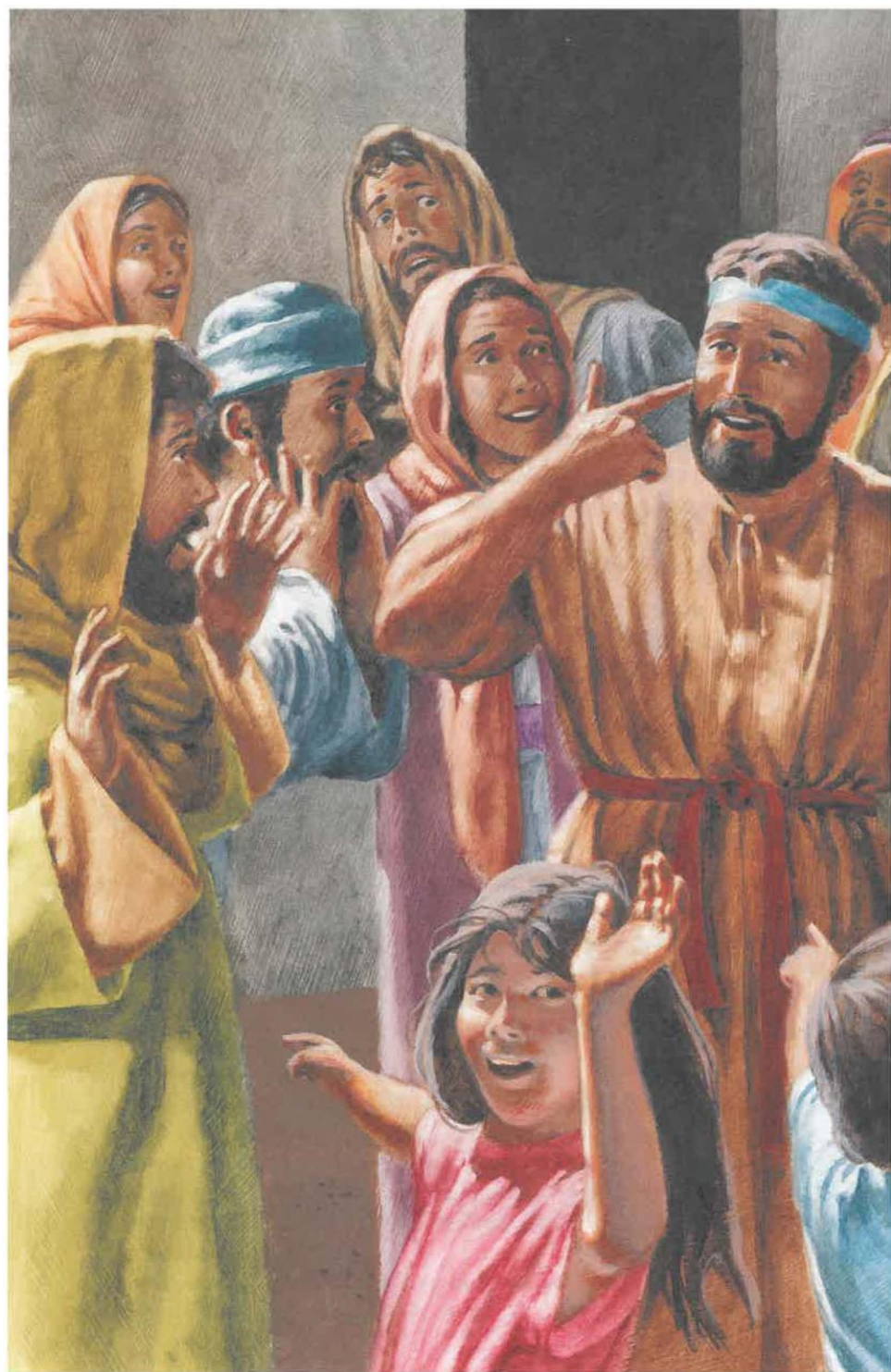




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Faithful Through the Years
Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Trinity Lutheran Church
"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." Hebrews 13:8

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
August 23rd -- anno Domini 2026

Our sufficiency is in the Lord who does all things well. God is faithful to his promises, causing the deaf to hear just as he had promised through the prophet, Isaiah. He is compassionate toward those who are afflicted by the effects of sin and other trials. St. Paul doesn't need to establish himself by the commendation of seemingly influential people. Instead, he relies on Jesus who shows by his work that he is the Lord who fulfills the Scriptures and does all things well. Yes, our Lord is faithful and compassionate, doing all things well. But is he quick? Our *Introit* taken from Psalm 70 says: "Make haste, O God, to deliver me! Make haste to help me, O Lord!" This is a simple and eager prayer, confident that God will act swiftly.

