



Trinity Lutheran Church – September 29, 2024

✝ GATHERING ✝

Prelude

Call to Worship

L: All who thirst, come to the water. Come, all who are weary; come, all who yearn for forgiveness. The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us, and our Gracious and Holy God beckons and blesses us. Drink deeply of these living waters.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.**

Gathering Hymn

We Were Born Out of the Waters
Tune: *Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing*

We were born out of the waters that give life to all the earth.
We were made God's blessed children at the font of our rebirth.
Every day, God's waters bless us! We are nourished and renewed;
For the waters that surround us give us life and health and food.

Just as rivers join each other, all creation joins in song.
All of nature works together, bold and beautiful and strong.
Fish that fill a flowing river, springs of water from below
Daily point us to the Giver from whom blessings overflow.

God, we hear the troubling thunder of the shouts of "Profit first!"
Land and streams are torn asunder till creation cries in thirst.
God, we thirst for healthy waters and for justice for the land,
As your faithful blessed children, may we rise to take a stand.

God who made the whole creation, with its rivers, fields and streams,
You have given us a vision of what caring for them means.
May we care for all your waters, for your land, for sky above;
May we serve you as protectors of this world that you so love.

Thanksgiving at the Font

L: Water! Water! We praise you, O God, for water; the James River and Reservoir, the Pipestem River and Dam. Spiritwood Lake, the Jamestown Aquifer, and our many prairie potholes. We praise you for the rain that nourishes animals and plants, the water for drinking and bathing. We praise you, O God, for water.

C: We praise you, O God, for water.

L: We praise you, O God, for our water stories-- a flood that cleansed the earth, the sea that drowned the enemy, a river that healed leprosy. We praise you, O God, for water.

C: We praise you, O God, for water.

L: We remember the waters of Jesus-- baptized in the Jordan River, calming the sea of Galilee, drinking from Jacob's Well, healing at the pool of Bethesda, washing the disciples' feet. We praise you, O God, for water.

C: We praise you, O God, for water.

L: We praise you, O God, for this font, for through this water you have birthed us into the family of Christ, bathed us in forgiveness, and enlivened us in the Spirit. We praise you, O God, for baptism.

C: **We praise you, O God, for baptism.**

L: O God you are the Ocean, sustaining this earth. O God, you are the River, saving us from death. O God you are the Fountain, granting us health and well-being. We praise you, O God, today, tomorrow, forever. Amen, and amen.

C: **Amen, and amen.**

Hymn of Praise *This is My Father's World*

ELW #824

Prayer of the Day

C: **Sovereign of the universe, your first covenant of mercy was with every living creature. When your beloved Son came among us, the waters of the river welcomed him. The heavens opened to greet his arrival. The animals of the wilderness drew near as his companions. Gather the baptized with all the world's people to seek the way of your new creation. Lead us in the way of justice and care, mercy and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

First Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,

¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior;

they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

²⁰The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches;

for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,

to give drink to my chosen people,

²⁴the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 65

¹Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;
and to you shall vows be performed,

²O you who answer prayer!

To you all flesh shall come.

³When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,
you forgive our transgressions.

**⁴Happy are those whom you choose and bring near
to live in your courts.**

**We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
your holy temple.**

⁵By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation;
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

**⁶By your strength you established the mountains;
you are girded with might.**

⁷You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples.

**⁸Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;
you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.**

⁹You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

**¹⁰You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges,
softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.**

¹¹You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

**¹²The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,**

¹³the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.

Second Reading

Romans 8:18-27

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PrayGround

Gospel Acclamation *There was the Word* Dancing at the Harvest #55

1 Be-fore there was earth or wa-ter or sky Be - fore there was
how or where or why Be - fore there was wom-an Be-
fore there was man Be - fore there was "No" and be - fore there was
"Oh, yes I can"— There was the Word.



2 Then came cre - a - tion Then came the fall Then came the flood And



then came the call Then came the prom - ise Then came the



land Then came cap - tiv - i - ty And then came the wil - der - ness



band— And there was the Word.



Refrain
And the Word be - came flesh And the Word be - came



bone And the Word



be - came one of our own.



3 Some called him sav - ior Some called him king Some



called him the one who would change ev - 'ry - thing

Some called him truth Some called him grace Some
called him the light to en - light - en the whole hu - man
Refrain
race— And there was the Word.
4 Wher - ev - er false - hood is turned in - to right
Wher - ev - er blind - ness is turned in - to sight
Wher - ev - er death is turned in - to birth
Wher - ev - er war - fare is turned in - to peace on this
Refrain
earth— There is the Word.

Text: Ray Makeever
Music: THERE WAS THE WORD, Ray Makeever

Gospel

John 4: 7-15

L: The holy gospel according to John, the fourth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)

¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Let All Things Now Living

ELW #881

Apostles' Creed

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

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

✠ PRAYER ✠

Prayer Response *Take, O, Take Me as I Am* ELW #814

Prayers of Intercession

L: Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

Prayer Response *Take, O, Take Me as I Am* ELW #814

Offering 8:30 *Song at the Well* sung by Trinity Choir

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10:45 *Borning Cry* sung by Celebration

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Noisy Offering/Offertory *God Whose Farm is All Creation* ELW #734

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: **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

✠ SENDING ✠

Closing Words and Benediction

L: A Reading from The Brothers Karamazov by Fyodor Dostoevsky

“Love all God’s creation, the whole and every grain of sand in it. Love every leaf, every ray of God’s light. Love the animals, love the plants, love everything. If you love everything, you will perceive the divine mystery in things. Once you perceive it, you will begin to comprehend it better every day. And you will come at last to love the whole world with an all-embracing love. Love the animals: God has given them the rudiments of thought and joy untroubled. Do not trouble it, don’t harass them, don’t deprive them of their happiness, don’t work against God’s intent.

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

Baptized and Set Free

ELW #453

Dismissal: Go in Peace. Remember your baptism

C: Thanks be to God.

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Worship Liturgies and Prayers

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Lutheran World Relief School

Supply Drive is On!

Current needs are:

70-sheet notebooks (4 per kit)

boxes of 16 or 24 crayons

black or blue ballpoint pens (not gel)

These items will be packed in drawstring backpacks for shipment in October.

Sponsors for today: Thank you to Beth & Scott Fritz for sponsoring the candles in memory of what would have been Carl Peter's 87th birthday, and to Michele Well & Deb Holmes for sponsoring the flowers in memory of dad, Tony Klose.

Held in Prayer:

Kasey Andersen, Braelynn Bakke, Kevin Benson, Lollie Bieri, Josh Brown, Judy Buegel, Bob Davidson, Pam Davidson, Tucker DeJong, Laura Eberhardt, Bruce Foster, Joan Gehlhar, Mark Gehlhar, Delilah Guthmiller, Don Guthmiller, Emily Hoff, Arlene Hofland, Gus Keiser, Rose Klein, Alexis Lutt, Bob Mecklenberg, Judy Metzger, Mary Oster, Adalynn Peet, Shandi Puhr, Bernice Rath, Colby Schrenk, Dallas Skaug, Ken Urdahl, Jarrid Wanzek

Those Who Have Died:

Annella Reinke
Harriet Lien

Fall Bazaar

Saturday, October 12
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



**56th Annual Trinity Lutheran Church
Lutefisk and Meatball Supper**

Wednesday, Oct. 2 • 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Adults: \$25

Youth: 6-11: \$5; Preschoolers: Free

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