



**Luke 16:1-9**

### Closed Communion

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated today. As a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we follow the historic Christian practice of closed communion. According to the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11, only those who share the same outward confession of faith join us at the altar. Members of other LC-MS congregations are welcome, but we ask that you please see the pastor before communing. If you arrive too late to do this before the service, please introduce yourself to the pastor after the service.

### Visitors

We welcome you. Please sign the guest book and introduce yourself to the Pastor. Also complete a blue attendance card located in the pews and put an X in the ( ) if you will be communing with us. We invite you to join us for Bible Study on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the church.

### The Trinity Season

In the One-Year Lectionary, between Holy Trinity Sunday and the First Sunday in Advent come the Sundays after Trinity, which make up the Trinity Season. The Trinity Season varies in length according to the date of Easter. The Trinity Season is sometimes referred to as the “Time of the Church.” While the readings in the festival half of the Church Year focus on the events of Jesus’ earthly ministry, the readings in the Trinity Season focus on Jesus’ teaching. The idea is that, yes, Jesus was born, suffered, died, rose, ascended, *but now what?* In the Trinity Season we Christians learn how we ought to think, speak, and live until our Lord returns. The color for the Sundays after Trinity is green. Green is the color of life and growth. Grafted into the Tree of Life, we Christians, nourished by Jesus’ Word and Sacraments, grow into mature, fruitful branches. On Trinity Sunday in particular, we confess the historic Athanasian Creed which attests both to the triune nature of God (three persons, one God) and the person and work of Jesus Christ (true God, true man) as substitutionary payment for our sin that gives us redemption back to the right relationship with God. Thanks be to God!

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Thursday, August 14, 2025 – 6:30 PM  
Sunday, August 17, 2025 – 9:00 AM

✠ *In Nomine Iesu* ✠

**Opening Hymn** *My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker* LSB 820  
**Divine Service** Setting Three Lutheran Service Book LSB 184  
**Confession and Absolution** LSB 184

- The First Commandment**  
You shall have no other gods.  
*What does this mean?*  
We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.
- ❖ Have I wanted to be god in God’s place by wanting to control every aspect of my life or the lives of other people?
  - ❖ Have I loved God with all my heart, all my soul, all my strength? Where have I looked for comfort, good, and delight?
  - ❖ Do I cherish the things God gives me more than a relationship with God who gives them?

**Introit** *Psalm 54:1–3, 7; antiphon: vv. 4–5*  
The congregation chants the verses in **bold** print.

Behold, God is my | helper;\*  
the Lord is the upholder | of my life.  
**He will return the evil to my | enemies;\*  
in your faithfulness put an | end to them.**

O God, save me, | by your name,\*  
and vindicate me | by your might.  
**O God, | hear my prayer;\*  
give ear to the words | of my mouth.**  
For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men | seek my life;\*  
they do not set God be- | fore themselves.  
**For he has delivered me from every | trouble,\*  
and my eye has looked in triumph on my | enemies.**



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**Kyrie** LSB 186  
**Gloria in Excelsis** LSB 187  
**Salutation and Collect of the Day** LSB 189  
**Old Testament Reading** *2 Samuel 22:26–34*

<sup>26</sup>“With the merciful you show yourself merciful;  
with the blameless man you show yourself blameless;  
<sup>27</sup>with the purified you deal purely,  
and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous.  
<sup>28</sup>You save a humble people,  
but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down.  
<sup>29</sup>For you are my lamp, O LORD,  
and my God lightens my darkness.  
<sup>30</sup>For by you I can run against a troop,  
and by my God I can leap over a wall.  
<sup>31</sup>This God—his way is perfect;  
the word of the LORD proves true;  
he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.  
<sup>32</sup>“For who is God, but the LORD?  
And who is a rock, except our God?  
<sup>33</sup>This God is my strong refuge  
and has made my way blameless.  
<sup>34</sup>He made my feet like the feet of a deer  
and set me secure on the heights.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

I Corinthians 10:6–13

<sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup>nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

LSB 190

Holy Gospel

Luke 16:1–9

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

1[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. 2And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ 3And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. 4I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ 5So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ 6He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ 7Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ 8The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. 9And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene CreedLSB 191

