

Gracious words
are a honeycomb,
sweet to the soul
and
healing
to the
bones.

Proverbs 16:24, NIV



Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and School.

We gather to worship the only God and Savior: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Watch your mouth

August 17 2025

Trinity 9

The Lord dedicates an entire commandment to what comes out of our mouth: "You shall not give false testimony." Every command not to do something has a positive counterpart telling us what to do. Proverbs helps us learn what should not come out of our mouth and what should. Watch your mouth, and you will end being a great blessing to other people.

Today's 8:00 a.m. worship is broadcast live on YouTube. The YouTube link can be found at the church's website:

- holytrinity.church

After the service, the recording can be accessed at the same YouTube site.

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ORDER OF SERVICE—SERVICE OF THE WORD

Hymn 599 *Come, Christians Join to Sing*



1 Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
2 Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - jice;
he is our guide and friend, to us he'll con - de - scend;
on heav - en's bliss - ful shore, his good - ness we'll a - dore,



praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

Please stand.

P: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child.**

But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

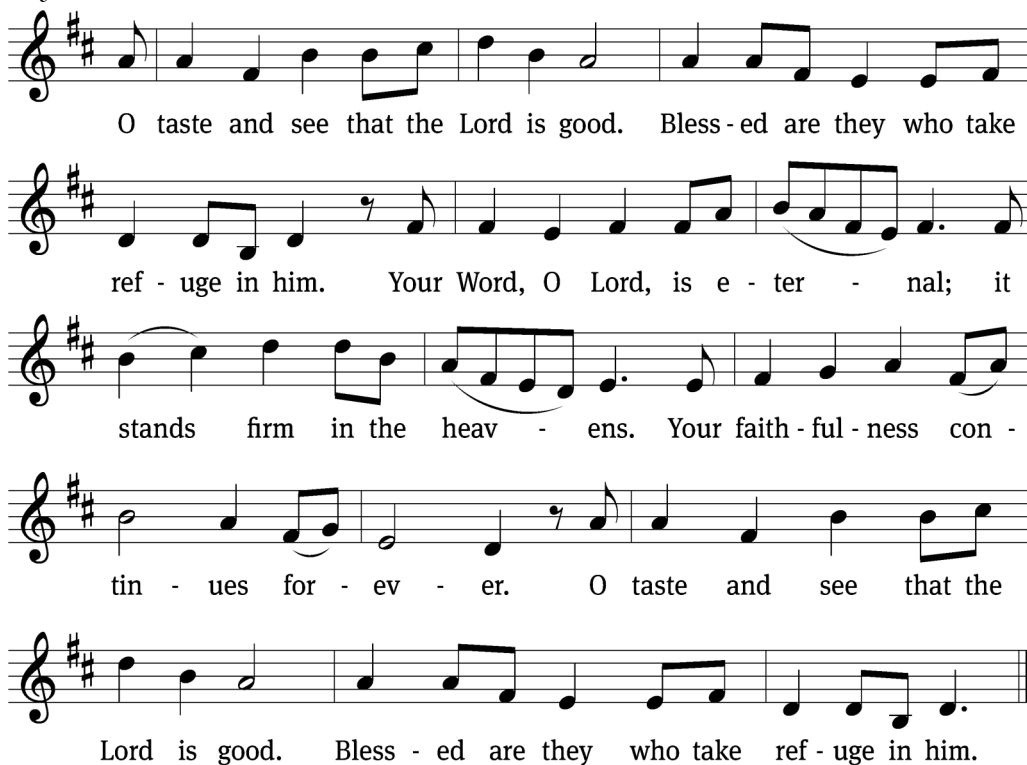
P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Hymn 965 O Taste and See



O taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless-ed are they who take
ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it
stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con -
tin - ues for - ev - er. O taste and see that the
Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

First Lesson — Jeremiah 23:23-29

“Am I a God who is only near” — this is the LORD’s declaration — “and not a God who is far away? Can a person hide in secret places where I cannot see him?” — the LORD’s declaration. “Do I not fill the heavens and the earth?” — the LORD’s declaration.

“I have heard what the prophets who prophesy a lie in my name have said: ‘I had a dream! I had a dream!’ How long will this continue in the minds of the prophets prophesying lies, prophets of the deceit of their own minds? Through their dreams that they tell one another, they plan to cause my people to forget my name as their ancestors forgot my name through Baal worship. The prophet who has only a dream should recount the dream, but the one who has my word should speak my word truthfully, for what is straw compared to grain?” — this is the LORD’s declaration. “Is not my word like fire” — this is the LORD’s declaration — “and like a hammer that pulverizes rock?”

