Trinity Lutheran Church

"Sharing the Caring Christ with All People"

2163 Mayhew Lake Rd. NE Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



September 6, 2015

8:00 a.m.

Trinity is a member of the Prince of Peace Lutheran School Association and the Good Shepherd Community.

WELCOME!

We pray that your time in worship will encourage and strengthen you!

We share the greatest hope through the one who loves you most – Jesus Christ!

Preacher	8:00am &	10:30am	Rev. Dave Strohschein	
Liturgist	8:00am &	10:30am	Rev. Paul Cloeter	
Organist	8:00am &	10:30am	Daniel Reineke	
Soundboard	8:00am		Open	
		10:30am	Open	
Lector	8:00am		Tim Meemken	
		10:30am	Gayleen Dierks	
Visuals	8:00am &	10:30am	Daniel Reineke	
Acolyte	8:00am		Sadie Bartels, Amanda Petersen	
		10:30am	Brandon Hejhal	
Altar Guild			Susie Riehm, Donna Esselman, Jo Duea	
Information Desk	8:00am	Zone - 5	Marie Mendel	
	10:30am	Zone - 1	Barb Mingo	
Greeters	8:00am	Zone - 5	Elaine Sowa, Diane Haffner, Marie Mendel	
	10:30am	Zone - 1	Tom Skuza, Shirley Skuza, Lori Zipp	
Ushers	8:00am	Zone - 5	Bob Behrendt, Luke Wendt, Jim & Kathy Stueve. Trevor Jevne, Andy Behrendt	
	10:30am	Zone - 1	Mark Helgeson, Jim Gerchy, Dick Mingo, Norm Greenwaldt, Bob Koroll, Dan Reberg, Russ Riehm	

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Divine Service Setting 2 (LSB pg 167)

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AS WE GATHER God's people are always looking forward to surprising and wonderful signs of His presence and demonstrations of His power. Centuries before the coming of Christ, the prophet Isaiah confidently pointed to that time when miracles would abound for God's people. In Jesus, the promise came to fulfillment as He touched the bodies and lives of many with His healing power and brought them strength and hope. As those who have experienced the power of God in our lives through the work of the Holy Spirit, we can find continuing encouragement. With strengthened hands, we can do the good works appointed for us.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "Oh That I Had a Thousand Voices" LSB 811

Stand

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

- P: Almighty God in his mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

INTROIT

- P: The Lord is the strength of his people;
- **C:** he is the saving refuge of his anointed.
- P: To you, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,
- C: lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

P: Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help,

- C: when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.
- P: Blessèd be the Lord!
- **C:** for he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.
- P: The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
- C: my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.
- ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P: The Lord is the strength of his people;
- C: he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

KYRIE

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.





P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



P: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.







SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray... O God, You are always ready to hear the prayers of Your people. Grant that we may, with all boldness and courage, bring to You our petitions, having the assurance that for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, You will hear them and will grant us every good thing for this life and every blessing in the life to come. This we

ask through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you." Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE: James 2:1-10, 14-18

My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favoritism. Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in shabby clothes also comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my dear brothers: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? But you have insulted the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? Are they not the ones who are slandering the noble name of him to whom you belong? If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do.

- L: This is the Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Stand



Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged him to place his hand on the man. After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, ""Ephphatha!"" (which means, "Be opened!"). At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly. Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY: "O Son of God, in Galilee" LSB 841

Stand

NICENE CREED

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING (*Please sign and date the Rite of Friendship pad located in the pew.*)





P: It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:



LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION





Sit

About Holy Communion—The Lord's Supper is celebrated here in the belief and glad confidence that our Lord gives us as He says, not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If this is your belief, we welcome you to join us at the Lord's table.

Because we are called to examine ourselves before receiving the Lord's Supper (I Corinthians 11:28-29), we encourage you to consider the questions on p. 329-330 in the front of the hymnal. If you are communing with us for the first time, or if you would like a fuller understanding of what we as Lutherans believe about the Lord's Supper, please pick up a copy of "<u>What is the Lord's Supper?</u>" at the Information table in the entryway.

Please reserve the white grape juice cups in the center of the communion trays for those who for health reasons are unable to drink wine. Our pastors are happy to speak to you further if you have any questions.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" LSB 848

Stand



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us pray... We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love towards one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor \blacksquare and give you peace.



