TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, FINDLAY, OH **September 6, 2026**
SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION **9 AM Service**
Fifteenth 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:** ***We are Marching in the Light of God (ELW 866) 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… O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-13

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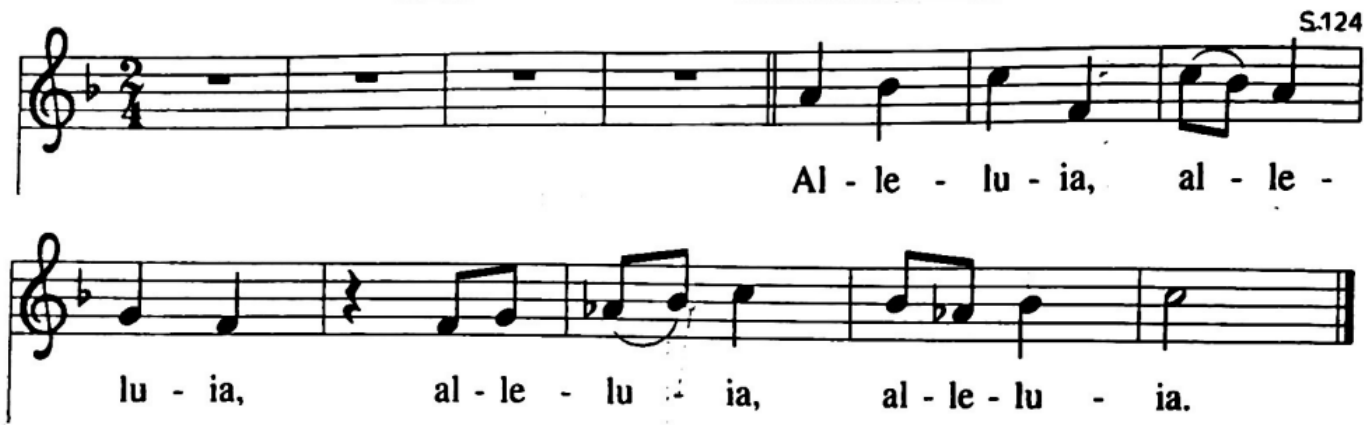
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ***Alleluia!*** (s124) red hymnal

***GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18:15-22**

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

SERMON **Pastor Bill Schultz**

SERMON SONG:** ***Jesus Loves Me (ELW 595) red hymnal

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HOLY BAPTISM
Luke Eugene Wilch

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father… of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen

* Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
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 will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
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.

Through Baptism God has made this new brother a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.
We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.

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***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**
*(Each petition ends with the words "Hear us, O God," Please respond with **"your mercy is great."**)*

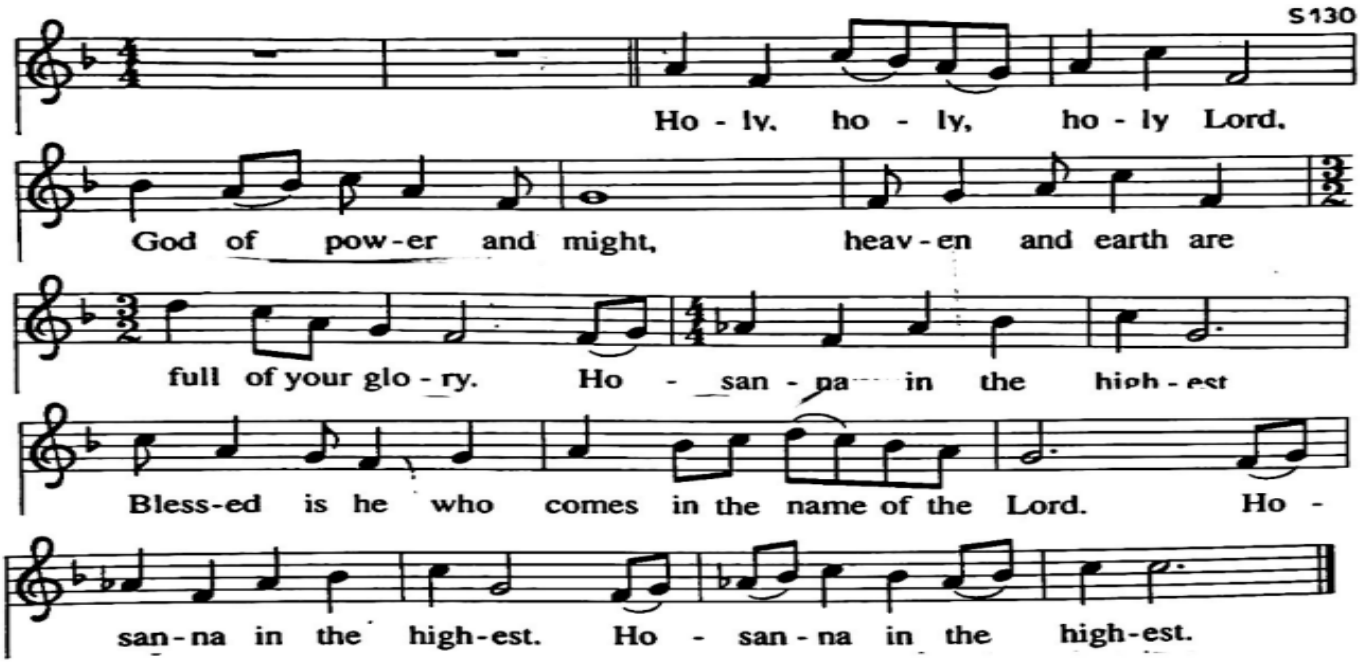
***PEACE**
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

