donation you can use your offering envelope OR give directly on TF website. Go to trinityfirstschool.org and click on "Donate Now" in the banner. In the blue box you can click on "Donations," "Wishlist," or "Donate Now."

SERVING THE LORD

Serving Today, July 31

July Altar Guild: Mary Lange

July Elder: Jim Likely

Counters: Adam Horrmann and Gail Klatt

Lector: Sally Gorski

Organist: Julie Wright

Interim Pastor: Rev. Don Mulfinger

Recorder: James Blomberg

Treats: Carol Rusk

Ushers: Steve Blomberg and Ed Copeland

Water & Weed: Open

Serving Next Sunday, August 7

July Altar Guild: Mary Lange

July Elder: Jim Likely

Counters: Keith and Mary Lange

Lector: Jean Anderson

Organist: Julie Wright

Interim Pastor: Rev. Don Mulfinger

Recorder: James Blomberg

Treats: Open

Ushers: Lyle Horrmann and Adam Horrmann

Water & Weed: Linda McConley

Thank You