Hymn of the DayWhat Is the World to MeLSB 730

Sermon

OffertoryLSB 192

Prayer of the ChurchLSB 193

Liturgy of Holy CommunionLSB 194

Distribution HymnsLSB 839, 536, 637, 643

Nunc DimittisLSB 199

Salutation and BenedicamusLSB 201

BenedictionLSB 202

Closing HymnShepherd of Tender YouthLSB 864

✠ Soli Deo Gloria ✠

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Thursday	8/7/25	6:30 p.m.	14
Sunday	8/10/25	9:00 a.m.	110

**WE PRAY** for Mary Ankerberg, Lisa Breu (daughter of Mike and Nancy Wang), Sandy Damms, Tom Domagalski, Daut Gaba, Jerry Garske, Carol Georgson, Elaine Howe, Paul Howe, Candace Kolter, Susan Sochowski (wife of Mark Sochowski), Pat Wagner, and Barbara Wieting.

**FLOWERS** are given in celebration of Maynard Georgson and Mary Schwabe’s birthday.

**BULLETINS** are given in celebration of Henry Nieznanski’s 11<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS** this week will be in the church, due to preparation of the gym for the coming school year.

**PRAYER OF COMFORT** for the family of Anna Rose Consigny, who passed away on Saturday, August 9. Visitation will be Monday, August 18, at Our Father’s from 10:00 to 11:15 a.m., with the funeral service at 11:30 a.m. The burial will follow immediately at Forest Home Cemetery. Blessed are those who die in the Lord for they shall inherit eternal life.

**PAC EXTRAVAGANZA** The last change to attend this event, which takes the place of school home visits, is Monday, August 18 (9:00-11:30 a.m.). Parents and students are welcome to attend to meet with their teacher, bring in school supplies, and organize their desks. Booths will be set up in the gym where parents or students can sign required school forms, volunteer to be a Room parent or assist with parties, get involved with Trojan Athletic Club, get involved with PAC, sign up for Chess Club, Commit to the Yearbook Club, get free basic vision screening (students), receive assistance navigating Sycamore, meet Pastor Fenker, and get more information about our church and childcare. Root beer floats will be served at the Thursday Extravaganza and donuts will be on hand at the Monday session.

**SERVICE SCHEDULE** The Sunday Divine Service is now 9:00 a.m. The Thursday 6:30 p.m. Divine Service will continue. Sunday Adult Bible Class will move to 10:30 a.m. and will be in the **school**. There is no Sunday School during the summer, but will resume after Labor Day.

**TROJAN HIGHLIGHT** A new school year is on the horizon, and we are excited that once again we will have many opportunities to tell students about Jesus, the Savior of the world! Please continue to pray for the important work being done each day at OFLS.

**THANK YOU** to everyone that helped with the wonderful dinner celebration for Pastor Fenker and his family after the installation service on August 10. Especially, Mike Wang who smoked all the delicious pork for our meal, those who set up the gym with all the tables and chairs, those that helped decorate the gym the day before, the crew that cleaned the water out of the gym that flooded early Sunday morning, those that provided side dishes and desserts for our dinner, served our dinner and cleaned up the gym, and those that provided cash donations and Thrivent Financial for providing funds for the meat, beverages and decorated cake. We appreciate everything everyone involved did to assist in making this a wonderful time. The Fellowship Committee: Linda Hojnacki, LeAnn Lagerman, Jan Wicks, Phil Wingfield

**PART-TIME ART TEACHER NEEDED** Our Father's is seeking a person to teach Art classes for Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, one and a half days per week. If you or someone you know are interested, please contact Principal Cahill at 210-473-7109. If your desire is to teach more than one and a half days per week, please also inquire.

**PART-TIME JOB OPENING** Church Secretary needed at Grace Lutheran Church in Racine to perform clerical tasks, prepare the weekly worship service bulletins, announcements and insert, maintain congregation data base. Hours available up to 16 hours per week. Please attach a cover letter and resume if interested to Steven Vargas, Email- ([sleger1@wi.rr.com](mailto:sleger1@wi.rr.com)) and phone 262-902-4177.

