



My Grace

is sufficient for thee...

2 Corinthians 12:9

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 5th & September 6th

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♪ Opening Hymn

10,000 Reasons

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul

O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus x 2

Please rise

Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

Contemporary Service

Confession of Sins

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong: Amen.

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

P: If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives. 1 John 1:8-9

C: O Lord, my God, I confess that I am a sinner. I am selfish and unforgiving. I do not love the lost as you do. I don't reach out as well as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever. Please forgive me and make me faithful. Help me grow in my faith and help me live for you each day.

Assurance of Forgiveness

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all of our sins through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. Our debt is paid and we are clean. God has adopted us into his family and appointed us as ministers and heralds to spread the Good News of forgiveness and salvation.

C: Thank you, Lord God. Strengthen us and equip us for your service. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be Seated

Gathering for The Word

Epistle Lesson

The Word of God creates faith. Faith generates a new life. God has given us a new birth into a new life of gratitude and thankful service to our loving Savior. By faith, we are quick to listen instead of quick to be offended. We reject moral filth and replace it with the Word of God. Then we do what God says. We worship, we pray, we reach out, we forgive, and we are careful that everything that comes out of our mouths will honor God and build people up. We give time and energy to people who need help.

We reflect Christ in everything we do and say.

James 1:17-27 (EHV)

¹⁷ Every good act of giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the lights, who does not change or shift like a shadow. ¹⁸ Just as he planned, he gave us birth by the word of truth so that we would be a kind of firstfruits of his creations.

¹⁹ Remember this, my dear brothers: Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry. ²⁰ Certainly, a man's anger does not bring about what is right before God. ²¹ So after getting rid of all moral filthiness and overflowing wickedness, receive with humility the word planted in you. It is able to save your souls.

²² Be people who do what the word says, not people who only hear it. Such people are deceiving themselves. ²³ In fact, if anyone hears the word and does not do what it says, he is like a man who carefully looks at his own natural face in a mirror. ²⁴ Indeed, he carefully looks at himself; then, he goes away and immediately forgets what he looked like. ²⁵ But the one who looks carefully into the perfect law, the law of freedom, and continues to do so—since he does not hear and forget but actually does what it says—that person will be blessed in what he does.

²⁶ If anyone considers himself to be religious but deceives his own heart because he does not bridle his tongue, this person's religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled in the sight of God the Father is this: to take care of orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm – 119c

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Please rise

Verse of the Day

Alleluia. Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart. Alleluia.

C: Alleluia!

Gospel Lesson

Adding to God's Word is just as bad as subtracting from it. In both cases a person replaces God's holy Word with sinful thoughts. The Word of our God allows for no additions and no subtractions.

If we take the law seriously, we know that we desperately need forgiveness, otherwise our works are a sham and, ultimately, a mask for hypocrisy. Only when our hearts are cleansed by the blood of Christ can we offer true and faithful service to God.

On the other hand, if we change God's law to fit our appetites, our hearts remain unclean and separated from God. The sin that begins in the heart won't stay there; it will look for ways to get out and express itself. The Pharisees should have recognized what was happening in their own hearts: their hearts harbored hatred for Jesus which expressed itself ultimately in murder during Holy Week.

What's in our heart? Do we adjust God's Law to our liking and then apply our rules to others? Or do we humbly submit to God with hearts broken by his Law and pray in repentance that God would cleanse our heart from the sin that pollutes us and lead us into his righteousness?

Mark 7:1-8, 14, 15, 21-23 (EHV)

The Pharisees and some of the experts in the law came from Jerusalem and gathered around Jesus. ²They saw some of his disciples eating bread with unclean (that is, unwashed) hands. ³In fact, the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they scrub their hands with a fist, holding to the tradition of the elders. ⁴When they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions they adhere to, such as the washing of cups, pitchers, kettles, and dining couches. ⁵The Pharisees and the experts in the law asked Jesus, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders? Instead they eat bread with unclean hands."

⁶He answered them, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites. As it is written:

These people honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.⁷ They worship me in vain, teaching human rules as if they were doctrines.

⁸"You abandon God's commandment but hold to human tradition like the washing of pitchers and cups, and you do many other such things."

¹⁴ He called the crowd to him again and said, “Everyone, listen to me and understand.

¹⁵ There is nothing outside of a man that can make him unclean by going into him. But the things that come out of a man are what make a man unclean.

²¹ In fact, from within, out of people’s hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual sins, theft, murder, ²² adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, unrestrained immorality, envy, slander, arrogance, and foolishness. ²³ All these evil things proceed from within and make a person unclean.”

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.