This confidence that God will faithfully show his compassion is coupled with the confidence that those who persecute his saints will be put to shame. Who is there to harm you if you are relying on God's Word? If you must suffer at the hands of slanderers and persecutors, then let it only be a lesson that you cannot trust in men. They are unreliable at best. Even the most faithful friend must fail. But God will not fail. He will act swiftly. "You are my help and my deliverer. O Lord, do not delay!" This is not a frantic prayer. Yes, it is urgent, but it proceeds from a calm and established faith, which rests firmly on God's promise to save. Observe how Christ does not rush through his act of compassion on the deaf and mute man. He takes his time, with sighs too deep for words (Rom 8:26). So know that your Lord is acting quickly, even if it seems like your battle against sin is unending. He bears with you, forgiving you, sanctifying you, and establishing you by the power of his gospel. Your redemption is urgent to God. But he doesn't rush through it. He waited for the fullness of time before he finally sent his Son into the flesh to bear our sins. Yet he remains a quick defender, faithful, compassionate, and true to his Word.

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 Holy Communion

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Hymn of Invocation ☞ *Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide*

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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

Make haste, O God, to de- | liver me!*

Make haste to help | me, O LORD!

Let them be ashamed and con- | founded*

who | seek my life. (*Psalm 70:1-2*)

Let them be turned back | and confused*

who de- | sire my hurt.

Let all those who seek | You rejoice*

and be | glad in You.

But I am poor and | needy,*

make haste to | me, O God!

You are my help and my de- | liverer;*

O LORD, do | not delay. (*Psalm 70:2, 4, 5*)

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 - *Isaiah 29:17-24*

¹⁷ In just a little while

will not Lebanon turn into a garden-land

and the garden-land be considered a forest?

¹⁸ On that day *the deaf will hear* the words written in a book,

and *the blind* coming out of their gloom and darkness *will see*.

¹⁹ The *humble* will find a new joy in the LORD,

and the poorest of people will delight in the Holy One of Israel.

²⁰ The tyrant will be gone,

the scoffer will be finished,

and all who look for ways to do wrong will be destroyed —

²¹ those who accuse others of being sinners

and try to trap those who uphold justice in court

and with empty argument take away the rights of a righteous man.

²² The LORD, who freed Abraham, says this about the people of Jacob:

“Jacob will no longer be ashamed;

nor will Jacob’s face turn pale.

²³ When he or his children see what I’ve done among them,

they will treat My name as holy,

and treat the Holy One of Jacob as holy,

and stand in awe of the God of Israel.

²⁴ Then those whose spirits went astray will know and understand,

and those who criticized will receive instruction.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



Gradual

I will bless the LORD / at all times;*

His praise shall continually be / in my mouth.

My soul shall make its boast / in the LORD;*

the humble shall hear of it / and be glad. (Psalm 34:1–2)

Epistle ↻ 2 Corinthians 3:4-11

⁴That is how Christ gives us confidence in God. ⁵We can’t do anything by ourselves and so claim to produce it ourselves, but God gives us our ability. ⁶He has made us able servants of a *new covenant*, not of a written Law but of the Spirit, because the written Law kills, but the Spirit makes alive.

⁷Now if that service, engraved in stone and bringing death, came with such glory the people of Israel couldn’t look at *Moses’ face* because it *shone with the glory* that was fading, ⁸how much more certainly will the service of the Spirit have *glory*? ⁹If the service that condemns has *glory*, the service that gives righteousness much more certainly overflows with *glory*. ¹⁰That which had *glory* lost it because the other *glory* outshone it. ¹¹If that which fades away had its *glory*, that which is permanent much more certainly has *glory*.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand



Verse

Alle- / luia.*

Alle- / luia.

Sing aloud to / God our strength;*

make a joyful shout to the God of Jacob. Alle- / luia. (Psalm 81:1)

Triple Hallelujah

Gospel *☞ Mark 7:31-37*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7th chapter.

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

³¹Jesus again left the country of Tyre and went through Sidon and the country of the Decapolis [Ten-Towns] to the Sea of Galilee.

³²Some people brought Him a man who was deaf and had a speech defect, and they urged Jesus to lay His hand on him. ³³Taking him away from the crowd to be alone with him, He put His fingers into the man's ears. He spit and touched his tongue ³⁴and looked up to heaven and sighed. Then He said to him, "Ephphatha!" which means, "Be opened!" ³⁵His ears were opened, his tongue was set free to speak, and he talked naturally.

³⁶Jesus ordered the people not to tell anyone. But the more He forbade them, the more widely they spread the news. ³⁷They were dumbfounded. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the speechless speak."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Nicene Creed

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Sit

Hymn of the Day *☞ Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him*

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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

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

General Prayer

Service of the Sacrament

Preface & Proper Preface

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Sanctus ☞ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

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Lord's Prayer

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Words of Institution

Pax Domini ☞ *Peace of the Lord*

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Agnus Dei ☞ *Lamb of God*

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Sit – Guests are asked to please speak with the pastor before communing.

