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The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
October 5th -- anno Domini 2025

Last week we heard Jesus condemn the false god of money and anxiety. Now this week we hear Jesus come with a vengeance against the false god called death. A god is whatever you fear, love and trust in the most. It is, as Luther says, confidence and faith of the heart that make both God and an idol (LC I, 2). And this faith of the heart begins with fear. The fear of God, after all, is the beginning of all wisdom (Ps 111:10). So it follows that the fear of anything else is the beginning of all idolatry. When you fear a false god then you will begin to trust in it and look for all you may think you need from it. And because you fear it, you will always try to appease it. Instead of standing on God's Word and being a man, a husband tries to appease his disrespectful wife because he is afraid of her. Or a woman allows a man to manipulate her away from God's Word because she is afraid of him leaving her. And so it is with death. Death is the greatest false god of them all. By fearing death we turn it into a god. And no matter how much you try to placate its wrath, no matter how much you try to flower up a funeral as a celebration of an inspiring life, no matter how much you try to soften it by calling it something else, the false god of death will never be satisfied. As long as you fear death instead of God, you will never find true confidence of the heart.

But Jesus comes to destroy death by taking away its sting, which is sin. He therefore interrupts death's procession, not even acknowledging that false god or any of its power. Instead, with the voice that pleads for our forgiveness from the cross, he says, "Do not weep." In other words, "Don't fear death!" He then turns the boy's death into a light sleep so that fear ceizes the crowd. He therefore teaches them that they must fear God rather than death. After all, it is not death against whom you have sinned, but God. And it is with God -- not with death -- that there is forgiveness and life in his Son, Jesus Christ. Therefore, he is feared (Ps. 130:4). And those who fear him lack nothing (Ps 34:9).

DEAR VISITORS: As a congregation in the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Trinity practices ***closed communion***, which means that we only commune those who are members in good standing of sister congregations and have been instructed in the Christian faith as it is summarized in Luther's Small Catechism. If you are a visitor and desire to commune at Trinity, **please speak to Pastor Preus before the service.**

The Order of Morning Service

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Hymn of Invocation ☞ *Welcome, Happy Morning*

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Stand for final stanza

Invocation, Confession & Absolution

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Please remain standing through the conclusion of the Collect of the Day.

Service of the Word



Introit

Be merciful to | me, O Lord,*
for I cry to You | all day long.

**For You, Lord, are good, and ready | to forgive,*
and abundant in mercy to all those who call up- | on You.** (*Psalm 86:3, 5*)

Bow down Your ear, O LORD, | hear me;*
for I am poor and | needy.

**In the day of my trouble I will call up- | on You,*
for You will | answer me.**

I will praise You, O Lord my God, with | all my heart,*
and I will glorify Your name for- | evermore.

**For great is Your mer- | cy toward me,*
and You have delivered my soul from the | depths of Hell.** (*Psalm 86:1, 7, 12, 13*)

Gloria Patri ☞ *Glory be to the Father*

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Kyrie ☞ *Lord, Have Mercy*

Gloria in Excelsis ☞ *Glory to God in the Highest*

Salutation & Collect of the Day

Sit

Old Testament Reading ☞ *1 Kings 17:17-24*

¹⁷Later the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, got sick. He got so very sick that finally there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸"Leave me alone, man of God," she told Elijah. "Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my boy?"

¹⁹"Give me your boy," he said to her. He took him from her arms and carried him to the upper room where he was staying and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰Then he cried to the LORD. "LORD my God," he said, "would You also bring misery on the widow I'm staying with by killing her boy?" ²¹Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times and called to the LORD, "O LORD my God, please make this boy live again." ²²The LORD did what Elijah asked, and the life of the boy returned again to his body and so he lived.

²³Elijah took the boy, brought him down from the upper room of the house, and gave him to his mother. "Look," Elijah said, "your boy is alive."

²⁴"Now I'm convinced," the woman told Elijah, "you are a man of God and the LORD's Word you speak is the truth."

C Thanks be to God.



The nations shall fear the name / of the LORD,*
and all the kings of the earth Your / glory.

He shall appear in His / glory. (Psalm 102:15–16)

¹³So I ask you not to get discouraged by what I suffer for you. It brings you honor.

¹⁴For this reason I kneel before the “Father,” ¹⁵from Whom every group in heaven and on earth gets the name of “family,” ¹⁶and ask Him, as He is rich in glory, to give you this: that His Spirit will inwardly strengthen you with power, ¹⁷Christ will live in your hearts by faith, and you will be firmly rooted and built up in love, ¹⁸so that you and all the holy people can grasp how broad and long and high and deep His love is, ¹⁹and know how Christ loves us – more than we can know – and so you will be filled with all that is in God.

ⲡ This is the Word of the Lord.

Stand



Alle- / luia.

He is their help and their shield. Alle- / luia. (Psalm 115:11)

Gospel ∞ *Luke 7:11-17*

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹¹Soon after this, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and His disciples and a large crowd went with Him. ¹²As He came near the gate of the town, a dead man was carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow. A large crowd

from the town was with her.

¹³When the Lord saw her, He felt sorry for her. "Don't cry," He told her.

¹⁴He went up to the open coffin and touched it, and the men who were carrying it stood still. "Young man," He said, "I tell you, wake up." ¹⁵The dead man sat up and started to talk. And Jesus *gave him to his mother*.

¹⁶They were all overawed and praised God. "A great prophet has risen among us," they said, and, "God has come to help His people." ¹⁷This story about Jesus spread all over the country of the Jews and in all the surrounding territory.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

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Sit

Hymn of the Day ♪ *The Will of God Is Always Best*

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Sermon

Stand

Offertory

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Sit

Gathering of the Offering

Stand to sing as the offerings are brought forward

We give Thee but Thine own,

Whate'er the gift may be

All that we have is Thine alone,

A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

Please complete the
Record of Fellowship in the
folder in your pew.

