

BLOCKTOBERFEST OUTDOOR SERVICE

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

September 20, 2026

Pre-Service Music

Welcome

Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn

752 Be Still, My Soul



1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; Bear pa - tient-
2 Be still, my soul; your God will un - der - take To guide the
3 Be still, my soul; though dear - est friends de - part And all is
4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has - t'ning on When we shall



ly the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to or - der
fu - ture as He has the past. Your hope, your con - fi - dence let
dark - ened in this vale of tears; Then you will bet - ter know His
be for - ev - er with the Lord, When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and



and pro - vide; In ev - 'ry change He faith - ful will re -
noth - ing shake; All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at
love, His heart, Who comes to soothe your sor - rows and your
fear are gone, Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re -



main. Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n - ly Friend
last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
fears. Be still, my soul; your Je - sus can re - pay
stored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,



Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be - low.
From His own full - ness all He takes a - way.
All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

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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.**

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

Psalms 86:1, 7, 12–13; antiphon: vv. 3, 5

P Be gracious to me, O Lord,

C **for to you do I cry all the day.**

P For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving,

C **abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.**

P Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,

C **for I am poor and needy.**

P In the day of my trouble I call upon you,

C **for you answer me.**

P I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,

C **and I will glorify your name forever.**

P For great is your steadfast love toward me;

C **you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**

C **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.**

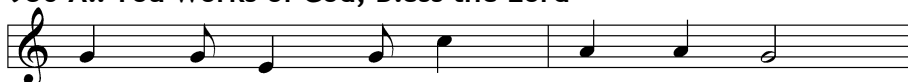
Kyrie

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

C Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

930 All You Works of God, Bless the Lord



1 All you works of God, bless the Lord!
 2 Sing, you sun and you moon a - bove,
 3 Frost of win - ter with song so cold,
 4 Hills and moun - tains, now sing His worth,



All you an - gels, now bless the Lord;
 Stars of heav - en, now sing His love;
 Dews of sum - mer, your song un - fold;
 All you green things that grow on earth;



Come, you heav - ens and pow'rs that be,
 Dew and show - ers, you winds that blow,
 Light and dark - ness, you day and night,
 Seas and riv - ers, you springs and wells,



Praise the Lord and His maj - es - ty:
 Heat and fire, you ice and snow:
 Clouds of thun - der, you light - nings bright:
 Beasts and cat - tle, you birds and whales:

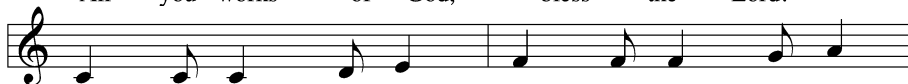
Refrain



Raise your voic - es high, praise and mag - ni - fy,



All you works of God, bless the Lord!



Raise your voic - es high, praise and mag - ni - fy,



All you works of God, bless the Lord!

5 Come, humanity, sing along,
Sing, you people of God, a song;
Priests and servants, your Lord now bless,
Join, you spirits and souls at rest: *Refrain*

△ 6 Bless the Lord, all you pure of heart;
All you humble, His praise impart;
God the Father and Son adore,
Bless the Spirit forevermore! *Refrain*

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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.

C O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 17:17-24

¹⁷After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸And she said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!" ¹⁹And he said to her, "Give me your son." And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰And he cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?" ²¹Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again." ²²And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. ²³And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives." ²⁴And the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 102:15–16

P Nations will fear the name of the LORD,

C **and all the kings of the earth will fear your glory.**

P For the LORD builds up Zion;

C **he appears in his glory.**

Epistle

Ephesians 3:13–21

¹³So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem

What a Friend!

Stand

Alleluia

952 Alleluia – II



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Holy Gospel

Luke 7:11–17

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹¹Soon afterward [Jesus] went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. ¹²As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. ¹³And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” ¹⁴Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” ¹⁵And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!” ¹⁷And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints,

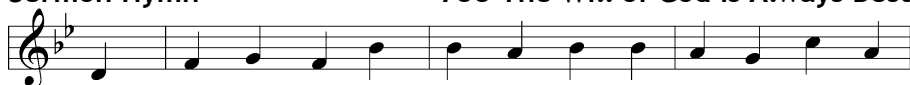
the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Hymn

758 The Will of God Is Always Best



1 The will of God is al - ways best And shall be done for -
 2 God is my com - fort and my trust, My hope and life a -
 3 Lord, this I ask, O hear my plea, De - ny me not this
 4 When life's brief course on earth is run And I this world am



ev - er; And they who trust in Him are blest;
 bid - ing; And to His coun - sel, wise and just,
 fa - vor: When Sa - tan sore - ly trou - bles me,
 leav - ing, Grant me to say, "Your will be done,"



