



THE PHARISEES AND
THE SCRIBES GRUMBLED, SAYING,

“This man
receives
sinners
and eats
with
them.”

LUKE 15:2, ESV



Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and School.

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

Here we go again

September 14, 2025

Trinity 13

"Jesus sinners does receive; oh, may all this saying ponder." It is worth thinking about. Jesus welcomed sinners and ate with them, not because he welcomed sin, but because he sought to bring sinners to repentance and give them forgiveness, joy, and hope. Jesus is still the same. He is seeking sinners to this day. Thank God. "Jesus sinners does receive, even I have been forgiven."

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 — SETTING ONE

Hymn 578 *Chief of Sinners Though I Be*



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, high - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part com - fort to a
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in
5 Strength - en me, O gra - cious Lord, by your Spir - it



blood for me, died that I might live on high,
heav'ns a - bove, deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart, peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me; all my wants to him are known,
and your Word. When my way - ward heart would stray,



lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty, love that found me—
joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, faith and hope to
all my sor - rows are his own. Safe with him in
keep me in the nar - row way; grace in time of



to the vine, I am his and he is mine!
won - drous thought— found me when I sought him not.
walk with God in the way that E - noch trod.
earth - ly strife, I a - wait the heav'n - ly life.
need sup - ply while I live and when I die.

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

P: We are in God's house.

We humble ourselves before him, confess our sins, and trust his forgiveness.

C: The Lord is in his holy temple.

Let the whole earth be silent in his presence.

P: God's law speaks so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world subject to God's judgment.

C: No one is justified in God's sight by obeying his law.

Knowledge of sin comes through the law.

P: We acknowledge and confess to God our sin against him.

C: Nothing good lives in my sinful flesh.

I do not do the good that I want to do.

I do the evil that I do not want to do.

God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

All have been justified freely by God's grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

I forgive you in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: I am justified by faith in him.

P: Baptized into his death and burial, we have been raised with him to new life.

C: We offer ourselves to God as tools for righteousness.

We are not under law but under grace.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, for -
3 Lord God, our King on heav - en's throne, our



ev - er - more the high - est One, who did our
Fa - ther, the Al - mighty One, O Lord, the



sin - ful race be - friend and grace and peace to
sole - be - got - ten One, Lord Je - sus Christ, the



us ex - tend. A - mong man - kind may his good
Fa - ther's Son, true God from all e - ter - ni -



will all hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.
ty, O Lamb of God, to you we flee.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

First Lesson — Hosea 3:1-5

Then the LORD said to me, "Go again; show love to a woman who is loved by another man and is an adulteress, just as the LORD loves the Israelites though they turn to other gods and love raisin cakes."

So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and nine bushels of barley. I said to her, "You are to live with me many days. You must not be promiscuous or belong to any man, and I will act the same way toward you."

For the Israelites must live many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar, and without ephod or household idols. Afterward, the people

of Israel will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They will come with awe to the LORD and to his goodness in the last days.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51



1 God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on your grace I
2 My trans - gres - sions I con - fess, grief and guilt my
3 I am e - vil, born in sin; you de - sire all
4 Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust by your wrath and
5 Gra - cious God, my heart re - new, make my spir - it



rest my plea; your com - pas - sions o - ver - flow,
soul op - press; I have sinned a - gainst your grace
truth with - in. You a - lone my Sav - ior are,
judg - ment just, let my con - trite heart re - joice
right and true; let me not a - ban - doned be,



blot out my trans - gres - sions now; wash me, make me
and pro - voked you to your face; I con - fess your
teach your wis - dom to my heart; make me pure, your
and in glad - ness hear your voice; from my sins, O
let your Spir - it dwell in me; your sal - va - tion's



pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
judg - ment just, speech - less, in your mer - cy trust.
grace be - stow, wash me whit - er than the snow.
hide your face, blot them out in bound - less grace.
joy im - part, stead - fast make my will - ing heart.

