

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Thursday, August 28, 2025 – 6:30 PM

Sunday, August 31, 2025 – 9:00 AM



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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 LCMS 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.

✠ *In Nomine Iesu* ✠

Opening Hymn

By Grace I'm Saved LSB 566

Divine Service Setting Three

Lutheran Service Book LSB 184

Confession and Absolution

LSB 184

The Third Commandment

Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred, and gladly hear and learn it.

- ❖ Do I pray and use the Word of God every day to make my time, work, study, and life holy?
- ❖ Do I read the Bible each day, alone or with my family? Am I lazy and bored with the Word of God? Have I any fear of God over this neglect?
- ❖ Do I pay attention to, ponder, or even discuss the sermon with my family?

Introit

Psalm 68:1, 3, 7a, 10b, 19; antiphon: vv. 5b, 6a, 35b


The congregation chants the verses in **bold print**.

God is in his holy habi- | tation;*
[he] settles the solitary | in a home.


The God of Israel—he | is the one*
who gives power and strength to his | people.

God shall arise, his enemies shall be | scattered;*
and those who hate him shall flee be- | fore him!

But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult be- | fore God;*
they shall be jubilant | with joy!
O God, when you went out before your | people,*
in your goodness, O God, you provided for the | needy.
Blessèd be the Lord, who daily | bears us up;*
God is our sal- | vation.



G Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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Kyrie	LSB 186
Gloria in Excelsis	LSB 187
Salutation and Collect of the Day	LSB 189
Old Testament Reading	<i>Genesis 4:1-15</i>

¹Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD.” ²And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.”

⁸Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?” ¹⁰And the LORD said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. ¹²When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” ¹³Cain said to the LORD, “My

punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

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

Gradual*Psalm 28:7b, 1a, 2a*

In [God] him my heart trusts, and | I am helped;
my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.
To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,
Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help.

Epistle Reading*1 Corinthians 15:1–10*

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

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

AlleluiaLSB 190

Holy Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

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



C Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

⁹ He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: ¹⁰ “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, “God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess. ¹³ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, “God, be merciful to me a sinner! ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed	LSB 191
Hymn of the Day	<i>Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion</i> LSB 559
Sermon	
Offertory	LSB 192
Prayer of the Church	LSB 193
Liturgy of Holy Communion	LSB 194
Distribution Hymns	LSB 794, 621, 579, 580, 623
Nunc Dimittis	LSB 199
Salutation and Benedicamus	LSB 201
Benediction	LSB 202
Closing Hymn	<i>Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ</i> LSB 565

✠ *Soli Deo Gloria* ✠

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 and Sunday School on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. in the gym.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Day	Date	Time	Attendance
Thursday	8/21/25	6:30 p.m.	15
Sunday	8/24/25	9:00 a.m.	141

WE PRAY for Mary Ankerberg, Sandy Damms, Tom Domagalski, Daut Gaba, Jerry Garske, Carol Georgson, Elaine Howe, Paul Howe, Candace Kolter, Donna Metzfeld, Susan Sochowski (wife of Mark Sochowski), Pat Wagner, and Barbara Wieting.

PRAYER OF COMFORT for the family of Angeline Pence, who passed away last Wednesday night. Funeral details are to be determined. Blessed are those who die in the Lord for they shall inherit eternal life.

FLOWERS are given in celebration of Jan and Phyllis Walkers’ 55th wedding anniversary.

BULLETINS are given by Candace Kolter in memory of Lillian Garske and Lisibess Oelkers.

EFFECTIVE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 Sunday School and Bible Study will start at 8:00 a.m. in the school. The Sunday Divine Service will move to 9:15 a.m. The Thursday 6:30 p.m. Divine Service will continue.

SUNDAY SCHOOL for 2025-2026 begins next Sunday, September 7 from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. We welcome all children ages 3 through 6th grade students. Registration forms are located in the narthex and may be returned to either the box (same location) or school office. If you are interested in helping out or becoming a Sunday School teacher, please call Christina Janetzke at (414) 975-4826 or email cwingy10@yahoo.com.