He will for - sake them nev - er. He helps in - deed In
 I yield, in Him con - fid - ing. The ver - y hairs, His
 Then do not let me wa - ver. O guard me well, My
 Your faith - ful Word be - liev - ing. My dear - est Friend, I



time of need; He chas - tens with for - bear - ing. They who de -
 Word de - clares, Up - on my head He num - bers. By night and
 fear dis - pel, Ful - fill Your faith - ful say - ing; All who be -
 now com - mend My soul in - to Your keep - ing; From sin and



pend On God, their friend, Shall not be left de - spair - ing.
 day God is my stay; He nev - er sleeps nor slum - bers.
 lieve By grace re - ceive An an - swer to their pray - ing.
 hell, And death as well, By You the vic - t'ry reap - ing.

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Sermon

“Comfort in Grief”

Stand

Offertory Hymn

783 Take My Life and Let It Be



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
5 Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no long - er mine;
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its trea - sure store;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy roy - al throne.
Take my-self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

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Offering may also be placed in the box in the back as you leave.

Prayer of the Church

P Almighty God, Giver of every good and perfect gift, hear the prayers of Your people who call upon You in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Let Your people ever cling to Him who alone has the words of eternal life.

P Almighty God,

C Have mercy upon us.

P Hear our prayers for all missionaries, pastors, and other servants of the Church.

C Help them to faithfully and boldly proclaim Word of God and the new life that is found in Christ alone.

P Almighty God,

C Have mercy upon us.

P Hear our prayers for an abundance of workers in Your harvest fields.

C Raise up faithful men and women to serve You in Your Church.

P Almighty God,

C Have mercy upon us.

P Hear our prayers for our parish community.

C Help us by Your Spirit to serve one another in love.

P Almighty God,

C Have mercy upon us.

P Hear our prayers for the nations of the world, and those who rule them.

C In every place let justice prevail, prosperity be enjoyed, and peace reign upon the earth.

- P** Almighty God,
C **Have mercy upon us.**
P Hear our prayers for [_____ and all] the sick and suffering, the lonely and forsaken, the dying and the grieving.
C **Let them experience Christ Jesus as their Health in sickness, their Joy in sorrows, their Life in death.**
P Almighty God,
C **Have mercy upon us.**
P Hear our prayers for all who are weary and burdened with sin.
C **Give them joy as they find in Jesus pardon and peace.**
P Almighty God,
C **Have mercy upon us.**
P Hear our prayers for Your blessing upon this week we have begun today in Your name.
C **Fill our hearts with faith, hope, and love as we serve You in our daily lives.**
P Almighty God,
C **Have mercy upon us.**
P Hear our prayers for the persons, needs, and problems, joys and thanksgivings, we each bring before you now in our hearts (*Moment of Silent Prayer*). Almighty God,
C **Have mercy upon us.**

Additional Petitions Each Concluding with:

- P** Almighty God, **C** **Have mercy upon us.**
P Almighty God, into Your gracious hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the mercy You have revealed to us in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that we may never forget Your blessings, but continually thank and praise You for all Your goodness in this life until, with all Your saints, we praise You eternally in Your heavenly kingdom; where You live and reign, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, both now and to all eternity.
C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

957 Our Father Who Art in Heaven — I

Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal-low - ed be Thy name,
 Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as
 it is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly
 bread; and for-give us our tres-pass - es as we for-give
 those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in -
 to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.
 For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo -
 ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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Collect of the Word

P Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

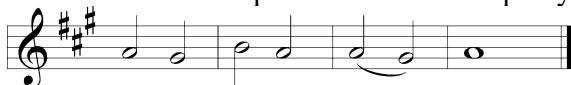
Benediction

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P 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 peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Sit

Closing Hymn

490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -
2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is
3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus
4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall
5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the gate of life im -



pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,
liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,
sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell
mor - tal; This shall calm my trem - bling breath



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er
Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is
Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I
Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will
When I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall



scenes will then com-mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
faith - ful; doubt-ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.
need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

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Table Prayer

- P** O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good;
C And His mercy endures forever!
P Hear us as we pray:

776 Come, Lord Jesus, Be Our Guest

Everyone sings together the first time, then we try to sing a round.

“Round” rules:

Choir begins, then when they reach 2, the “lectern side” (congregational left) begins.