Sit

CLOSING HYMN: "Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing" LSB 924

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DEAR GOD, BLESS THE WORK OF MY HANDS, THE IDEAS OF MY MIND, THE STRENGTH OF MY BODY AND THE PASSION OF MY HEART. AMEN.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR September 6, 2015

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- TODAY Worship Z5 (HC) 8:00am Bible Study 9:15am Worship Z1 10:30am Anyuak Worship 12:00pm
- MONDAY Labor Day Office Closed Narcotics Anonymous 6:45pm
- TUESDAY Salt & Pepper Planning Mtg. 6:00pm Friends in Harmony 7:00pm
- WEDNESDAY Men's Bible Study @ GS 7:00am Confirmation Orientation 6:00pm Bell Choir 6:00pm HS Youth Night 6:00pm Ladies Leaning on Christ CC 6:15pm
- THURSDAY LWML 1:00pm Lay Ministry Mtg. 5:30pm Leadership Team Mtg. 7:00pm
- FRIDAY Parish Workers 9:00am Confirmation Retreat @ LIC

SATURDAY Altar Guild 9:00am St. Cloud State Prison Bible Study 1:30pm Traditional Music Rehearsal 6:45pm Confirmation Retreat @ LIC

IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES NEXT WEEK

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Rally Day

8:00am Worship Z2 9:15am Bible Study 9:15am Youth Study 9:15am Sunday School Orientation and Opening (W) 10:30am Worship Z3 (HC) 11:30 – 1:30 Family Fun Fest 12:00pm Anyuak Worship

Scripture Lessons:

Isaiah 50:4-10; James 3:1-12 Mark 9:14-29

Church Office Hours: M-F 8:30am-2:30pm Open during the noon hour. Church Office Phone 252-3670

WEEK OF	TIME	ATTENDANCE	OFFERINGS	
8/30/15	8:00am	113	General Fund Offerings	\$7,731.00
8/30/15	10:30am	118	Building Debt Offerings	\$664.00
8/31/15	6:00pm	21	Total	\$8,395.00
	TOTAL	252		
Missions		_		
Missions this Week		\$330.00	Weekly Budget Needs	\$11,371.00
Received to-date		\$19,870.27		
Annual Funds				
Promised		\$27,500.00		

Lifetouch Pictorial Directory Program Have you signed up yet? The table is set up the narthex, so sign up **TODAY**. Or just go to Trinity's website to select a sitting time that works for you. You can call the church office if you need assistance. It is easy to do, and will only take a moment to get your family on the schedule. www.trinitysr.org and click on the Lifetouch link. Everyone who makes an appointment online will receive a coupon for \$10 off your order.

Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Jean Leyk and family in loving memory of Sam Leyk. We thank them for making today's broadcast possible. We have sponsorship openings in January and February. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast please complete a form and turn it in. Forms are available in the church office. The radio transmission enables our shut-ins, as well as others in our community to hear and participate in our worship. The service airs on WVAL 800 on the AM dial, at 8:00am, and live on the internet at <u>www.800wval.com</u>.

<u>The Flowers</u> placed on each side of the altar were designed by Kathy Cziok, and are being given to the church by Jeff & Kathy Cziok, and Cindy & Dick Bradow and family, in honor and remembrance of our loving mother and grandmother, Doreen Cziok. (9/5/35 - 4/28/15)



ChristCare Groups are Involved in 4 Activities

Christian Community and Care - Warm relationships among group members help create a place to share joys, sorrows, and faith.

Prayer and Worship - ChristCare Groups offer themselves to God, join themselves to God's purposes, and receive God's power. They ask God's help for one another and for needs outside the group.

Biblical Equipping - It is a focused way for ChristCare Group members to encounter the Bible and grow as Jesus 'disciples.

Missional Service - ChristCare Groups typically do some kind of missional service. Groups may serve God by meeting various congregational or community needs.

Our church has six ChristCare groups and if you'd like to learn more about ChristCare Small Group Ministry contact one of our ChristCare Equippers: Connie Mooney, 563-508-1295, Cooney.connie77@gmail.com or Craig Cooper, 237-5507, dco@trinitysr.org.

<u>Tuesday Morning Bible Class</u> Join us for Bible Class on Tuesdays at 10:30am this year. The class will begin in October. Please watch for more information to come!

<u>PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS</u> - On Sunday, October 11, 2015, Trinity will host a cake and ice cream social to honor and appreciate all of the years of service Pastor Harvey has given to the ministry, specifically to Trinity. Please watch your bulletins for more information to follow!