SCRIP Orders are due next Sunday, September 7. A Scrip order box, order forms, and envelopes are located in the narthex and church/school office. Call Linda Hojnacki with any questions at (414) 427-5949.

TROJAN HIGHLIGHT The new school year is barely a week old and the students are excited to be back! Fall sports (volleyball & cross country) have had their first practices, Band lessons are underway, and we are blessed to have a new Art teacher! Miss Deanne Gochanour is a graduate of Concordia, Irvine, CA and has recently returned from Ethiopia where she served as a teacher with Lutheran Bible Translators. We welcome her to the OF family!

VOLUNTEERS WANTED! If you enjoy working with children and would like to serve them by tutoring, reading to them, or assisting in a classroom, please use the sign up sheets in the narthex. You need not commit to doing this every day, but rather, as your schedule allows. If you have any questions, see Principal Cahill.

FLOWER SPONSORSHIP There are a number of open spots available to sponsor flowers this fall, starting in September. Please sign up on the chart in the narthex if you would like to celebrate an occasion or remember a loved one by sponsoring flowers. The cost is \$30 per bouquet.

THANK YOU! We're so delighted to be here at Our Father's. The love and support we've received uprooting and planting ourselves here has been a God-send. The Lord has been using you to bless us. Thank you for all the gifts of welcome. Thank you to everyone who helped move our things, especially Phil, Mike, and Dave. Thank you to the elders and everyone who's helped move and get things situated in our new home. We truly have been blessed, and we're blown away by how God has richly blessed us, and we've just arrived! We look forward to more of the Lord blessing us through you. All love in Christ, Pastor, Sarah, Eva, Aaron, Abigail, William, James, and Matthew.

ADULT HANDBELLS resume soon! Rehearsals will be on Tuesday evening at 5:45 p.m. beginning on **September 9**. We will (roughly) follow a 3-week on / 2-week off rehearsal schedule. No previous bell ringing experience is necessary, although the ability to read music will be very helpful. Questions - feel free to ask or email Stephen Johnson (sjohnson@ourfatherslutheran.org).

MIXED CHOIR With the change in service schedule comes the opportunity to re-institute the choir. We will be rehearsing on Sunday mornings following the 9:15 Divine Service in the balcony. Rehearsals will be on a (roughly) 2-week on / 1-week off rehearsal rotation (with more frequent rehearsals in preparation for Christmas and Easter). All members who are school-age and older are welcome to join. First rehearsal will be on **September 7**. Questions - feel free to ask or email Stephen Johnson (sjohnson@ourfatherslutheran.org).

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday	8/31	DIVINE SERVICE	9:00 a.m.
		Adult Bible Class	10:30 p.m.
Monday	9/1	NO SCHOOL	
Tuesday-Thursday	9/2-9/4	Outdoor Education–5 th Grade	Camp Edwards, East Troy
Wednesday	9/3	Matins	8:05 a.m.
		No Morning Bible Study	
Thursday	9/4	DIVINE SERVICE	6:30 p.m.
Sunday	9/7	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	8:00 a.m.
		DIVINE SERVICE	9:15 a.m.
		Choir Rehearsal (balcony)	10:45 a.m.
		Scrip Due	

**THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER
FOR THE WEEK OF
THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

August 31 through September 6, 2025

The beginning of Sunday School causes us to reflect upon the need for catechesis throughout the Christian life. Indeed the study of God’s Word is an unending and unchanging part of our life. Some may say it is hard to get children to Sunday School, but that is only because their parents often do not come to hear and study God’s Word. The second week of school the children study the Third Commandment again. There we confess that we are not to despise God’s Word, but that is exactly what we do when we neglect the study of God’s Word. It is time for us to confess our sin against this commandment and pray that we would gladly hear the Word of God and learn it. The Commandment is not just for children. It is for all of us—pastor, people, children, parents, husbands, wives, youth, singles, and widows. As a congregation, you have called your pastors to teach you that very Word of God that you might learn the mysteries of God. O Lord, as you have called us by Your Holy Word, so lead us to gladly hear and learn it throughout our lives. Give our pastors wisdom to teach that Word in its truth and purity. Amen

