# The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 21, 2016 8:00am



# Trinity Lutheran Church

2163 Mayhew Lake Rd. NE Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

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



# Those Serving Today

| Officiating Today | 8:00am & | 10:30am  | Pastor Dave Strohschein   |  |
|-------------------|----------|----------|---|--|
| Organist          | 8:00am   |          | Daniel Reineke  |  |
| Musician          |          | 10:30am  | Ruth Immerfall  |  |
| Screen Team       | 8:00am   |          | Chad Ramler   |  |
|                   |          | 10:30am  | Paul Benson   |  |
| Lector            | 8:00am   |          | Josh Borgerding   |  |
|                   |          | 10:30am  | John Bakou  |  |
| Visuals           | 8:00am & | 10:30am  | Daniel Reineke  |  |
| Acolyte           | 8:00am   |          | Garrett Feuling, Abigail Behrendt   |  |
|                   |          | 10:30am  | Jami Novak, Haley Evenson   |  |
| Altar Guild       |          |          | Betty Hiltel, Shirley Eisenlohr   |  |
| Information Desk  | 8:00am   | Zone – 4 | Sandy Austin  |  |
|                   | 10:30am  | Zone – 5 | Marie Mendel  |  |
| Greeters          | 8:00am   | Zone – 4 | Nancy Cloeter   |  |
|                   | 10:30am  | Zone – 5 | Diane Haffner, Marie Mendel, Amy<br>Schaefer  |  |
| Ushers            | 8:00am   | Zone – 4 | John Hiltel, Marvin Neubert, Karen<br>Petron-Broda, Wayne & Sue Kulzer,<br>Janet Renn, Chris Kutzorik |  |
|                   | 10:30am  | Zone-5   | Bob Behrendt, Luke Wendt, Jim &<br>Kathy Stueve, Trevor Jevne, Andy<br>Behrendt                       |  |

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Divine Service Setting 3 (LSB pg 184)

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**AS WE GATHER** Jesus is full of surprises. He says and does things differently than we might expect from God. Many will seek to enter the narrow door of the kingdom but will not be able. God's discipline of His children is an expression of His deep love for us. Some who are last will become first, and some who are first will find themselves last. How strange. The way of Jesus is the way of the cross, of suffering, discipline, and of being last. Divine strength is made perfect in human weakness. Grace unexpected is delivered in Word and Sacrament and through Jesus' own presence with us in our sufferings. Thank You, God, for grace unexpected and overflowing.

#### PRESERVICE MUSIC

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING HYMN:** "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" LSB 791

#### 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.

- P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C: who made heaven and earth.
- P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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

- P: O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

#### **INTROIT**

P: Splendor and majesty are before Him;

C: we will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

P: Praise the Lord, all nations!

C: Extol Him, all peoples!

P: For great is His steadfast love toward us,

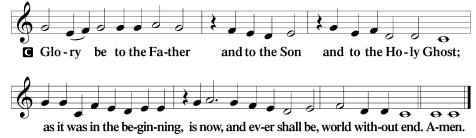
C: and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!

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: Splendor and majesty are before Him;

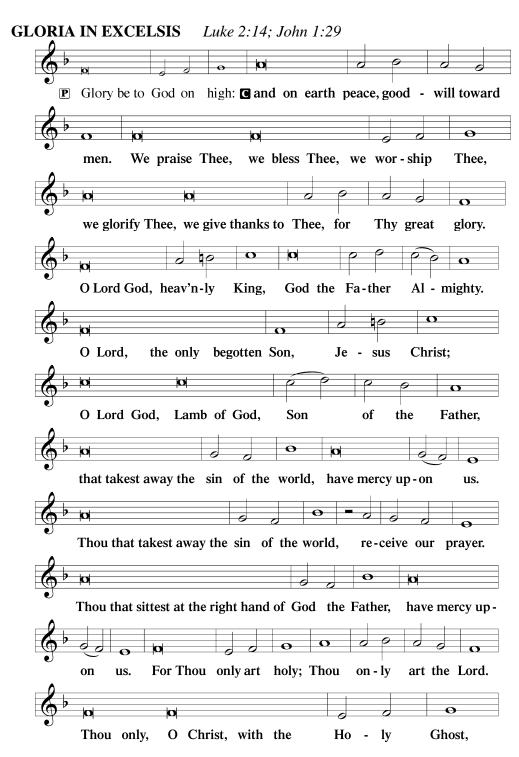
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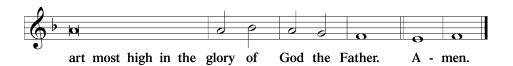
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#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Let us pray... O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sit