***OFFERING PRAYER**
Let us pray… 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

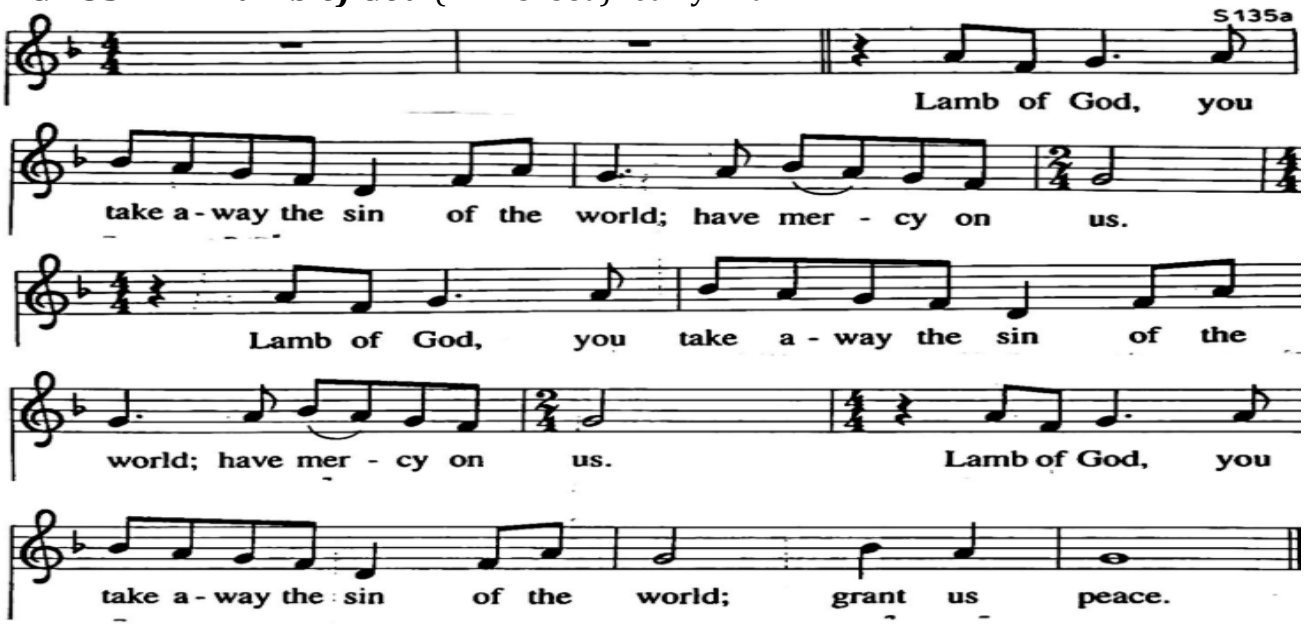
SANCTUS – HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW S130) red hymnal

***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: ***I Love to Tell the Story*** (ELW 661)

COMMUNION SONG: ***Children of the Heavenly Father*** (ELW 781) 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:** ***Go My Children, with My Blessing (ELW 543) red hymnal

***DISMISSAL**

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

POSTLUDE

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Janet Aller In Memory of Fred & Brian Aller
&
Steve and Sandy Wilch

TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	**TLC Financial Position Jan-July 2026**
Ushers: The McKinniss's Assisting Minister: Phil Koenig Lector: Danielle Russell Communion: Marilyn Koenig & Vicki Russell	**Budget - $350,900** **Income – $301,644** **Expense - $253,411**
SERVICE & FAITH STUDY INFORMATION	**New Ministry Journey Team**
Sunday Services 9 AM Sunday Children's Chapel During 9AM worship Wednesday Evening Service 6:30 PM	Pastor Ken Pollitz- (419)-615-8943 SAM Jeannine Grimm- (419)-261-6480 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. V

Investing in Our Youngest Ministry

For years, our preschool has served as a vital ministry of this church, giving our youngest children a safe, loving place to learn about God's love. Right now, that ministry needs its congregation. Our dedicated teachers are pouring everything they have into these kids—working long hours with limited classroom supplies and resources—and they cannot do it alone. If you have been looking for a tangible way to serve, please consider supporting our teaching staff. Below, you will find QR codes linking to Amazon Wishlist's created directly by our teachers for essential classroom supplies, toys, and learning materials. Thank you for wrapping your arms around this ministry and showing our teachers that they have the full support of their church family.

Miss Jadah's Room ←

Miss Lauren's Room →

Toddler room →

Break Room ←

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, Holly McDonnell 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.

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!
- **Volunteer:** We need friendly volunteers to help welcome donors and staff at the refreshment table. Sign up for a shift by scanning the QR Code!

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

Sunday School Kicks-Off for All Ages – Sunday, 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: Adults of all ages are invited to join any of the study sessions shown below. Classes will meet in the classrooms listed below:

- 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.

We hope to see you and your family there as we grow together in God's Word!

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!

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 representative know if this is a major inconvenience for you. Thank you!