The LWML meets on Thursday! Join us for Bible Study from the quart-erly.

<u>Thank you to Don Zwick</u> for the generous donation of funds *in memory of Irene*, to equip the office for Pastor Dave, including furniture, computers for the offices and a refrigerator for altar flower arrangements. A big thanks also to all who pitched in to move the old furniture out, paint, clean and spruce up the areas in the office, *Joanne Wilke, Dawn Larson, Mark Helgeson, Ken Knafla, and Bonnie Meemken*.

<u>Sunday Morning Fellowship</u> Our servers for September are Trinity Youth. Members who have last names beginning with the letters "R" are asked to bring treats for our fellowship time during the month. If you can help, please sign up on the bulletin board.

Lectors Needed If you would like to read in worship, call the office: 252-3670.

Family Fun Fest Next Sunday, September 13th, 11:30 -1:30 - Picnic food provided, Hot Dogs, chips, lemonade, watermelon, kids games, Sunday School Sign-up. The mission of the Family Life Team is to reach out to families as a resource, encouraging deeper relationships within families, foster and nurture Christcentered families, and rally these families as a community for the service of God.

<u>Middle School Youth Group.</u> WELCOME BACK TO CONFIRMATION with Ice Cream Sundaes....on a Wednesday! September 16 is our first day back to Confirmation for fifth through eighth grades. We will celebrate after class with Ice Cream Sundaes. All donations of ice cream and toppings are welcome. Please sign up in the narthex if you can bring some goodies, or help out with setup, serving, or cleanup. Middle School Youth Group. DODGEBALL. September 26. We will carpool from Trinity to the gym at Prince of Peace. Sign up in the Narthex or respond to <u>csigurdsonfamily@yahoo.com</u>

<u>Salt & Pepper</u> will be attending the Carlos Creek Winery "I Love Lucy" celebration on September 19th. We will depart the church parking lot at 9am. Sign up on the Kiosk in the Narthex.

<u>Next Sunday</u> between services there will be an opening/orientation/devotion in the Sanctuary to start our Sunday School year. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend to learn more about the program this year!



Counters Needed If you would be interested in helping with the offering counting process each Monday morning, please contact Jan Lembeck at 320-259-9562 or Dawn Larson at 320-250-6097.

Building Relationships: Christians and Muslims as Neighbors You are invited to a panel discussion on building relationships between Christians and Muslims. The speakers will be Christian and Muslim students and three Muslims community leaders. This panel will be held in Mary Center, which is behind the Cathedral Church, 823 1st Street S. It will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 15, from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. It is free. For more information, please call Brianda Cediel, 320-260-1072.

Do you have kids or grandkids? An anonymous donor gave \$25 per child to help open up a LCEF Young Investor account. The child must be 12 years old or younger and you must keep the money in the account for a minimum of 5 years. If you are interested fill out the appropriate application and write your own check for \$25 (or more if you wish). Then turn the application and check into Lori Wendt or the church office. The Finance Team will then reimburse you \$25 and send in the application for you.

Know a family, team, organization, charity and want to raise \$\$ for them? Then come, shop home-based businesses on September 11, from 7 to 9:30pm at the Blue Line in Sartell. The vendors will be consolidating their \$\$ for the evening's sales to gift to the group/cause with the most event attendees! Agenda is as follows: 7:00 to 8:00 - Shopping 8:00 - Intro. of "causes" 8:30 to 9:00 - Shopping 9:11 - Announcement of recipient. Lots of Vendors. See you there!



Garden Update A group of Girl Scouts have been collaborating with the Trinity MSYG on a garden project since this spring. It is harvest time! Produce from the garden is being donated to the Salvation Army in St.

Cloud. The group is also reaching out to others who may have garden abundance they are willing to pass on to those in need. There will be a box in the narthex to collect items. They will pick the items up today and September 13 and deliver them to the Salvation Army. Jaden and Haley Evenson have been working on this project. Thank you for your generosity!

Would you be interested in learning to run the sound board and screens during Sunday worship? It's fun and easy. Just call the office at 320-252-3670 and arrange to be on the schedule. Thank you in advance!!

