TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, FINDLAY, OH **September 27, 2026**
SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION **9 AM Service**
Eighteenth 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:** ***Arise Your Light has Come (ELW 314) (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 presence, you remained fully with Joseph when he sat long years in

a prison for a crime he did not commit. Help us to see that you are always with us, so that we might live faithfully in your world. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Genesis 39:1-23
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ***Alleluia!***

SECOND READING: Matthew 5:11-12
The holy Gospel according to Matthew the fifth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

SERMON SONG:** ***O, Jesus, I Have Promised (ELW 810) (v. 1-4)

***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: ***At the Table of the Lord – Trinity Singers***

***OFFERING PRAYER**

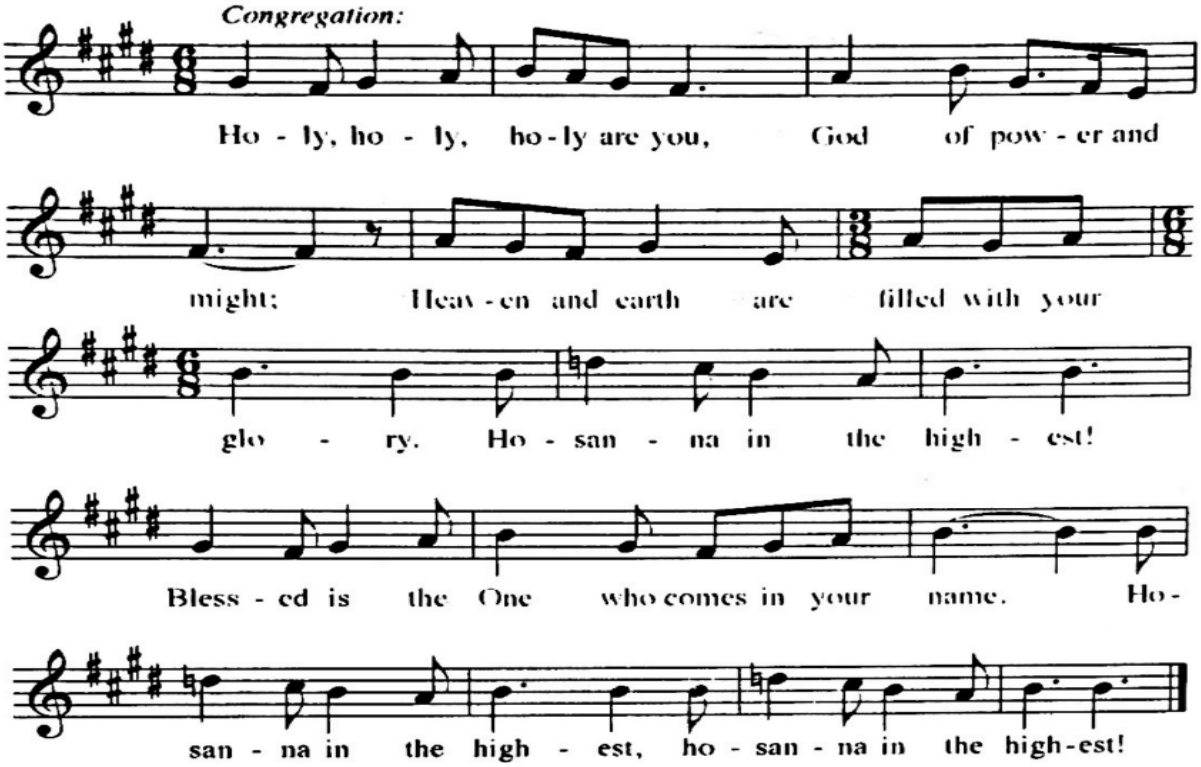
Let us pray… God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. **Amen.**

