**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, FINDLAY, OH** **September 13, 2026**
**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION** **9 AM Service**
***Sixteenth 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:** ***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*** (ELW 807)

***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… O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
**Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**OLD TESTIMATE READING: Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17**
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

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

***GOSPEL READING: Matthew 8:24-27**

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

**SERMON** ***Disarmed into Delight*** **SAM Phil Koenig**

***SERMON SONG:** ***Creating God, your fingers trace*** (ELW 684)

***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 "Hear us O God," Please respond with* ***"Your mercy is great."****)*

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

**OFFERING & OFFERTORY**

***OFFERING PRAYER**
Let us pray… God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. **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**
Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

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

**COMMUNION SONG:** ***We Are an Offering*** (ELW 692)

**COMMUNION SONG:** ***Take My Life*** (ELW 685)

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray… Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

***PRAYER FOR SENDING OF HOME COMMUNION**

***BLESSING**

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

***SENDING SONG:** ***Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*** (ELW 545)

***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-Aug 2026 |
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| Ushers: Barb Nelson & Shawn Spiess<br>Assisting Minister: Dawn Rose<br>Lector: Tricia Might<br>Communion: Linda Henschen & Pete Rose | **Budget - $401,000**<br>**Income – $342,560**<br>**Expense - $290,248** |
| **SERVICE & FAITH STUDY INFORMATION**<br>Sunday Services 9 AM<br>Sunday Children's Chapel During 9AM worship<br>Wednesday Evening Service 6:30 PM | **New Ministry Journey Team**<br>Pastor Ken Pollitz – (419)-615-8943<br>SAM Jeannine Grimm – (419)-261-6480<br>SAM Phil Koenig – (419)-306-7530 |

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Calling all Sunday School teachers and Youth parents!

Scan the QR Code to sign up for the different class options. Children's Chapel teachers will cover the period during the worship service between Children's message and the end of the Sermon. Sunday School classes for PreK-2nd and 3rd-5th are in need of teachers and parents to support! Lessons will be shared prior to the class time for review and prep. All youth parents and TLC members are encouraged to prayerfully consider supporting.

**Have you considered helping with Sunday worship?** Faith-growing opportunities are open for the following rotating lists of helpers:

- Greeters – welcome friends and visitors at the entry doors.
- Ushers – distribute bulletins, count attendees, direct people as needed.
- Lectors – read the assigned lessons during worship.
- Communion Assistants – hold the wine trays during communion.
- Assisting Ministers – lead parts of the worship service (welcome, creed, prayers, offering, dismissal)
- Worship Team – join a group working "behind the scenes and well ahead" on worship

Check in with volunteer coordinator, Jason Broerman; Worship Team chair, Shawn Spiess; or church secretary to offer your time and talent in one of these roles. More information and instructions are available through any of them. Consider taking a step on the journey of growing in faith.

### Heads Up!

TLC's Council and Worship Team have decided to stay with one service at 9 am through the Fall, to be followed by Bible Studies/Sunday School from 10:15 - 11:15 am. We know that several people valued the 11 am service because of the more intimate setting and the ability to having a more relaxing start to their Sabbath. For those, we invite you to consider the Wednesday evening worship in the East Room at 6:30 pm. Please feel free to let a council member know if this a major inconvenience for you. Thank you!

**Community Blood Drive**

As followers of Christ, we are called to love our neighbors in practical ways, and your support can make a life-saving impact! We invite you to join us for a Community Blood Drive on **Wednesday, September 9th, from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM** at **Trinity Lutheran Church in the East Room.** One donation can save up to three lives!

**How to Help: Donate Blood:** Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are encouraged. Please bring a photo ID and hydrate well!

Thank you for partnering with us to serve our community and share hope!

**Sunday School Kicks-Off for All Ages –September 13th –10:15AM to 11:15 AM**

We are excited to announce that Sunday school classes for both adults and children are resuming on Sunday, September 13th. Children's classes will meet for a fun, faith-filled lesson. Parents can bring their children to the classrooms listed below:

**Children's Classes**:

- **Ages PK – 2nd Grade**: will meet in Luther Hall (downstairs to the right of the steps).
- **Ages 3rd– 5th Grade**: will meet in the Craft Room (beside Luther Hall downstairs).
- **Youth Classes**: High school and middle school students (on non-confirmation class Sundays) will meet in the High School room (just off the gym).

**Adult Classes**:

- Berean Bible Study: Room 211 – meet for mutual support and work through the Bishop's lessons.
- Lounge Learners: Room 212 – meet for faith study and informal conversation.
- Men's Class: East Room – casual group focused on fellowship and sharing of opinions on faith, sports, and current events. Regular attendance is encouraged but not required. We work through reading current faith books and associated study.
- Women's Class: Room 213 – casual group focused on completing faith video studies or books and associated discussion. Anyone is welcome to join for fellowship, starting any time of the year. Join us every week, or try out a single class.

**Back-to-School Food Collection**

Thank you Trinity family for generously supporting the food collection with breakfast and snack items. All the donations have been taken to Findlay Preschool, Bigelow Hill, Northview and Jefferson schools. The following donations were received:

- Cereal – 90 boxes
- Snacks – 56 boxes
- Pop tarts – 26 boxes
- Granola Bars – 31 boxes

Trinity TAP Team appreciates all who contributed to this outreach feeding ministry for the students in the Findlay City school system!

**Youth Sunday School is Back! High School & Middle School – Sunday, September 13th - 10:15 AM**

We are kicking off a brand-new year of youth Sunday School! We will have snacks to celebrate, zero boring lectures, and a space built just for you to chill, explore faith, and over the year talk about one simple, life-changing and world-transforming behavior that we can all aspire to. Each week, we will talk about practical steps to develop this behavior, and unbelievable stories to motivate it. What is that behavior?? Come, grab a friend, and meet us there to find out! High school students and middle school students (on non-confirmation class Sundays) will meet together in the High School room just off the gym. Come down early and play foosball, darts, or other games in the room. Parents, please encourage your students to join us in the High School room from 10:15 am to 11:15 am on Day One!

**The TAP team** thanks the congregation for their generous donations of 136 towels for the Lutheran World Relief care kits! This surpasses the kits we were able to assemble in previous years. TAP has designated funds within their budget to provide the additional kit items and cover shipping costs to send the kits to where they are most needed, helping those in the States or globally affected by war and natural disasters.

Please join us after the 9:00 am service on Sunday, September 27 in the Shutt Center where we will assemble the kits for shipping. A breakfast organized by the men's Bible study group will follow kit assembly.

**Fellowship with TLC @ On Target – Saturday, Sept 19 – 1 to 4 pm**

Have you heard of "On Target Outfitters"? On Target is 9 miles west of TLC at: 3246 SR 224, McComb, OH. They are hosting a community day to enjoy a variety of fun outdoor activities (fishing, climbing tower, target paintball, and more). On Target *"believes that the home is the primary place where mentoring and discipleship should happen". "They are committed to strengthening families by providing quality experiences for them to do together and messages that will draw them closer to one another and also closer to God".* Join us there to spend the afternoon with TLC friends and families surrounded by God's creation. If you can, let's gather at 1:00 pm – 1:10 pm at the parking lot section that is closest to the building entrance. Then, we can take a look around as a group; and participate in activities together! (Bring your own fishing rod if you'd like – they have them as well. Or, bring a lawn chair if you prefer to relax and watch the fun).