Faith in Action We are looking for a family or a couple to assist a veteran and his wife in Waite Park who have multiple health issues. Their needs include someone to take the wife grocery shopping a couple times a month. They need assistance in the fall with raking leaves and blowing snow in the winter. A Sartell woman with Rheumatoid Arthritis is seeking someone to do some light housework for her. She is recovering from recent shoulder surgery and may be having additional surgeries in the future. Volunteer should not be allergic to cats or birds. If you enjoy doing outdoor chores such as yard work, we have several clients who will need their leaves raked at the end of October. We are also looking for people to shovel or blow snow for the elderly this winter. Do you have the gift of hospitality? Enjoy going to boutiques? Why not volunteer at our Waite Park store, Everyday Blessings. Not only do we sell furniture and home décor but we take great pleasure in ministering to hurting people who come across our path. If you are interested call Cherise at 320-290-3428. Thank you and God bless you for your service.

<u>I invite you to come to the next new member class!</u> Some of the questions discussed in this course are: How can we know there is a God? Can you know for sure that you will go to Heaven? Can you lose your salvation? Whose sins are forgiven and whose sins are not forgiven?

If you are considering membership here at Trinity and you have not been confirmed in the Lutheran Church this is the "Adult Confirmation Class" required for membership. If you are transferring here from another Lutheran church I encourage you to take the class because Bible study is always an opportunity to learn and it helps me to get to know you so that I may assist you in becoming an active member. For those that finish this nine-week class and want to pursue membership here at Trinity there is three week Spiritual Gift discovery process and then a new member reception on Sunday December 20th, 2015 that will give you the opportunity to publically declare your devotion to the fellowship here at Trinity. If you complete the class and you are not sure about membership there is no obligation to join. In John 1:45-46 Philip told Nathaniel about Jesus and then said, "Come and see!" I encourage Trinity members to do the same by inviting someone to the class and offer to attend with them. We see Jesus in every class! The first class is <u>Sunday September</u> 27th at 9:15 a.m. in the Large Classroom. If you have children between the ages of 3 years to High School they can be in their Sunday school class at the same time. Also, if you have need for the Nursery for younger children it too will be available. There is no cost or pre-registration necessary, just come on Sunday September 27th. The coffee pot will be on and I hope to see you in class! Craig Cooper, DCO

Minnesota Teen Challenge Choir Sunday September 20th MN Adult & Teen Challenge will bless us with worship & song on Sunday, September 20th at the 10:30 a.m. service and a time of sharing and testimonies during Bible class. The testimonies and heartfelt singing of our visitors is a consistently moving experience every year they come. We are pleased to invite you to bring a dish to share, as Indicated, according to the first letter of your last name: <u>A-J Salad</u>, <u>K-Z Hot dish, desert will be provided</u>. We are also planning to send cookies home with the choir members, so if you can help bake call Lucie Schwartzkopf at 493-8334. We will also receive a door offering at both services that day, and checks should be made payable to: Trinity Lutheran Church, and note in the memo, "MNTC". Their contagious enthusiasm, faith, trust, & humbleness are a blessing & honor to experience. Please stay to break bread with our brothers in Christ and support them in their journey by spending time with them after the service.



<u>Handbell Choir</u> Practices will be held on Wed, Sept. 9th and 16th at 6pm. We will ring on Sunday, Sept. 20th at the 8:00am service.

<u>Adult Choir</u> Practices will be held Sept. 23rd and 30th at 6pm. We will sing at the 8:00am service (and maybe 10:30?) on October 4th.

WE WELCOME FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

We are glad you are here! If there is a time during the Worship Service that you feel your child (or you) needs a "time out," please feel free to leave the service.

If you leave the service you can go to the **lobby** or use the **large conference room** across from the church office. The conference room has speakers and one-way glass so you can still participate in Worship. During the 10:30am worship service the **nursery is also available for 0-3 years old**. It is not staffed but you are welcome to stay in the room with your child. It is the first classroom on the left as you enter the Preschool parent lounge area. There are also speakers

in the nursery so you can listen to the service.

Activity bags for young children to use are in the plastic tub outside the church office.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, WE OFFER THESE AND OTHER SERVICES:

Large Print Editions of our bulletins are available from our ushers by request. If you need further information, ask any usher or church member. Also be sure to stop by the Information Desk in the lobby. Your needs are important to us!

Bible Study for Adults on Sundays: we start at 9:15am in the fellowship hall.

Coffee & Fellowship – after the 8:00am service, come by the kitchen, have a cookie, coffee and time for fellowship. Come and meet old friends and make new friends!