***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



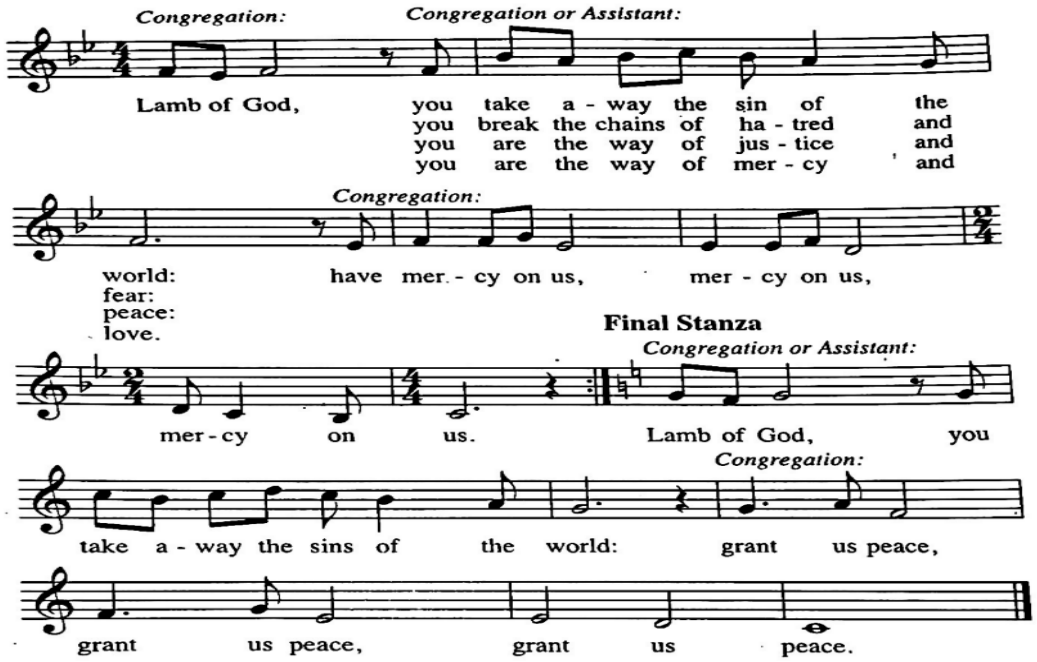
***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

***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: ***Lord, Be Glorified*** (ELW 744)

COMMUNION SONG: ***Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*** (ELW 789)

***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 (as applicable)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

SENDING SONG:** ***It is Well with My Soul (ELW 785)

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

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Jim & Pat Roemer to the Glory of God
Denise & Larry Whiteleather in memory of our dad,
Richard Robinette

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS	TLC Financial Position Jan-Aug 2026
Presiding Minister: Pastor Ken Pollitz Assisting Minister: Danielle Russell Director of Music: Joy Conners Ushers: Jerry Garver and Jodi Garver Lector: Mia DeCooman Communion Assistants: Ivy Nehls & Patti Beck Greeters: Todd & Kristi Eilerman	**Budget - $401,000** **Income – $342,560** **Expense - $290,248**

SERVICE & FAITH STUDY INFORMATION		New Ministry Journey Team
Sunday Service	9:00 AM	
Sunday Children's Chapel	During 9AM worship	Pastor Ken Pollitz – (419)-615-8943
Children and Youth Sunday School Classes	10:15 AM – 11:15 AM	SAM Jeannine Grimm – (419)-261-6480
Adult Sunday School Classes	10:15 AM – 11:15 AM	SAM Phil Koenig – (419)-306-7530
Wednesday Evening Service	6:30 PM	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Please join us and try out a new class anytime!
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.
- Seekers: 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.
- Women's Class: Room 213 – casual group focused on completing faith video studies or books and associated discussion.

Calling all Sunday School teachers and youth parents!
Requesting volunteers. 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 need 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.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST – THIS MORNING! - SEPT 27TH
Join us for a morning of good food and great company at our Fellowship Breakfast this morning! 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!

TAP Assembling Lutheran World Relief Kits – Sept 27

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 Schutt Center where we will assemble the kits for shipping. A breakfast organized by the men's Bible study group will follow kit assembly.

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".

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!

Mobile Food Distribution - October 17th
Our final mobile food distribution will be on October 17th. The distribution will begin at 8:30am. We need 20-25 volunteers! A sign-up genius link will be sent out prior to the event so you can easily register to help (or scan the QR code). Volunteers should arrive at 8:00am. Let's work together to feed all of God's children and make a big impact in our community!

Discernment Team Update:
The Discernment team finalized the Ministry Site Profile; it was approved by our Congregation Council and has been submitted to the ELCA. We continue to be very blessed with our Transition Ministry Journey Team that is serving us during this interim time. If you have any questions or need support from

the church, please contact the church office, or you can also reach our Transition Ministers for Pastoral Care as well.

TLC Office Update

During this time of transition in the church office, we will have multiple people from the congregation covering tasks to keep the office running. During this time, the office hours are reduced to Mon-Thurs. 9am-3pm. You can still reach the office with the same email and phone numbers. It is possible that we may miss a task that was previously done, we ask for your grace and patience! We are very blessed to have multiple talented congregation members that are helping us through this transition!

Church Administrative Assistant Opening

TLC is looking for a great candidate to fill our church administrative assistant opening. This position plays an important role in church operations by coordinating communications, maintaining records, supporting worship preparation, and assisting church staff in a Christ-centered environment. The position is part-time and offers paid time off. The opening is currently posted on Indeed. We appreciate referrals, so please spread the word and have anyone interested submit their resume through Indeed!