TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, FINDLAY, OH **August 16, 2026**
SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION **9 AM Service**
Twelfth 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: *O For a Thousand Tongues (ELW 886) 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… God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

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

***GOSPEL READING: Matthew 15:21-28**

The holy Gospel according to Matthew the fifteenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON **Jeannine Grimm**

SERMON SONG:** ***My Faith Looks Up to Thee (ELW 759) red hymnal

***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: ***Shout To The Lord*** (ELW 821)

COMMUNION SONG: ***One Bread, One Body*** (ELW 496) 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.**

***PRAYER FOR SENDING OF HOME COMMUNION**

***BLESSING**

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

SENDING SONG:** ***We Are Called (ELW 720) red hymnal

***DISMISSAL**

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

POSTLUDE

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TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	TLC Financial Position Jan-June 2026
Ushers: The Thomas's Assisting Minister: Dawn Rose Lector: Erin Worthington Communion: Pam Fleck & Shirlee Graham	**Budget - $200,600** **Income – $234,096** **Expense - $179,664**
SERVICE & FAITH STUDY INFORMATION Sunday Services 9 AM Sunday Children's Chapel During 9AM worship Wednesday Evening Service 6:30 PM	**New Ministry Journey Team** Pastor Ken Pollitz SAM Jeannine Grimm SAM Phil Koenig

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August Noisy Offering

Throughout the month, we are gathering loose change to support **Clothe-a-Child**, a wonderful ministry that supplies local kids with essential clothing. We'll be using the exact same collection setup near the entrance that we used last month for Chopin Hall. Every coin counts, no matter how small, so bring your spare change and help us make a joyful noise for a great cause!

WELCOMING BABY BOY!

Elijah Scott Sundermeier is here! Nicole delivered Elijah on 8/12/2026 at 6:18PM. Both are healing and doing very well! Thank you for all the well wishes and prayers, they are much appreciated!

Youth Sunday School Meeting – Aug. 16 – 10:15-11 – Luther Hall

Calling all parents and TLC members with a desire to support the Sunday School program as a teacher (flexible timing and not a full-time requirement).
There will be an information meeting on August 16th from 10:15-11 to discuss this year's Sunday School classes and curriculum for ALL students. We are asking one parent from each youth be present at the meeting to ensure robust discussion. Also, any members who might be interested in assisting with teaching the classes or coordination are encouraged to join as well.

Trauma-Informed Workshop & Breakfast Volunteers Needed

Blessings in Bloom is hosting a Trauma-Informed Workshop at Trinity on **Saturday, August 29, from 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM**. Participants will learn how childhood trauma, loss, and neglect impact a child's development, as well as practical, trauma-informed strategies to build trusting, stable relationships. We need your help to support this event! Please consider donating breakfast items or helping with food setup. Donated items should be dropped off at Trinity by 8:30 AM on August 29. Please sign up using the QR code. Thank you for helping us serve our congregation and community!

Thank You, Church Family!
We are grateful to everyone who helped make Worship in the Park and Picnic a wonderful success! The service was uplifting to our spirits. We'd like to also extend a thank you to our great cooks for contributing delicious side dishes enjoyed by all. Such a great time of fellowship with our church family and our community church congregations, as well as an opportunity to invite park go-ers to join us.

Mark Your Calendar – Christian Concert @ Ghost Town – Saturday, August 22
Meet up with Trinity Lutheran Church friends on Saturday, August 22 at Ghost Town for a FREE Christian concert and evening of worship. All ages are encouraged to attend! **Doors open at 5:30 pm - concert at 7 pm**. Opening bands are Carly Ann Taylor and N.W. Ohio's own B-list Boys, with a special performance afterward by headliner Eli Gable. Golf carts are available to transfer you from the parking lot to the concert area. A few bleachers offer seating but bring folding chairs or a blanket to be comfy! Food trucks will be on site, as well as activities for kids. Location: 10630 County Road 40, Findlay, Ohio. No RSVP needed. Join for a night full of faith, fellowship and fun!

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 for 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 Pop Tarts (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

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!!! - The TAP team would like to thank all the volunteers that showed up for mobile food distribution on August 1st. We had 30 volunteers, served 153 families which equated to approximately 304 individuals. Our last mobile food distribution will be on Saturday, October 17th. Direct any questions to a member of the TAP team or talk to Dan Thornton.

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;

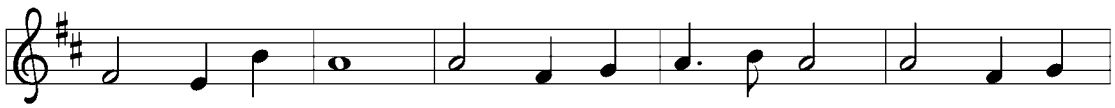
the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal-va-ry,
2 May thy rich grace im-part strength to my faint-ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a-round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran-sient dream, when death's cold, sul-len stream



Sav-ior di-vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in-spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav-ior, then, in love fear and dis-

guilt a-way, oh, let me from this day be whol-ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv-ing fire!
tears a-way, nor let me ev-er stray from thee a-side.
trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a-bove, a ran-somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887
Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

Shout to the Lord

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