TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, FINDLAY, OH **August 30, 2026**
SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION **9 AM Service**
Fourteenth 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:** ***Lift High The Cross (ELW 660) red hymnal

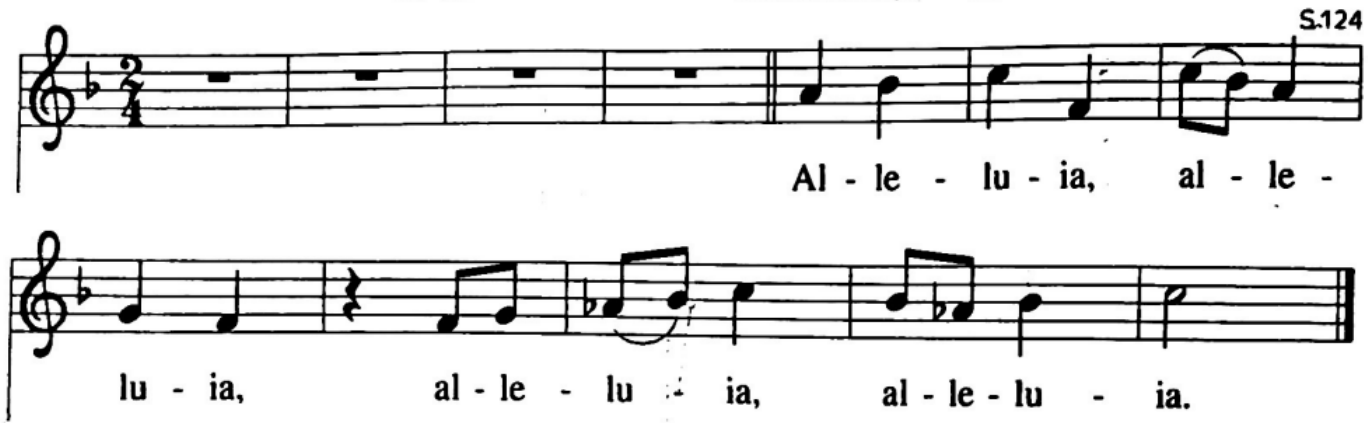
***GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us pray… Oh God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

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

***GOSPEL READING: Matthew 16:21-28**

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

SERMON Written by**: Bishop Julie Schneider-Thomas,** North/West Lower Michigan Synod
Read by: **Barb Nelson**

SERMON SONG:** ***For The Beauty Of The Earth (ELW 879) 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 ***"recieve 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.**

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Oh God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son, give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen**.

***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.

***SCHOOL BREAKFAST ITEM BLESSING**

***BLESSING**

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

SENDING SONG:** ***Blessed be the Tie That Binds (ELW 656) 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	**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!

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

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

The Fellowship Team invites anyone interested to join in for some exercise by walking around the church track starting at 8:30am and at 10:00am 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. No RSVP necessary.

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.