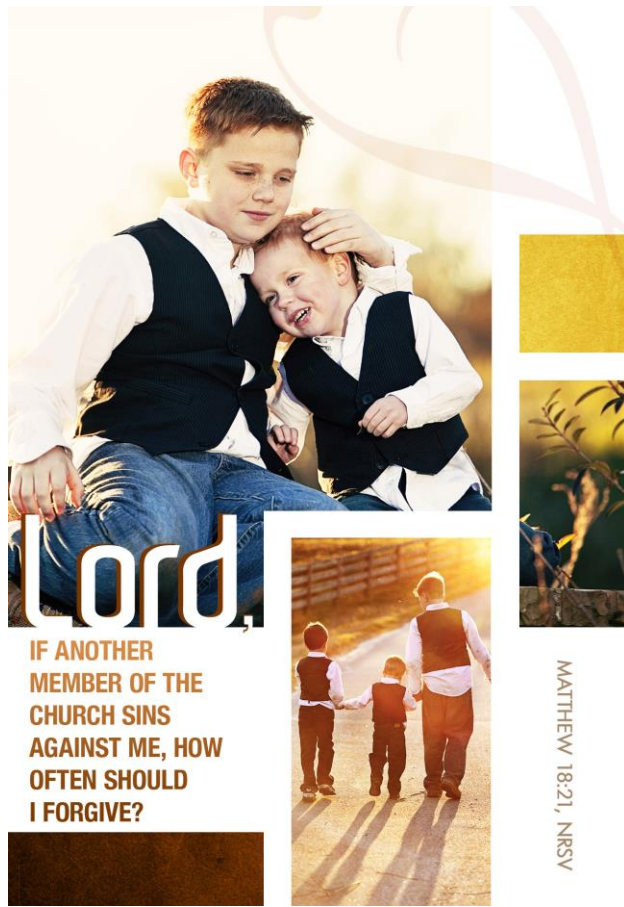


*Worship Service  
for  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*Sunday, September 13, 2020*



*Trinity Lutheran Church  
812 N. Fifth St.  
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho*

*Trinity is a Christ-centered community of believers, saved and  
enlightened by God's grace.  
We serve God by serving others.*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

### Confession and Forgiveness      *(Read Responsively)*

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

C    **Amen.**

P    God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C    **Amen.**

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

Merciful God,

C    **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.**

**Confession Song**

*Gather Us In*

Hymnal #532 - Instrumental

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.

C **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.**

**\*Kyrie** (Congregation will read responsively verses in **BOLD** type.)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen, amen**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

P O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

## The Word

### **First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21**

*After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.*

<sup>15</sup>Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" <sup>16</sup>So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup>Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup>So have no fear; I

myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 103:1-13** (Congregation will read verses in **BOLD** type.)

<sup>1</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

<sup>2</sup> **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits –**

<sup>3</sup> who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

<sup>4</sup> **who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

<sup>5</sup> who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

<sup>6</sup> **The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.**

<sup>7</sup> He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

<sup>8</sup> **The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

<sup>9</sup> He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

**<sup>10</sup> He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

<sup>11</sup> For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

**<sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.**

<sup>13</sup> As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12**

*This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.*

<sup>1</sup>Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. <sup>2</sup>Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has

welcomed them. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

<sup>5</sup>Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup>Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

<sup>7</sup>We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

<sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.

<sup>11</sup>For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and



every tongue shall give praise to God.”

<sup>12</sup>So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia Verse*

(Congregation will read)

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**\*Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35**

*When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.*

<sup>21</sup>Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup>“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him;

<sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every

one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

- Pastor Dan Forsgren

\*Hymn of the Day

*Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive*

Hymnal #605 - Instrumental

\*Confession of Faith

*Apostles' Creed*

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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.**

## Prayers of the People

A Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A You welcome us when we are weak in faith. Uphold your church throughout the world; make it a place of welcome. Strengthen faith through Bible studies and Sunday schools, confirmation classes and youth ministries. Nurture new ministries of education and growth.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A The heights of the heavens show us the vastness of your steadfast love. Have compassion on your creation. Where human selfishness has brought ruin and destruction, we look to you to heal, renew, and redeem your world. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Make your ways known to the nations. Speak kindness to our bitter grudges. Settle our hearts when we want to settle accounts with

violence. Bless our leaders with patience and wisdom. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**A** Bring healing and justice wherever harm is dealt. Provide vindication for all who are oppressed. Free victims of human trafficking and forced labor; deliver all who are bound by debt. Feed all who hunger, and guard refugees fleeing famine, poverty, and war. Bring healing to all who suffer from illness, especially Terry Dobson, Ron McCray, Paul Muchow, Wes Deitz, Loretta Olson, Jim McDonnell, Marion Keating, Sally English, June Gittel, Delores Luttrupp, John Kinney, Mavis Fuchs, and Susan Kirkpatrick. Lord, in your mercy.

**C hear our prayer.**

**A** Teach us to forgive. Remind us that you do not always accuse us. Still our tongues when we are tempted to pass judgment and argue over opinions. Make this congregation a community of mercy for one another and for all our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

### Sharing the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

### Offering

### Musical Offering

### Offering Prayer

P Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

### \*Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

### The Preface

P 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.

You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C *Holy, Holy, Holy* (Congregation will read)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n 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.**

## Words of Institution

P 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

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.**



## Invitation to Communion

### Lamb of God

Hymnal p. 154 - Instrumental

### The Lord's Supper

*We celebrate together the Meal of Grace. The Lord is Host. We are the Guests. All are invited to the Table to feast in the promise of Jesus to be present in the bread and cup. Grape juice (light liquid) and gluten-free wafers are available by asking a server. The communion cups will be pre-filled and placed in trays with every other space left open to allow you to take without touching neighboring cups. Bread will be pre-cut. You will walk up to the altar steps to receive bread and wine, with no kneeling at the front. Communion servers will wear masks and gloves.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:*

*The body of Christ given for you  
The blood of Christ shed for you  
And you may respond: **Amen***

### Post-Communion Prayer

P We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

**Blessing**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with  
grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you  
peace.

C Amen.

**\*Sending Hymn**

*Rise, Shine, You People!*

Hymnal #665 - Instrumental

**\*Dismissal**

P Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C Thanks be to God.

**\*Postlude**