Prayers

General Prayer

Lord's Prayer

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Hymn ♪ *Who knows when Death May Overtake Me*

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Concluding Collect

Benediction

Sit

Hymn to Depart ♪ *Who knows when Death May Overtake Me*

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Silent Prayer

Acolyte today: Nolan Pelster & Sam Scheer

Next Week: Robert Preus

Flower and Altar Care: October: Carol Finck & Linda Kaskadden

Organist: Andrew Finck

Prayer and Petitions: Chris and Chrissie Diener and family on the passing of baby Vivienne. Ken Altemeyer, Rachel Preus, Wayne Scheer and Sue Eads, health concerns. Homebound: Virginia Behrens, Ray & LeeAnn Rohling, Diana Scheer, Paul & Sue Laune; Missionaries: Brandt Klawitter, mission work in Norway; Pastor James May (missionary

to Africa); Rev. David Preus (missionary to Romania); Michael & Naomi Ersland, Lutheran Bible Translators. Immanuel Lutheran School, Washington; Camp Trinity; Luther Classical College; Christ the King Lutheran High School.

Birthdays and Annivers: Andrew Preus, 4th, Ben & Rochelle Howard, 5th, Larry Scheer, 5th, Joseph Rethemeyer, 5th, David Finck; 6th, Maxwell Krull, 11th

(Please email office@trinitynewhaven.com if your birthday or anniversary has not been listed or was incorrectly listed, so the records can be updated with correct information)

Life chain Today from 2:00-3:00 here at church.

October Ladies Luncheon: The ladies of the church will be meeting for lunch on Friday, **October 17** at El Ranchito, New Haven, at 12:30 pm. All ladies are welcome.

Fall Cleanup on October 18th at church. Inside and outside work.

Quarterly Voters' Meeting – October 19th after church (downstairs).

Ladies Aid – October 19th after church (conference room).

Grass still needs cutting. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board. Please take a turn if you are able.

2025 Men's Retreat October 3 & 4 at Camp Trinity - ABIDING IN JESUS: LIVING IN THE WORLD, CHRISTIAN LIFE AS HOSPITALITY, Speaker: REV. EAMONN FERGUSON, ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, WHEATON, IL

See information sheet on bulletin board, with registration details.

Hymn Festival at Immanuel Washington – This evening.

Come raise your voice in beloved hymns as we celebrate the light of Christ with the musical groups of Immanuel Lutheran Church, including a brand new Children's Choir special for this event. The hymn festival will be on October 5th, 2025 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary at Immanuel Lutheran Church at 214 W. 5th St., Washington, MO. Refreshments to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

**Nursing Home Cruise – Starting from Immanuel, Washington, MO
Sunday, October 19, 2025**

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran's Cars and Coffee group is hosting a cruise to all 7 of the nursing homes in Washington. We'll start from Immanuel's parking lot at 5:30 pm on Sunday, October 19. The residents will be expecting us and waiting for us to parade by. It will take about an hour to make our way around town. When we are finished, we'll head back to Immanuel for grilled burgers and sides prepared by Immanuel's Men's Ministry. All antique cars, trucks and bikes are welcome to join in. Please RSVP about your willingness to join in on the cruise by contacting Immanuel at 636-239-4705

Snack and sugar free drink donations are welcome for Midweek Confirmation Classes. Sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the back of church. Donations can be left in the kitchen. If you would rather supply a monetary gift and have the Confirmation teachers purchase something, give your donation to Patty Swann.

SELECTION of Greeting Cards from Hymns in My Heart are available for sale in the narthex, by Trinity Ladies Aid. Check out the greeting card collection of Encouragement, Babies, Thank You, Graduation and Confirmation Cards. The cards are \$2.00 per card. Please deposit money in money slot.

Augsburg Confession

Article XXVII. Of Monastic Vows.

49 Furthermore, the precepts of God and the true service of God are obscured when men hear that only monks are in a state of perfection. For Christian perfection is to fear God from the heart, and yet to conceive great faith, and to trust that for Christ's sake we have a God who has been reconciled, to ask of God, and assuredly to expect His aid in all things that, according to our calling, are to be done; and meanwhile, to be diligent in outward good works, 50 and to serve our calling. In these things consist the true perfection and the true service of God. It does not consist in celibacy, or in begging, or in vile apparel. 51 But the people conceive many pernicious opinions from the false commendations of monastic life. 52 They hear celibacy praised above measure; therefore they lead their married life with offense to their consciences. 53 They hear that only beggars are perfect; therefore they keep their possessions and do business with offense to their consciences. 54 They hear that it is an evangelical counsel not to seek revenge; therefore some in private life are not afraid to take revenge, for they hear that it is but a counsel, and 55 not a commandment. Others judge that the Christian cannot properly hold a civil office or be a magistrate.

56 There are on record examples of men who, forsaking marriage and the administration of the Commonwealth, have hid themselves in monasteries. This 57 they called fleeing from the world, and seeking a kind of life which would be more pleasing to God. Neither did they see that God ought to be served in those commandments which He Himself has given and not in commandments 58 devised by men. A good and perfect kind of life is that which has for it the commandment of God. 59 It is necessary to admonish men of these things.

60 And before these times, Gerson rebukes this error of the monks concerning perfection, and testifies that in his day it was a new saying that the monastic life is a state of perfection.

61 So many wicked opinions are inherent in the vows, namely, that they justify, that they constitute Christian perfection, that they keep the counsels and commandments, that they have works of supererogation. All these things, since they are false and empty, make vows null and void.