When they reach 2, the “pulpit side” (congregational right) begins. The choir starts over again, but the congregation is finished when they sing “Amen.”



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Everyone Is Invited to Stay for Lunch

WELCOME TO TRINITY! So happy you are here this morning for this special service. We pray this worship hour has been a blessing for you, and we invite you to come again soon!



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Birthdays

Sunday	Theo Lee	
Monday	Katie Lindsey	Barrett Miller
Tuesday	Sarah Reyelts	Jackson Lester
Wednesday	Karen Brack	Weston Davis
	Lindsey Ramsey	Amanda West
Thursday	Dawson Bruce	Kevin Debrick
Friday	Jennifer Boydston	Olivia Mitchell
	Thea Woelmer	Charlotte Woelmer

Anniversaries

9/21/1996	Ryan and Tamara Mitchell	30 years
9/25/1976	Kelly and Valerie Gerken	50 years

We remember in our prayers:

Immediate and Long-Term Concerns:

- ♦ Crystal Brown (Stan L.'s granddaughter)
- ♦ John Loftiss (Stan L.'s brother)
- ♦ Linda Ferrell
- ♦ Susan Mueller
- ♦ Kameron Alpert

Recovering:

- ♦ Bill Mueller (Barbie's brother)
- ♦ Dennis Karina
- ♦ Dennis Hinman (Sally W.'s uncle)
- ♦ Duane Rodewald
- ♦ Debra Karina
- ♦ Dale Moser

TREASURER'S REPORT Sept 13, 2026

Checking Account Balance	Sept 5, 2026	\$ 27,151.76
Income:	Deposit	\$ 5,070.00
Expenses	Checking	\$ (12,769.59)
Balance	Sept 12, 2026	\$ 19,452.17

Attendance

Worship Attendance	Sept 13	120
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COMMUNION CHANGE - Our normal Third Sunday Communion has been moved to next Sunday, September 27th.

NURSING HOME SERVICES - You are invited to help Trinity provide brief worship services for nursing home residents at Country Club Estates and Homestead this afternoon. The simple services are approximately 20 minutes in length at each home. We begin at 1:30pm at Country Club Estates, then Homestead around 2:15pm for the second service. The residents really enjoy these services, especially singing their favorite hymns. It's great to have church members there to greet the residents and sing along. We have a few faithful members who help but we could use your help too!

THANK YOU - Thank you to all the helpers and all those who contributed for this year's Blocktoberfest! We hope you and all who came enjoyed this wonderful opportunity to share our German heritage with the community.

SAVE THE DATES - Heritage Sunday and Chili and Chicken Noodle Luncheon: October 18 (luncheon follows the service)

Voters Meeting: October 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Trunk or Treat: October 25 (Sunday), 4-6 p.m.

Youth Night: October 25 after Trunk or Treat

CHOIR PRACTICE - Choir meets on Wednesdays at 7:00p.m. Join us as we "make a joyful noise to the Lord!" (Psalm 100:1).

MISSIONS FUND--Where does the money from the mission fund go to? Some of it is a set amount (\$7500) that we give to our Synod and District. They provide oversight and assist with the call process, publications, missionaries, pastoral and lay education, and so much more. We also support a missionary at \$500 a year (or more). Your donation to this fund is greatly appreciated, as it supports a lot of things that are "behind the scenes."

BEST CHOICE LABELS - We are collecting labels for Ladies Aid. If you have any, please put them in the box on the coat rack by the office.

GOOGLE REVIEWS - As part of the website update, Pastor Chris Jackson is helping us be more visible online. One of the most common ways that people search for us is using Google. You can help by rating our church (ideally 5 stars!) and leaving a review or pictures. That will greatly help our church's online presence. Thank you very much!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY - We will be covering Wisdom Literature: Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Songs! Join us at 9 a.m. on Sundays in the Heritage Room!

GRACE FUND - The Voters in January approved setting up a "Grace Fund" to assist those from our congregation who are in financial need. The account is now set up, and guidelines have been written. Feel free to make donations and add "Grace Fund" to the memo line of your check; the Finance Committee will record donations to this fund. Requests will go to the Elders, Chairman, and Pastor for approval. The Guidelines sheet as well as request forms are available in the Secretary's Office.

PRAYER REQUEST TEXTS - Periodically, we send text messages out regarding prayer requests i.e. notification of a death, birth, or illness. If you would like to be on this text alert, please see Pastor or Susan. Once added, you will need to "opt in" via an email that will be sent to you.