Hymns during Distribution

☞ *I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table*

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☞ *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

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☞ *An Awe-full Mystery Is Here*

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Stand after the distribution

Nunc Dimittis ☞ *Song of Simeon*

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Thanksgiving & Collect

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Salutation & Benedicamus

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Benediction

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Sit

Hymn to Depart ☞ *My faith Looks Up to Thee*

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Silent Prayer

Ushers for today: Jon Finck, Andrew Rethemeyer, Oscar Otten

Next week: Cory Swann, Easton Bailey, Jett Cronin

Greeter for today: David Otten

Next Week: Luke Otten

Acolyte today: Nolan Pelster

Next Week: Tripp Cronin

Flower and Altar Care: August: Linda Kaskadden & Jennifer Trsek

Organist: Andrew Finck

Prayer and Petitions: Lori Quick, recovering from a broken leg. Bill Horne, Linda Rethemeyer, Wayne Scheer, and Sue Eads, health concerns. Homebound: 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 Anniversaries: Everett Howard, 23rd, Kyle Quick, 24th, Larry and Carolyn Scheer, 25th, Alex Fortner, 28th

(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)

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS PLANNING MEETING today after church (downstairs) Anyone interested in helping with the instruction of the youth at Trinity are asked to attend. We are in need of adults willing to plant the seeds of faith through the instruction of the Bible stories, helping build a lifelong foundation of faith. Through your demonstration of God's love, they will see what God's love is. God also promises that his word will do great things and never go out without a purpose. *"He gives strength to the weary and provides vigor to those who have none. Young men get tired and weary; in spite of their young vigor, they may fall exhausted; but those who depend on the LORD get new strength. They lift up their wings like eagles; they run and don't get tired; they walk and don't get weary."* ISAIAH 40:29-31

Confirmation Class for the instruction of our youth is right around the corner and will begin the **Wednesday after Labor Day** weekend, September 9th. Pastor Preus will be teaching youth in grades 6-8 and Ruth Rethemeyer and Patty Swann will be teaching the Pre-Confirmation Class at the same time. Children can be dropped off at church at 3:00 p.m. for games and snacks with class starting by 4:00 p.m. **Pastor Preus would like to meet with all of the parents of the children right after Vespers on September 9th.** Vespers is at 5:00 p.m., immediately after confirmation class. Parents are welcome to join their children for the Vespers service.

Plans for our **100th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, October 25th** continue with the planned speaker being **Pastor Walter Otten**. In order to permit all to enjoy the event, a **fully catered meal** with servers is planned. Please mark your Calendar! More details to follow.

Christ the King Lutheran High School

Join us for our **First Day of School Celebration on Monday, August 24, from 8:30–10:30 a.m.** at our campus at Ebenezer Lutheran Church. This is a historic event as we celebrate the opening of Christ the King Lutheran High School. The celebration will begin with a special chapel service, followed by a brief address from Principal Eckman, Founding Class photos, campus tours, refreshments and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall, an opportunity to write notes of encouragement for our Founding Class, and CTK apparel available for purchase. Guests are invited to stay through the celebration and will be dismissed at 10:30 a.m., while our students continue their historic first day of school together. We hope you can join us!
(See flyer on bulletin board)

Grass cutting - A volunteer sign-up sheet has been placed on the bulletin board in the vestibule. Volunteers, please pick out some dates and sign-up. If you are unable to cut personally, you can make a donation, and some young volunteers will cut for you. See Roger Helling if you have questions.

SELECTION of Greeting Cards from Hymns in My Heart are available for sale in the narthex, by the Trinity Ladies Aid. Check out the collection of Wedding, Encouragement,

Babies, Thank You, Graduation and Confirmation Cards. The cards are \$2.00 per card. Please deposit money in money slot.

Smalcald Articles

Part III

Article VIII - Of Confession.

9 In a word, enthusiasm inheres in Adam and his children from the beginning [from the first fall] to the end of the world, [its poison] having been implanted and infused into them by the old dragon, and is the origin, power [life], and strength of all heresy, especially of that of the Papacy and Mahomet. 10 Therefore we ought and must constantly maintain this point, that God does not wish to deal with us otherwise than through the spoken Word and the Sacraments. 11 It is the devil himself whatsoever is extolled as Spirit without the Word and Sacraments. For God wished to appear even to Moses through the burning bush and spoken Word; and no prophet neither Elijah nor Elisha, received the Spirit without the Ten Commandments [or spoken Word]. 12 Neither was John the Baptist conceived without the preceding word of Gabriel, nor did he leap in his mother's womb without the voice of Mary. 13 And Peter says, 2 Pet. 1:21: The prophecy came not by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. Without the outward Word, however, they were not holy, much less would the Holy Ghost have moved them to speak when they still were unholy [or profane]; for they were holy, says he, since the Holy Ghost spake through them.

(Source: <https://bookofconcord.org/smalcald-articles/iii/of-confession/>)
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