Second Lesson—2 Corinthians 2:5-11

If anyone has caused pain, he has caused pain not so much to me but to some degree — not to exaggerate — to all of you. This punishment by the majority is

sufficient for that person. As a result, you should instead forgive and comfort him. Otherwise, he may be overwhelmed by excessive grief. Therefore I urge you to reaffirm your love to him. I wrote for this purpose: to test your character to see if you are obedient in everything. Anyone you forgive, I do too. For what I have forgiven — if I have forgiven anything — it is for your benefit in the presence of Christ, so that we may not be taken advantage of by Satan. For we are not ignorant of his schemes.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Refrain



Tone



Gospel — Luke 15:1-10

All the tax collectors and sinners were approaching to listen to him. And the Pharisees and scribes were complaining, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable: “What man among you, who has a hundred sheep and loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open field and go after the lost one until he finds it? When he has found it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders, and coming home, he calls his friends and neighbors together, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, because I have found my lost sheep!’ I tell you, in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who don’t need repentance.

“Or what woman who has ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, because I have found the silver coin I lost!’ I tell you, in the same way, there is joy in the presence of God’s angels over one sinner who repents.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

Hymn 654 Jesus Sinners Does Receive



1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; oh, may all this
 2 We de - serve but grief and shame, yet his words, rich
 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray are not by the
 4 I, a sin - ner, come to you with a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der who in sin's de - lu - sions live
 grace re - veal - ing, par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;
 Lord for - sak - en; wea - ry souls who lost their way
 tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, show me mer - cy, too;



and from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope for
 here their ills have per - fect heal - ing who with hum - ble
 are by Christ, the Shep - herd, tak - en in his arms that
 grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 hearts be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 they may live: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

5 Oh, how blest it is to know,
were as scarlet my transgression,
it shall be as white as snow
by your blood and bitter passion,
for these words I do believe:
Jesus sinners does receive.

6 Now my conscience is at peace,
from the law I stand acquitted.
Christ has purchased my release
and my ev'ry sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve:
Jesus sinners does receive.

7 Jesus sinners does receive,
even I have been forgiven.
And when I this earth must leave,
I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to him I cleave:
Jesus sinners does receive.

Sermon—Hosea 3:1-5

Here we go again

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one

baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

The ability to give from the heart is itself a gift from God. We thank God for the means to give. Even more, we thank God for the motive to give. Christ gave himself for us. We give as Christians out of love for Christ.

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

P: Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

C: **Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

P: Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

C: **Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**

P: Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

C: **Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**

P: Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

C: **Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**

P: Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

C: Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

P: Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

C: Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

P: We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

C: Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

P: Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

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.**

THE SACRAMENT

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 him thanks and praise.

Hymn 945 *Holy, Holy, Holy*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Hymn 946 *Jesus, Lamb of God*



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Re - deem - er, Re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

Holy Trinity offers the Lord's Supper to communicant members of our congregation (and congregations in WELS and ELS). If you are not a communicant member and are interested in going through a course of study to prepare for receiving the Lord's Supper here, please speak with the pastor.

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: **his mercy endures forever.**

P: How can we thank you, Father, for allowing us to worship in your house today! We have heard the promises of your love in the gospel. We have praised you, confessed you, and prayed for your blessings. We have been strengthened by the word and witness of others. Keep our faith strong as long as we live out the tasks of our life, take away our doubts and fears, and give us courage to share the good news of your Son wherever we go and however we can.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

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.**

Hymn 576 *Amazing Grace*



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— that
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found, was blind but now I see.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Minister: Pastor Jon Klein

Accompanist: Eva Brauer

Thank you to Pastor Klein for sharing the message today. He is the new campus pastor at Evergreen Lutheran High School.

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Sunday Education

Adult Bible study and children's Sunday School will restart on September 21.

Voters' meeting

There will be a voters' meeting today between services.

International potluck

Join us for the international potluck on Thursday, September 18, at 5:00 p.m. in the gym parking lot. Bring your favorite food from your family's culture, get to know our school families, and sample cuisine from around the world. You may park in the main parking lot and come down the sidewalk to the gym parking lot.

Thank you

Dear Holy Trinity Congregation,

I am deeply grateful for your support through the Congregational Partner Grant Program. Your generosity has greatly eased the burden of college tuition and allowed me to fully prepare for my vocation as a teacher. As I look forward to my role in Christian education, I realize that teaching is both a profession and a ministry. Through this grant, I will be more thoroughly equipped to serve students in my future ministry. Thank you for your encouragement and prayers as I continue my education at Martin Luther College.

Blessings,

Sam Plocher

This week at Holy Trinity

Today	9:15 a.m.	Voters' meeting
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible class
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Bible information class
Thursday	5:00 p.m.	International potluck