

9th Sunday after Trinity

August 2nd, 2026

Liturgy: WS p. 22

Organist: Lana Strike



Come
everyone who thirsts...

A close-up photograph of water flowing from a rustic stone spout. The water is clear and dynamic, with visible ripples and reflections. The stone is weathered and textured. The background is blurred, showing more of the stone structure.

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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #7

“As We Begin Another Week”

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

C Amen.

P Pastor

Confession of Our Sins

C Congregation

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

C If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us pray.

C Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

Absolution from Our God

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)

P Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

The Gloria Patri

TLH #39:5

C ♪ *Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before
Him! Let the Amen Sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.*

The Introit

Psalm 105:1, 39-43

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

- P** Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!
- G** **He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night.**
- P** They asked, and he brought quail, and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.
- G** **He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river.**
- P** For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham, his servant.
- G** **So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing.**

Collect Prayer of the Day

A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.

- P** Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G** **Amen.**



Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵ Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them

something to eat." ¹⁷ They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.



Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness

in the Holy Spirit-- ² that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵ To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE

in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: TLH #149

"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"



Isaiah 55:1-3

"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come,

buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. 3 Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David."

God's Offer of Salvation: NO PURCHASE REQUIRED

I. Because of sin, no purchase is possible.

II. Thanks to Jesus, no purchase is necessary.

- Sermon written by ILC Professor Paul Naumann

The Offertory

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✪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

Hymn: TLH #277

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

✠ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✠

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The blessing given by God for His people.

☐ The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

☐ Amen!

Hymn: TLH #365

"Jesus I Will Never Leave"

Thank you to Phil and Luke Strike for leading the services these past two Sunday's during Pastor's absence!

Rodebaugh Return – Pastor and his family will return to town this Friday evening.

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Ushers	8/2	Phil S, Nathan V, Daniel R.
	8/9	Tim Z, Josh E, Christian K, David R.
	8/16	Kendall B, Larry B, Caleb E.
Cleaning		This Week – The Strikes (wk. 2)
		Next – Ling, Rovere, Sumey