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

THE CREED

VERSE: ‘But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’
⁷‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, ⁸and they shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. *Mark 10:6–8a*

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK: Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

PSALM OF THE WEEK: 50:7-23

PSALMODY PRAYER: Shine forth upon Your people, O God. Do not be silent, but speak and grant that we may hear and order our conduct aright. Come and gather all Your people from the ends of the earth. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Sunday	The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector—Luke 18:9–14
Monday	NO SCHOOL — Cain Murders His Brother Abel—Genesis 4:1–12 (13–15)
Tuesday	The Parable of the Good Samaritan—Luke 10:25–37
Wednesday	The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector—Luke 18:9–14
Thursday	Joseph Flees from Adultery—Genesis 39:1–21 (22–23)
Friday	Jesus Is Tempted by the Devil—Matthew 4:1–11

CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK: The Ten Commandments

The Fifth Commandment

You shall not murder.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

The Sixth Commandment

You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

Luther, Lectures on Genesis 3:13: Therefore, I urge you with all diligence to consider the teaching of the Gospel a matter of the utmost importance. For we see from this passage what happens in the case of Adam and Eve when sin is present and this knowledge of the promise and of grace is lacking. The condemnation of Satan also points to the same result; for just as he lacks the promise of grace, so he cannot put an end to his transgressions, blasphemies, and hatred of God. For this reason, Adam’s situation is better. He is called to account that he might acknowledge his sin and, after he is thoroughly frightened by his sin, be given courage through the promise of the remission of sins. About this a most beautiful text now follows, in which the preaching about Christ is included. However, just as the end of this affair shows the very great kindness and mercy of God toward man (inasmuch as He calls him back for the remission of his sins and for eternal life through the Seed who was to come), so also the beginnings of this affair, if we evaluate them properly, are more lenient than what Adam deserved. There is not that terrible sight as on Mt. Sinai, where trumpet blasts were mingled with flashes of lightning and peals of thunder. But God comes in a very soft breeze to indicate that the reprimand will be fatherly. He does not drive Adam away from Himself because of his sin, but He calls him and calls him back from his sin. Yet Adam does not understand or see this fatherly concern, since he is overwhelmed by his sin and terror. He does not notice that God deals far differently with the serpent. He does not

call the serpent. Nor—in order in this way to call it to repentance—does He ask the serpent about the sin that has been committed. But He condemns it immediately. This shows that even then Christ, our Deliverer, had placed Himself between God and man as a Mediator. It is a very great measure of grace that after Adam’s sin God does not remain silent but speaks, and in many words indeed, in order to show signs of His fatherly disposition. With the serpent everything is done differently. And so, although the promise concerning Christ is not yet there, it is already noticeable in the thought and counsel of God. (*LW* 1:180-181, St. Louis: Concordia, 1958)

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 keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. 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.**

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.**

HYMN OF THE WEEK: LSB 701 “*Draw Us to Thee*”

**LOOKING FORWARD TO
THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

September 7, 2025

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY: 797, 545, 701, 862, 635, 618, 941

READINGS

Isaiah 29:18-24
2 Corinthians 3:4-11
Mark 7:31-37

The Decapolis or Ten Towns is the location of this miracle and serves as a reminder of the bondage men have under the Decalogue or Ten Words which we commonly call the Ten Commandments. The death of sin holds us as deaf mutes unable to hear or speak except by the grace of God. Convicted of sin, not only externally but also in the heart, by the Ten Commandments, you cry out for the mercy of God. In His love, the Lord pulls you aside from the multitude. The way Christ heals is particularly instructive. He puts His fingers in the ears and then spits and touches the tongue. So in your baptism, Christ touched you with His Word upon your eardrum and the water of life which flowed from His side. Your ears were opened to hear His words of salvation with the hearing of faith, and your mouth was opened to speak His praise. Those words upon the ears of the deaf man were life-giving words for they came from the One who is Life. His Word created the heavens and the earth. His Word opened the ears of the deaf. His Word continues to give life when it is spoken at Holy Baptism.

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