TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, FINDLAY, OH **September 20, 2026**
SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION **9 AM Service**
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRESERVICE MUSIC

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.
Amen.
Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.
Compassionate God,
We confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.
Creation groans from overuse.
Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.
Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.
Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.
Turn our hearts back to you.
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.
Amen.
Hear this good news:
We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG:** ***The God of Abraham Praise (ELW 831) (v. 1-4)

***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 covenant, you promised Abraham land, descendants, and blessing

so that he might be a blessing for all. Show us how to honor the covenant, so that we might be a blessing to others. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-9
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ***Alleluia!***

SECOND READING: Matthew 28:19-20
The holy Gospel according to Matthew the twenty eighth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

SERMON SONG:** ***Will You Come and Follow Me (ELW 798)

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

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

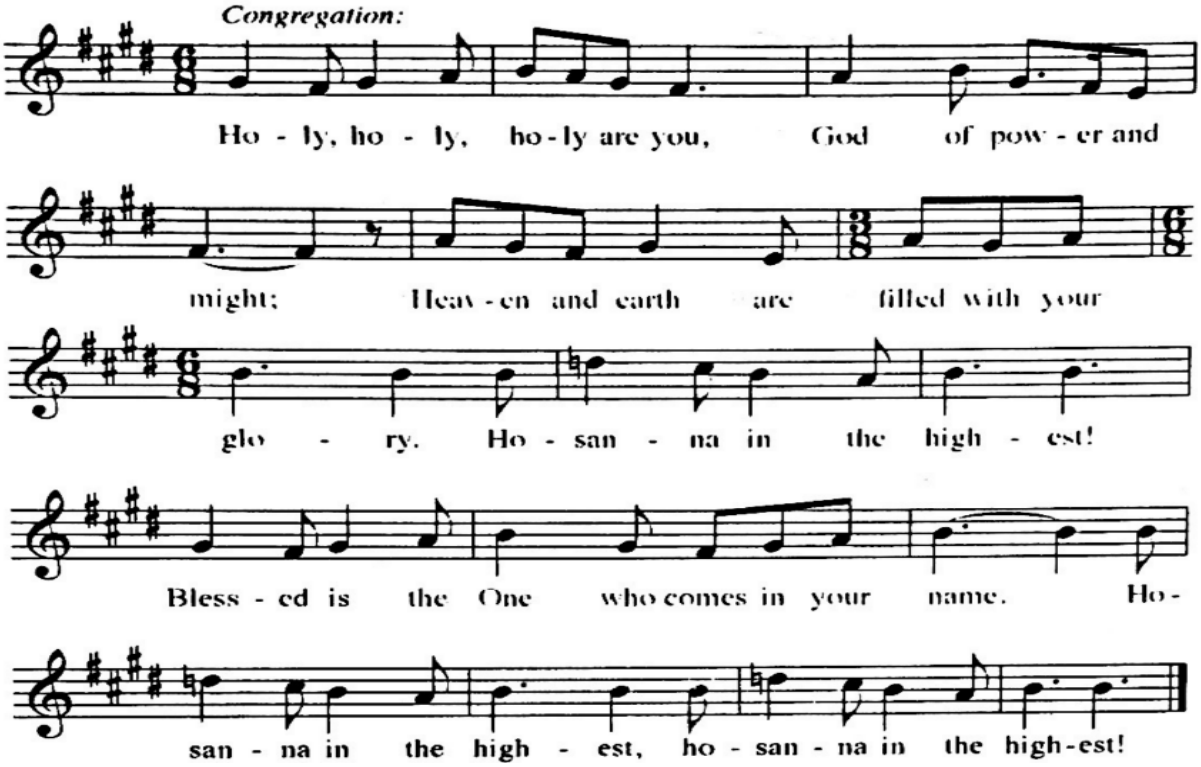
OFFERING & OFFERTORY: ***God is So Good – Trinity Ringers***