# **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** Isaiah 66:18-23

"And I, because of what they have planned and done, am about to come and gather the people of all nations and languages, and they will come and see my glory. "I will set a sign among them, and I will send some of those who survive to the nations—to Tarshish, to the Libyans and Lydians (famous as archers), to Tubal and Greece, and to the distant islands that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory among the nations. And they will bring all your people, from all the nations, to my holy mountain in Jerusalem as an offering to the LORD—on horses, in chariots and wagons, and on mules and camels," says the LORD. "They will bring them, as the Israelites bring their grain offerings, to the temple of the LORD in ceremonially clean vessels. And I will select some of them also to be priests and Levites," says the LORD. "As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me," declares the LORD, "so will your name and descendants endure. From one New Moon to another and from one Sabbath to another, all mankind will come and bow down before me," says the LORD.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### **EPISTLE:** Hebrews 12:4-24

In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says, "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son." Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? If you

are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. "Make level paths for your feet," so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed. Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son. Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. Even though he sought the blessing with tears, he could not change what he had done. You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, because they could not bear what was commanded: "If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death." The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, "I am trembling with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand





**HOLY GOSPEL:** Luke 13: 22-30

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth the chapter.





Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?" He said to them, "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. Once the owner of the house gets up and

closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Sir, open the door for us.' "But he will answer, 'I don't know you or where you come from.' "Then you will say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.' "But he will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!' "There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out. People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. Indeed, there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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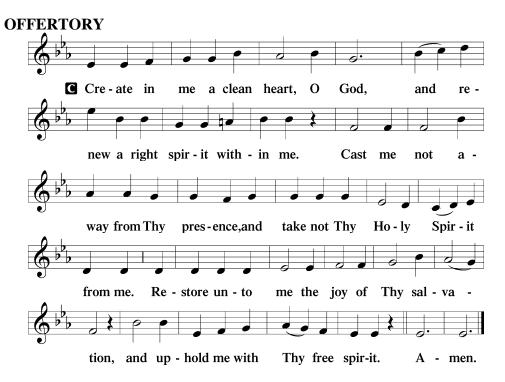
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance 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

Sit

## **HYMN OF THE DAY:** "The Will of God is Always Best" LSB 758

**SERMON:** "Believing When It's Hard to Believe" (Hebrews 12:10)

**OFFERING** (*Please sign and date the Rite of Friendship pad located in the pew. The children are invited to bring their offerings to the front at this time.*)



### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

#### **PREFACE**

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.

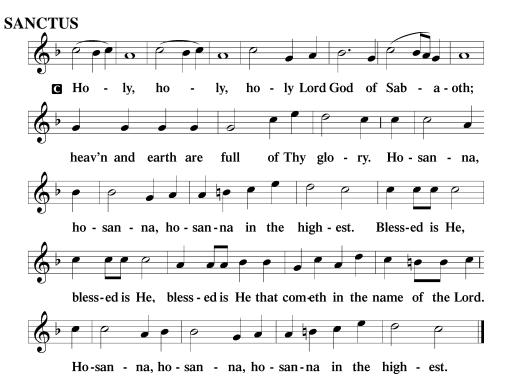




P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



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



#### LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 CONSECRATION

#### **PAX DOMINI**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



#### **AGNUS DEI**



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 "What is the Lord's Supper?" 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. If your health requires gluten-free wafers, they are available upon request. Speak to the pastor prior to the service. Our pastors are happy to speak to you further if you have any questions.

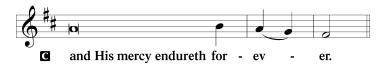
### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN:** "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise" LSB 680



### **THANKSGIVING**

P: Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

is now, and ev - er shall



be, world without end.

A-men.

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



#### SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS



#### **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 ₱ and give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN: "You Are the Way; Through You Alone" LSB 526

# Trinity Lutheran Church Announcements August 21, 2016

# Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY Worship Z4 (HC)8:00am Worship Z5 10:30am Anyuak Worship 12:00pm

MONDAY Prince of Peace Golf Tournament Bev's CC 6:00pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:30pm

TUESDAY Friends in Harmony 7:00pm WEDNESDAY

Men's Bible Study @ GS 7:00am Worship Z1 6:00pm

THURSDAY Benton Co. Jail Bible Study 7:30pm Worship Team Rehearsal 7:00pm

FRIDAY Parish Workers 9:00am

SATURDAY Altar Guild 9:00am Traditional Music Rehearsal 6:45pm



# IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES NEXT WEEK

# Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00am Worship Z2 10:30am Worship Z3 (HC) 12:00pm Anyuak Worship

