**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, FINDLAY, OH** **July 26, 2026**
**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION** **9 AM Service**
***Ninth Sunday after Pentecost***
Joy Conners – Director of Music

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God,
**we confess to you all our sins.**
**Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.**
**In your mercy, call us back to you.**
**Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.**
**Restore us to dwell in your peace.**
**In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
In the name of God,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.
**Amen.**

***GATHERING SONG:** ***Gather Us In*** (ELW 532) red hymnal

***GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us pray… Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12**
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-39**

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** ***Alleluia!*** (s124) red hymnal

***GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**
The holy Gospel according to Matthew the thirteenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** **Jeannine Grimm**

***SERMON SONG:** ***Be Thou My Vision*** (ELW 793) red hymnal

**BAPTISM**

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**
**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 INTERCESSION**
*(Each petition ends with the words "God of Grace," Please respond with* ***"hear our prayer."****)*

***PEACE** The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

**OFFERING & OFFERTORY**

***OFFERING PRAYER**
Let us pray… Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**

***DIALOGUE**
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**PREFACE**

**SANCTUS – HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** (ELW S130) red hymnal

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

***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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**
Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

**AGNUS DEI:** ***Lamb of God*** (ELW s135a) red hymnal

**COMMUNION SONG:** ***Seek Ye First The Kingdom of God*** (WWV 783)

**COMMUNION SONG:** ***Spirit of Gentleness*** (ELW 396) red hymnal

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray… Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

***BLESSING**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

***SENDING SONG:** ***Blessed Assurance*** (ELW 638) red hymnal

***DISMISSAL**

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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**Altar flowers brought to you by:** Nancy Osborn
In loving memory of Dennis Osborn

| TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS | TLC Financial Position Jan-June 2026 |
|---|---|
| Ushers: The Lemire's<br>Assisting Minister: Jeff Jenson<br>Lector: Vicki Russel<br>Communion: The Rose's | **Budget - $200,600**<br>**Income – $234,096**<br>**Expense - $179,664** |

**SERVICE & FAITH STUDY INFORMATION**

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| Sunday Services | 9 AM |
| Sunday Children's Chapel | During 9AM worship |
| Wednesday Evening Service | 6:30 PM |

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### July Noisy Offering

This month's Blessing Basket is for **Chopin Hall**. Did you know that Chopin Hall can turn a single dollar donation into multiple pounds of food? Through their bulk purchasing power, your financial gifts are effectively multiplied, allowing them to provide fresh eggs, milk, meat, and hygiene essentials to hundreds of local families every single day. Let's come together to support their mission of ensuring no one in our community goes hungry!

### Blessings in Bloom Hygiene Collection (July 19th–July 31st)

Join us in supporting the *Keeping Kids Safe Foster Agency* during our upcoming hygiene collection drive running from July 19th through July 31st! We are gathering essential items to bless local children in foster care, including soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and washcloths. You can drop off your donations in the designated collection boxes located in the Fellowship Hall at St. John's Lutheran Church (419-423-2023) or at the church entrance of Trinity Lutheran Church (419-422-2461).

### WORSHIP IN THE PARK!!! – August 9th, 2026

Join us for a special joint worship service at the Riverside Park Pavilion on Sunday, August 9th, at 10:30 AM alongside our friends from First Lutheran, St. John's Lutheran, and Trinity Lutheran (Arcadia). All are welcome to stay after the service for a community lunch and fun activities! Our congregation is anchoring the feast by providing the side dishes, so please keep an eye out for the SignUpGenius link coming soon to claim your favorite dish to share! There will be no service at Trinity Lutheran Church this day.

### Wine and the Word at Gillig Winery –Thurs. Evenings at 6:30 PM, July 9 – Aug 27

Do you want an informal setting to explore stories and teachings from the Bible? This year's theme is "Wine in the Bible," and during our Wine and the Word sessions, we offer a relaxed setting to reflect on scripture and discover the messages about God found within it. Whether you enjoy wine, a soda, or simply the beautiful outdoor setting, you are welcome to join us—and bring friends along!

**THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL VBS!!!!**

We are overflowing with gratitude for everyone who made this year's VBS a resounding success. A heartfelt thank you goes out to our energetic volunteers who brought the lessons to life, our generous donors who kept us stocked with supplies and snacks, the parents who trusted us with their wonderful children, and our dedicated prayer partners who lifted us up all week. Most of all, we thank God for the laughter, the lessons, and the seeds of faith planted in the hearts of so many kids.

We want to keep making VBS better every year, and we would love to hear about your experience! Whether you are a parent or a volunteer, please take two minutes to share your thoughts. Scan the QR code below with your phone's camera to access our quick feedback survey.

**Mobile Food Distribution** – Volunteers & Support Needed! Our next mobile food distribution is happening on Saturday, August 1st, and we need 20–25 volunteers to help make it a success! Please scan the QR code below to register. How you can help right now: To make this event possible, the congregation is warmly encouraged to donate to our Food Distribution fund. Let's work together to fund this event, feed God's children, and make a massive impact in our community!

**Walk With Us Summer Sundays –June 7th – August 30th**

Summer Sundays walks kick-off on Sunday, June 7th. The Fellowship Team invites anyone interested to join in for some exercise by walking around the church track starting at 8:30 am before and/or at 10:00 am after Sunday church services. With casual Sundays, feel free to wear your sneakers and favorite TLC or religious T-Shirt. It's a time to talk, socialize, or listen to your own music. Please help yourself to the water provided in the track area. No RSVP necessary.

**Back – To – School Food Collection**

The TAP Team is collecting breakfast and snack items for Northview Elementary, Bigelow Hill, Jefferson, and Findlay Preschool. For many students, school is the place where they receive most of their daily food intake. Trinity will help fill the gap for those students who come to school in need of breakfast and to students whose parents are unable to provide an afternoon snack. Donations needed include Cereal (Cheerios, Apple Jacks, Lucky Charms, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, Rice Krispies, Corn Pops, Fruit Loops, or Kix), Snacks (individually packaged snacks such as popcorn, pretzels, cookies, and graham crackers), Granola Bars (any flavor or brand), and PopTarts (any brand or flavor). The collection will begin on Sunday, August 2nd to Sunday, August 30th and may be placed on the table located in the entryway. Please, no peanut ingredients in the cereals, snacks, or granola bars due to possible allergic reactions. Thank you for your donations to this outreach ministry! – Trinity TAP Team