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4



1 O God, be gra - cious; hear my prayer, and
2 How long, O God, will li - ars boast while
3 When ter - ror wakes me from my dreams and
4 Some fear that you will not pro - vide; they
5 Now lay me down to sleep in peace; in



an - swer when I cry. You give me hope in
I am smeared with shame? Come, set your faith - ful
shakes me through and through, teach me to pray with
cry, "Show us your face!" But you have sat - is -
safe - ty let me rest. O God, with - in your



my dis - tress; you will not pass me by.
ser - vant free; I call up - on your name!
con - fi - dence and put my trust in you.
fied my heart with good - ness, joy, and grace.
lov - ing care I am for - ev - er blessed.

Second Lesson—Hebrews 12:1-13

Therefore, since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every hindrance and the sin that so easily ensnares us. Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. For the joy that lay before him, he endured the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

For consider him who endured such hostility from sinners against himself, so that you won't grow weary and give up. In struggling against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons:

My son, do not take the Lord's discipline lightly or lose heart when you are reprov'd by him,

for the Lord disciplines the one he loves
and punishes every son he receives.

Endure suffering as discipline: God is dealing with you as sons. For what son is there that a father does not discipline? But if you are without discipline — which all receive — then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

Furthermore, we had human fathers discipline us, and we respected them.

Shouldn't we submit even more to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time based on what seemed good to them, but he does it for our benefit, so that we can share his holiness. No discipline seems enjoyable at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Therefore, strengthen your tired hands and weakened knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated but healed instead.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

VERSE OF THE DAY



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel—Luke 12:49-53

“I came to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already set ablaze! But I have a baptism to undergo, and how it consumes me until it is finished! Do you think that I came here to bring peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on, five in one household will be divided: three against two, and two against three.

They will be divided, father against son,
son against father,
mother against daughter,
daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law,
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

Hymn 740 O God, My Faithful God



1 O God, my faith - ful God, O Foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
2 Grant me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing
3 Keep me from say - ing things that lat - er need re - call - ing;
4 Lord, let me win my foes with kind - ly words and ac - tions,



who good and per - fect gifts in mer - cy are be - stow - ing,
what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing,
grant that no i - dle words may from my lips be fall - ing,
and let me find good friends for coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.



give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in
that I do what I should while trust - ing you to bless
but when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,
Help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small



a con-science free from blame, a soul un - hurt by sin.
the out - come for my good, for you must give suc - cess.
then fill my words with grace lest I of - fend the weak.
and by your Spir - it's might to live in peace with all.

Sermon: Proverbs 10:19-21

Watch your mouth

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

Our offerings express gratitude to God for making us, saving us, and giving us all that we have. We express generous gratitude with generous offerings.

You may place your offering in the plates or use Online Giving.

The QR code at right will also take you to the giving site.

Thank you for your offerings.



MUSICAL OFFERING

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord Jesus, it is written, “Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body” (James 3:5,6). When we hear rumor or truth about someone else, help us to speak only in love. If our brother or sister sins, move us to “go and point out their fault, just between the two” of us (Matthew 18:15). Thank you for speaking well of us before the throne of your Father in heaven.

Dear Holy Spirit, giver and protector of our faith, thank you for counseling us and leading us by the truth of your Word. You have brought us to see Jesus as our Lord and Savior. You continue to strengthen our faith so we see how we can lead a godly life, especially toward others. Help us overcome drawing quick assumptions about what others say about us or do to us. As you have been patient with us, lead us to be patient with others in Christian love. Please lead us to see the great benefit in protecting the reputation of others, and our own reputation, by guarding our tongue.

God of every heart, give a spirit of wisdom to those who work in the media. Help them be careful and honest with their messages. Keep them from leading anyone, especially our young people, into sin. Make the media a blessing to families and society.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private prayers.

Silent prayer.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

Hymn 732 In Unity and Peace (See page 12)

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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Education

Sunday education for adults begins at 9:15 a.m.

Adults are discussing a specific question each week. This week's question is:

What is the Reformed view of baptism and communion?

This week at Holy Trinity

Tuesday.....6:30 p.m. Bible information class

Hymn 732 In Unity and Peace

Refrain



How good it is and how pleas-ant to live in u-ni-ty and peace.



How good it is and how pleas-ant to live to-geth-er in one Lord.

(Last time only)



to live to - geth - er in one Lord.



- 1 In the name of our Lord— Je - sus Christ, a -
- 2 Live a life that is wor - thy of your call, be
- 3 Share the love that has joined_ us as one, u -



gree in ev - 'ry-thing you say. — May there_ be no di-
hum - ble, gen - tle, and pa-tient. Bear with each oth - er in
nite in spir - it and i - deals. — Nev - er be ri - vals, do



vi - sions a-mong you, but be u - nit-ed in one mind.
ways that are lov - ing, pre - serve the u - ni - ty of faith.
not be con-ceit - ed, but look to oth-ers in their need.

Refrain



For there is one Lord, one faith, one God of us all.
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