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Sunday	8/17	<b>DIVINE SERVICE</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
		Adult Bible Class	10:30 p.m.
Monday	8/18	PAC Extravaganza	9:00-11:30 a.m.
		Consigny Funeral Service	11:30 a.m.
Wednesday	8/20	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL – <b>Matins</b>	<b>8:20 a.m.</b>
		No Morning Bible Study	
Thursday	8/21	<b>DIVINE SERVICE</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
Sunday	8/24	<b>DIVINE SERVICE</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
		Adult Bible Class	10:30 a.m.

THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER  
FOR THE WEEK OF  
THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

August 24 through August 30, 2025

*One of this week’s hymns is 730 “What Is the World to Me.” The hymn was first published in an eight-stanza version in 1671. Georg M. Pfefferkorn (1645-1732) wrote the hymn based on 1 John 2:15-17. Pfefferkorn was the son of a Lutheran pastor. Georg served as a tutor and poet for some time before becoming a pastor. The hymn is a beautiful confession that there is no one or thing to trust in this world but Christ alone. The world offers an abundance of pleasure, power, and wealth to us, even as Satan did to Christ. Here we learn to confess, that is, to speak the truth, that these things of the world are nothing compared to the gifts of Christ: What are these gifts? The preached Word, Holy Baptism, absolution, and the Lord’s Supper are the true gifts of real life, health, and wealth because they give to us the victory over death. This hymn reflects the instruction of Jesus to hate the world. The world can only give death, but Jesus gives true life to us which He purchased with His own blood shed for us upon the cross.*

**INVOCATION:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

**THE CREED**

**VERSE:** <sup>4</sup>“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>5</sup>You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.”  
*Deuteronomy 6:4-5*

**COLLECT FOR THE WEEK:** Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

**PSALM OF THE WEEK:** 51:1-12

**PSALMODY PRAYER:** O Lord, open my lips to teach my own children of Your ways and sing of Your righteousness. Open my mouth to praise You with a contrite heart. Break my own spirit and renew me with Your Holy Spirit. Do good to all Your baptized children that we may sing with joy of the death and resurrection of Your Son until the day when we sing in the heavenly Zion. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
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Sunday	Parable of the Unrighteous Manager – Luke 16:1-9
Monday	NO SCHOOL – The Three Men in the Fiery Furnace – Daniel 3:1-30
Tuesday	NO SCHOOL - Daniel and the Lions’ Den – Daniel 6:1-24
Wednesday	First Day of School – Jesus Meets with Nicodemus – John 3:1-17
Thursday	Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane – Matthew 26:36-46
Friday	Peter Denies His Lord – Matthew 26:69-75
Saturday	Sunday’s OT and Epistle – Jeremiah 8:4-12 and 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

**CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK: The Ten Commandments**

**The First Commandment**

You shall have no other gods.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

**The Second Commandment**

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

**THE BOOK OF CONCORD: The Augsburg Confession (AC XXVII-XXVIII & Conclusion)**

**Article XXVII Monastic Vows**

<https://bookofconcord.org/augsburg-confession/of-monastic-vows/>

**Article XXVIII Church Authority**

<https://bookofconcord.org/augsburg-confession/of-ecclesiastical-power/>

**Conclusion**

<https://bookofconcord.org/augsburg-confession/conclusion/>

**PRAYER:** Each day a different aspect of Christian life is covered.

Monday	Our Baptism, calling, and daily work
Tuesday	Deliverance from sin and temptation
Wednesday	Marriage, family, and schools
Thursday	The Lord’s Supper, the Church, and Her Pastors
Friday	The Preaching of the Cross, the persecuted, and missions
Saturday	True repentance and restoration of the withering
Sunday	The Hope of the resurrection and faithfulness to the Word

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**LUTHER’S MORNING PRAYER:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would

**OR**

**LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

## LOOKING FORWARD TO THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

**HYMNS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 692, 644, 839, 632, 617, 867, 548**

Jeremiah 7:1-11  
Romans 9:30-10:4  
Luke 19:41-48

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