## Scripture Lessons:

Proverbs 25:2-10; Hebrews 13:1-17 Luke 14:1-14

#### **Church Office Hours:**

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

| WEEK OF               | TIME    | ATTENDANCE  | OFFERINGS               |             |
|-----------------------|---------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| 8/14/16               | 8:00am  | 94          | General Fund Offerings  | \$6,805.86  |
| 8/14/16               | 10:30am | 129         | Building Debt Offerings | \$362.00    |
| 8/10/16               | 6:00pm  | 30          | Total                   | \$7,167.86  |
|                       | Total   | 253         |                         |             |
| MISSIONS              |         |             |                         |             |
| Missions this Week    |         | \$370.00    | Weekly Need:            | \$11,938.00 |
| Received to-date      |         | \$14,602.00 |                         |             |
| Annual Funds Promised |         | \$27,500.00 |                         |             |

Sharing the Caring Christ with All People Luke 13:22-30: The door to eternal life is narrow. It is not true that all religions lead to the same place. Only one religion (or faith) leads to salvation and that is the Christian religion. There is no name under heaven other than the name of Jesus that is the door to eternal life. May the Holy Spirit help us to be bolder and more winsome in sharing this treasure we have in Jesus!

<u>Today's Radio Broadcast</u> is sponsored by Emily and Andrew Kath in memory of their grandfather William Kath. We thank them for making today's broadcast possible. We have sponsorship openings in September and October. 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 www.80owval.com.



**Sunday Morning Fellowship** Our servers for August are Jim and Kathy Stueve. Members who have last names beginning with the letters "N, O, & P" are asked to bring treats for our fellowship time during the month. If you can help, please sign up on the bulletin board.

<u>**Happy Birthday!**</u> This Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> Ruth Gottschalk will celebrate her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday! Praise the Lord the blessings of long life!

<u>The Parking Lot</u> was resurfaced three weeks ago. It looks great! Thanks for your patience and continued contributions!

**Thanks!** A big thank you to all of you who helped me move into my new home on July 31st. You are a blessing to me! Diann Richards

Our second annual Prince of Peace Scholarship Fund Golf Outing is tomorrow. Get your teams together now! August 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will tee off at noon at the St. Cloud Country Club. Registration forms are available at association congregations and at school during summer business hours (8:30am - 2:30pm). Registration is \$85 per person and includes your golf, a

cart, the evening meal and the satisfaction of helping provide a child with a Christ-centered education.



**September is just around the corner!** Watch the bulletin and the Trinity Tidings for information on what is being offered and how you can be involved. Confirmation classes, God's Grub, Bible Classes and Sunday School, Adult Choir and Handbells, Instruction for Membership. Lots of opportunities to enhance your faith life!

#### NEWS FROM PRINCE OF PEACE

How important is your child's education? At Prince of Peace Lutheran School we provide the following for your child:



- An education that will challenge your child
- Help you child develop and maintain a love for learning
- Small class sizes and individual attention
- Help develop character as well as their emotional and social growth
- And most importantly, surround your child daily with God's Word and the love of Christ!

We are currently enrolling new students for the 2016/2017 school year with our first day of classes being August 24<sup>th</sup>. Contact Pastor Dave (251-1477 or admin@princeofpeacels.org) for more information or to arrange a tour of the school.

Prince of Peace Lutheran School asks you to consider "Adopting a Student" for the coming school year. Your gift will help provide a Christ-centered education to a young boy or girl, giving them not only the opportunity to receive a fine education but especially giving them the opportunity to grow in their faith in Jesus as daily they learn of Him. Can you bless a child in this way? Please contact Pastor Dave if you are interested in learning more about our "Adopt a Student" program at 251-1477 or 252-3670 or admin@princeofpeacels.org or pds@trinitysr.org.



Now enrolling children ages 16 months to 5 years all day Toddler Program and Preschool School Readiness Program. School Age Program available both before and after school with pick up and drop off at Trinity Lutheran Church for Mississippi Heights Elementary and Pleasantview Elementary. For more information, contact Jenna at 320-230-9116 or by email

trinity@playhousechildcare.com. Start by September 30<sup>th</sup> and the \$50

Registration Fee will be waived. Coupon Cards can be found on the credenza in the Narthex. Pass on to Friends, Family and Coworkers for a limited time discount!