Please be seated

♪ Hymn of the Day – 402

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Sermon

God’s Word is life. When God gave his commands to Israel, he was giving them a priceless gift: God’s own words, exactly as he gave them to his people. It would be unthinkable to mutilate such a gift. Why would anyone want to trade the very Word of God himself, for the words of ordinary men?

Following God’s Word brings wisdom and strengthens faith. The life-giving Gospel teaches us about our Savior and our salvation. Losing that gift is a tragedy beyond measure. We go to great lengths to preach, teach, and share the Word of God so that it does not disappear from our hearts.

Deuteronomy 4:1, 2, 6-9 (EHV EHV)

4 So now, Israel, listen to the statutes and the ordinances that I am teaching you, and carry them out so that you may live and so that you may enter the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving to you and take possession of it.

2 Do not add to the word that I am commanding you, and do not subtract from it, so that you keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you.

6 Keep them and put them into practice, because in this way your wisdom and your understanding will be recognized by all the people who hear about all these statutes; and they will say, “This great nation is certainly a wise and understanding people,” **7** because what other great nation is there that has a god as close to it as the LORD our God is to us whenever we call on him? **8** What other great nation is there that has statutes and ordinances as righteous as this entire law that I am presenting to you today?

9 But guard yourselves and guard your whole being diligently, so that you do not forget the things that your eyes have seen and so that those things do not disappear from your heart all the rest of the days of your life. Make them known to your children and to your children’s children.

Please rise

Offering Prayers of the Church

Mission of the Church

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PRAYERS FOR HEALING OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Called Home: The Lord, in his mercy, called our brother, **Tom Leeman**, Home to himself in heaven last Tuesday morning. Let’s pray for Marcia and all his family and friends. Tom’s funeral will be held on Friday.

Melanie Bell, A.J. Betters, Ashleigh Bourdelais, Gladys Constine, Geri Garbrecht, Jean Harper, Anita Hemminger, Dorothy Johnson, Rose Karr, Pat Peterson, Angie Salewsky, Lisa Schmitt, Michael Stollenwerk, Shirley Truit, and Rosealie Wolff.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE CALLED TO PROTECT

Military: **Jesse Adams** (Sue Connor’s son), **Greg Carow** (Dennis Carow’s godson/nephew), **Aeron Forsberg** (Linda and Gene Erickson’s grandson), **Dayton Godfrey** (Dave & Cindy Schacht’s great-nephew), **Joshua Jansen** (Isaac Jansen’s cousin), **Dacien Konell** (Linda and Gene Erickson’s grandson), **Patrick Noppenberg** (Denis & Deb Vieth’s son and **Thomas Weirich** (Mary Bush’s nephew). **Firefighter:** **Steve Campbell.** **Police:** **Greg Haemker, Raymond Cashaw** (Pastor

Sonnemann's niece's husband) **and David Peterson** (Jamie Tesch's uncle). Ask the Lord to bless them, strengthen them, and keep them safe.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Please be seated

♪ Hymn –

If We Are the Body

It's crowded in worship today
As she slips in
trying to fade into the faces
The girls teasing laughter is carrying
Farther than they know
Farther than they know

Chorus

*But if we are the body
Why aren't His arms reaching
Why aren't His hands healing
Why aren't his words teaching
And if we are the body
Why aren't His feet going
Why is His love not showing them there is a way
There is a way*

A traveler is far away from home
He sheds his coat and quietly
Sinks into the back row
The weight of their judgmental glances
Tells him that his chances are better
Out on the road

Chorus

Jesus paid much too high a price
For us to pick and choose who should come
And we are the body of Christ

Chorus

Jesus is the way

Closing Prayer

P: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Benediction

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with each other. 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.



Closing Hymn –

Lifesong

Empty hands held high
Such small sacrifice
If not joined with my life
I sing in vain tonight

May the words I say
And the things I do
Make my lifesong sing
Bring a smile to You

Chorus

Let my lifesong sing to You

Let my lifesong sing to You

I want to sign your name to the end of this day

Knowing that my heart was true

Let my lifesong sing to You

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Lord, I give my life
A living sacrifice
To reach a world in need
To be Your hands and feet

May the words I say
And the things I do
Make my lifesong sing
Bring a smile to you

chorus

Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Let my lifesong sing to You
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Let my lifesong sing to You
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Let my lifesong sing to You

Chorus x 2

TRINITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Morning Bible Study: God tells us that he will bless anyone who reads the book and holds on to the things written in it. We will be blessed! Join us today after worship.

Sunday School: We would love to offer Christian training to all the children in our congregation in Sunday School. To make that happen, we need teachers and support staff. If you'd like to use your gifts to bless our children, please contact Pastor.

