

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
JULY 26, 2026
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Pastor: Pastor Nadine Schreder-Kranz
Director of Music: Ross McDonald
Piano: Nancy Jackman
Reader: Lisa Hinnah
Greeters: Alan and Lynne Day
Coffee Hosts: Mirna Rodrigues

SETTING: SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRELUDE Liebestraum No. 3

F. Liszt

Gathering

WELCOME AND PARISH NOTICES

- * CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS **C: Amen.** pg. 211
- * GATHERING HYMN All My Hope Is Founded #757

All my hope on God is founded
who will all my trust renew,
who through change and chance will guide me,
only good and only true.
God unknown, God alone,
call my heart to be thine own.

Mortal pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray our trust;
what with care and toil we fashion,
tow'r and temple, fall to dust.
But thy pow'r, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tow'r.

Great thy goodness, e'er enduring;
deep thy wisdom, passing thought;
splendor, light, and life attend thee,
beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore from thy store
newborn worlds rise and adore.

(continued...)

Still from earth to God eternal
 sacrifice of praise be done,
 high above all praises praising
 for the gift of God's own Son.
 Christ doth call one and all:
 ye who follow shall not fall.

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; para. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, alt.

- * GREETING **C: And also with you.** pg. 213
- * PRAYER OF THE DAY **C: Amen.** pg. 215

Word

Readings can be found in this bulletin

FIRST READING 1 Kings 3:5-12
 C: Thanks be to God

PSALM Psalm 119:129-136

SECOND READING Romans 8:26-39
 C: Thanks be to God

- * GOSPEL ACCLAMATION spoken pg. 217
 L: The Holy Gospel according to...
 C: Glory to you, O Lord

- * GOSPEL Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
 L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
 C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931

- * APOSTLE'S CREED pg. 105
- * PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION pg. 218
 - L: Hear us, O God, **C: Your mercy is great.**
- * THE PEACE
 - L: The peace of Christ be with you always.
 - C: And also with you.**

Thanksgiving

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC Vissi d'arte G. Puccini

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD pg. 220

THE LORD'S PRAYER pg. 221

Sending

* BLESSING **C: Amen.** pg. 221

* SENDING HYMN God of Grace and God Of Glory #705

God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days,

(continued...)

Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969

* DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Waltz Op. 35th

J Strauss

IN OUR PRAYERS

If you or a family member is going into hospital, please let us know so that Pastor Nadine can plan to visit.

We pray for those in our community especially Teresa Hamilton, Rosemary Christensen, Jean Krautner, Mary Anne Stewart and Kathy Hough.

We also pray for those in Nursing and Retirement Homes, Geraldine Wigelsworth, Susan Okkenen, Jean Keller, Christine Ruiters, Karen Stroh, Hans Stuhlemmer, Nancy Hickling, Carol Boyd, Joanne Vogel, Fred Schmidt, Don Cook & Irma Kaiser

We also pray for healing and comfort for those close to our congregation as we name –Deborah & Bobby, daughter and son of Sharon Mantle, Mavis Copeman, sister of Jean Hohnstein, Janice Drogemuller, son of Barbara and Margy Mantz, wife of Pastor Frank Mantz

Lord, we also pray for Bishop Larry Kochendorfer, the National ELCIC office and support staff.

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12

⁵ At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?" ¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you."

PSALM: Psalm 119:129-136

¹²⁹ Your decrees are wonderful; therefore I obey them with all my heart.

¹³⁰ **When your word is opened it gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.**

¹³¹ I open my mouth and pant because I long for your commandments.

¹³² **Turn to me and be gracious to me, as you always do to those who love your name.**

¹³³ Order my footsteps in your word; let no iniquity have dominion over me.

¹³⁴ **Rescue me from those who oppress me, and I will keep your commandments.**

¹³⁵ Let your face shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes.

¹³⁶ **My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your teaching.**

SECOND READING Romans 8:26-39

²⁶ The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

³¹ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." ³³ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." ⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

PARISH NOTICES

WELCOME We are happy that you have chosen to join us today. You have increased our joy with your presence, and we hope you will return again soon.

PLEASE HELP EVERYONE GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER by wearing a name tag during service and coffee hour. Please return the name tag to the appropriate box before heading home.

FLOWER CHART If you would like to provide flowers for the altar on a specific day, please add your name to the sign-up sheet next to the Pastor's office.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE CANADIAN FOODGRAINS BANK Good Neighbour Project Pig Roast on August 16th at Browns United Church 136545 13th Line, St Mary's. Entertainment @ 5:15 pm and Supper at 6:00 pm. Bring a salad or dessert, dishes and lawn chair.

MY SISTER'S PLACE Please leave donations at the My Sister's Place box in Koehler Hall. Some of the most needed items include toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, laundry detergent, hand soap, cleaning supplies, full sized toiletries, feminine hygiene products, granola bars, fruit cups and gift cards for grocery stores, Tim Hortons, Giant Tiger and pharmacies. Gift Cards can be left in the office with Angela.

KIDS CLUB meets every Sunday downstairs in Killinger Hall between September and June. We welcome all children between the ages of three and twelve. Parents are welcome to stay if their little one is shy at first. If you are interested in helping with Kids Club, please talk to one of the teachers. We are always looking for fresh faces and new ideas!

THE TADPOLE POND is located on the southwest side of the sanctuary. If you have a wiggly worshipper too young for Kids Club, this space is especially made for you.

There is also a table, chairs, crayons and paper out in the Koehler Hall by the window past the desk.

ELEVATOR ASSISTANCE is now available before and after the service. Please ask the elevator host for assistance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS must be sent to Angela by the end of office hours on Tuesdays for inclusion in the next Sunday's bulletin

GIVING

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- Offering Envelopes: ordered with a unique giver number for tax purposes
- e-Transfers: your donations are deposited directly to Trinity
- Cheques: may be mailed to the church at 746 Colborne St., London, ON N6A 3Z7
- Making a donation in a loved one's name

Do you want to use a space in our building? **Booking rooms** can be done through Angela at 519-432-4832

Do you want to contact us?

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