***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



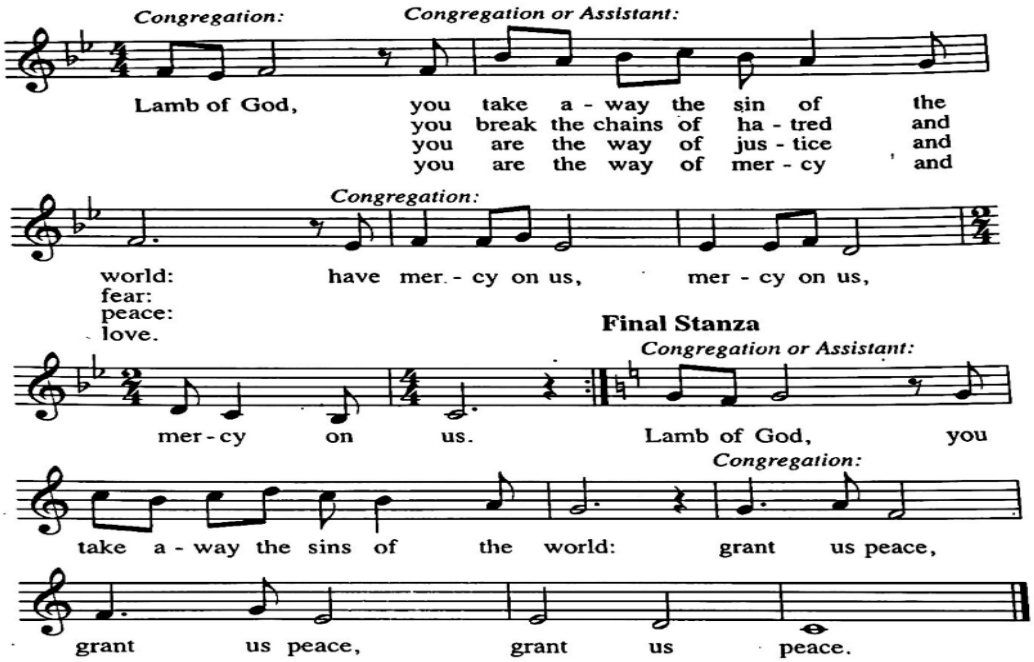
***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

***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***



COMMUNION SONG: ***Jesus Calls Us*** (ELW 696)

COMMUNION SONG: ***Bread of Life from Heaven*** (ELW 474)

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

SENDING SONG:** ***Go My Children, With My Blessing (ELW 543)

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

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Altar flowers brought to you by:
Barb Nelson in loving memory of Anne

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS	**TLC Financial Position Jan-Aug 2026**
Presiding Minister: Jeannine Grimm Assisting Minister: Jennifer Long Director of Music: Joy Conners Ushers: Linnea and Louis Angelo III DiBerardino Lector: Peggy Wendt Greeters: Bishop family	**Budget - $401,000** **Income – $342,560** **Expense - $290,248**
SERVICE & FAITH STUDY INFORMATION Sunday Service 9 AM Sunday Children's Chapel During 9AM worship Wednesday Evening Service 6:30 PM	**New Ministry Journey Team** Pastor Ken Pollitz – (419)-615-8943 SAM Jeannine Grimm – (419)-261-6480 SAM Phil Koenig – (419)-306-7530

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

SAM Jeannine Grimm will lead this study beginning Sept. 29th at the usual time of 11AM. Come and learn a bit about how the scriptures made it from antiquity into your hands and why this deepens our love and understanding of "The greatest story ever told"

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST – SEPT 27TH

Join us for a morning of good food and great company at our Fellowship Breakfast on Sunday, September 27th! We'll gather at after service to connect, share a delicious meal, and spend time together as a community. Bring an appetite and a friend, we can't wait to see you there!

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.

Sunday School is in Session for All Ages –10:15 AM to 11:15 AM

We are excited to announce that Sunday school classes for both adults and children have resumed. 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.

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 is a major inconvenience for you. Thank you!

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.