Membership Classes: Are you interested in becoming a member of our Trinity family? We're starting membership classes on *Thursday evenings at 6pm, starting on September 16*. There is no commitment necessary; if you just want to find out what membership is like, you can come and find out. If you want to become a member, this is the place for you! If you have any questions, contact Pastor Tesch at 715-587-8521 or pastortesch@gmail.com.

This We Believe: *Starting Thursday, October 7 at 6:00pm*, we'll hold a basic course on the teachings of the Lutheran Church. Many of our school parents will be attending, so if you want to brush up on (or find out) what the Lutheran Church teaches and what our school is teaching the kids, come and join us. It would be great for our school parents to meet you and make a Christian friend at Trinity. This is a great opportunity for us to reach out to our school families!

Small Group Bible Study: We're looking to start up our small group Bible Studies again this fall. It's a great way to grow in faith and friendship with your family at Trinity. If you'd like to host, facilitate, or attend one of these classes, just sign up in church or on our website www.trinitymarinette.com. Training is provided. If you have any questions, just ask Pastor or Fred Schrank.

Teacher Installation: We will install Mrs. Beth Kamps into the teaching ministry at *Trinity on Sunday, September 26*. We will also be celebrating Christian Education Sunday. We want to take every opportunity to share the Word of God and to grow in our faith together! Come to celebrate this priceless gift and to support everyone who is working in God's harvest fields, our pastors, teachers, staff, leaders, and all our volunteers: everyone who shares the Word of God!

Strategy Session: Our staff and some of our leaders attended a workshop that gave us tools and ideas to help us reach out to our community and our school families with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Now we have to make them happen! You can help. We're having a strategy session at church *this Thursday, September 9 at 6:00pm*. We're going to make plans to foster and strengthen relationships, get involved in the community, and develop a written plan for using our school and Early Childhood Ministry for outreach. You can use your ideas, your enthusiasm, your wisdom and your skills to serve our Lord and bring salvation to our community. Come to the meeting on September 9!

Let's Sing! - We have three events coming up where you can use your gift of singing. On September 19, we're introducing the new hymnal. On October 3, we're dedicating the organ. On October 31, we have our area Reformation Festival. We hope to include choirs and small groups in those special worship events. *We'll practice on Mondays at 7:00pm after church. Come and join us!*

Reformation Festival - We'll gather with our brothers and sisters from our area WELS congregations to celebrate the Reformation of the Church on October 31 at St. John, Grover at 1:30pm. If you'd like to be part of the choir, please contact Pastor.

Food Pantry: The pantry is in need of donations to restock our shelves. We are able to help the community provide food to their families because of the caring members of this congregation. The food pantry hours will now be

- *Tuesday from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.*

- *Thursday from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm*

20th Anniversary of 9/11- On Saturday, September 11, America will observe the 20th Anniversary of the September 11th attacks. September 11 is now known as Patriot Day, a National Day of Service and Remembrance. In light of recent events in Afghanistan, this may be a particularly difficult time for those who have served in Afghanistan and Vietnam. Please consider reaching out to the veterans in your congregation.

Thank you for your continued support of ELS and WELS military service members, veterans, and their families!

Those serving in our Lord's house

Preacher: Pastor Jon Tesch

September Altar Guild:

Lector: Pastor Tesch

Next Week: Pastor Sonnemann

Music: Praise Team

Next Week: Barb Tesch

Usher Team: 3 David Zorn

Next Week: 4 Denis Vieth

Owen Vieth & Kieth Murphy

*Craig Vieth, Kris Charapata
and Jonathan Ehlers*

Church Cleaning Team

Week of Sept 5, 2021

Week of Sept 12, 2021

Robert & Karen Cole

Nathan & Jenny Schmiede

Donnelle Wyss & Teri Schmidt

Karen Rojek & Gary Olson

† Next week at a glance †
September 6th – September 12th

Monday, September 6th

NO SCHOOL – Labor Day

- Worship Service.....6:00pm
- Praise Team Practice.....7:00pm

Tuesday, September 7th

- Food Pantry.....10:00am – 12:00pm

Wednesday, September 8th

- Public School Catechism.....3:30pm

Thursday, September 9th

- Food Pantry.....1:00pm – 3:00pm
- Strategy Session.....6:00pm

Saturday, September 11th

- Gary Aderman & Barbara Rye Wedding.....3:00pm

Sunday, September 12th

- Communion Worship Service – Usher Team 4.....9:00am
Bible Study.....10:00am

TRINITYS CORE MISSION

Shining the Light of the Gospel in our community.

John 8:12 - *“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”*

Matthew 5:16 - *“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven*