



WELCOME TO TRINITY

FAITH. LIFE. COMMUNITY.

8:45am

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We are glad you are here at one of our THREE WORSHIP SERVICES this weekend, each centered around the same scriptures but with three different musical styles. THIS BULLETIN contains information for the 8:45 a.m. Sunday service

A SEPARATE BULLETIN lists the 5:30 p.m. Saturday service here in the sanctuary. The other service we offer is Praise worship in Jack's Place.

We invite you to turn to **pages 15 and following in this bulletin** for HELPFUL INFORMATION for visitors and members alike, such as service participants.

For directions or help with special needs, just ask an usher.

- DIAPER CHANGING AREA - in Gathering Space restroom
- LARGE PRINT BULLETINS for the Sanctuary services
- AURACAST AUDIO is available for hearing impaired for use in the Sanctuary and Jack's Place
- HANDICAPPED-ACCESSIBLE RESTROOM - Gathering Space
- WHEELCHAIR available - Gathering Space
- HANDICAPPED PARKING - near Worship entrances
- PAST SERMONS on the web - visit www.trinityashland.org

SUNDAY MORNING 8:45

August 23, 2026

13 Sunday after Pentecost

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS of this service are available from the ushers.

✝ ✝ ✝ GATHERING ✝ ✝ ✝

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MUSIC

By All Your Saints - arr. Carl Schalk
Mark Koehler, organ

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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**Please stand, as able.*

✠ *The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins,
God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

Silence for reflection

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy,
has given his Son to die for you,
and for his sake, forgives you all your sins.
As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

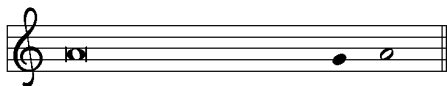
*ENTRANCE HYMN

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

ELW 763

*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



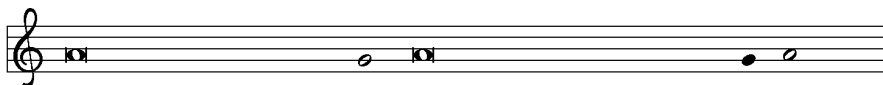
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



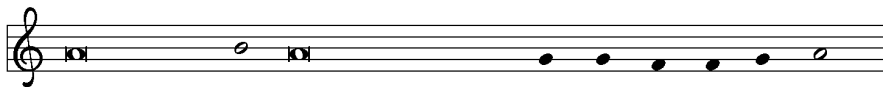
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.

A - men.

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

***SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

ANTHEM

Sweet Hour of Prayer - arr. Jim Clancy

Amazing Grace - arr. Tm Gentry

Fun Center Chordsmen

✝ ✝ ✝ **WORD** ✝ ✝ ✝

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

FIRST READING *Isaiah 51:1-6*

¹“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the Lord:

look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

²Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
that I might bless him and multiply him.

³For the Lord comforts Zion;
he comforts all her waste places
and makes her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴“Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 138 *Sung responsively* - Tone 4



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1 I give you thanks, O LORD, with | my whole heart;
2 before the gods I | sing your praise;

**2 I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your | faithfulness,
for you have exalted above all things
your name | and your word.**

³On the day I called, you | answered me;
my strength of soul | you increased.

**⁴All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, | O LORD,*
for they have heard the words | of your mouth,**

⁵and they shall sing of the ways | of the LORD,
for great is the glory | of the LORD.

**6For though the LORD is high, he regards the | lowly,
but the haughty he knows | from afar.**

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
 you pre- | serve my life;
 you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
 and your right hand de- | livers me.

**⁸The LORD will fulfill his pur- | pose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work | of your hands.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.**

**As it was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

SECOND READING *Romans 11:33-12:8*

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

³⁴“For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?”

³⁵“Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?”

³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, Alleluia

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***GOSPEL**

Matthew 16:13-20

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

Pastor Kevin McClain

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Church's One Foundation

ELW 654

*APOSTLES' CREED

God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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.**

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each portion of the prayers:

**Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

We Are an Offering

ELW 692

*CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

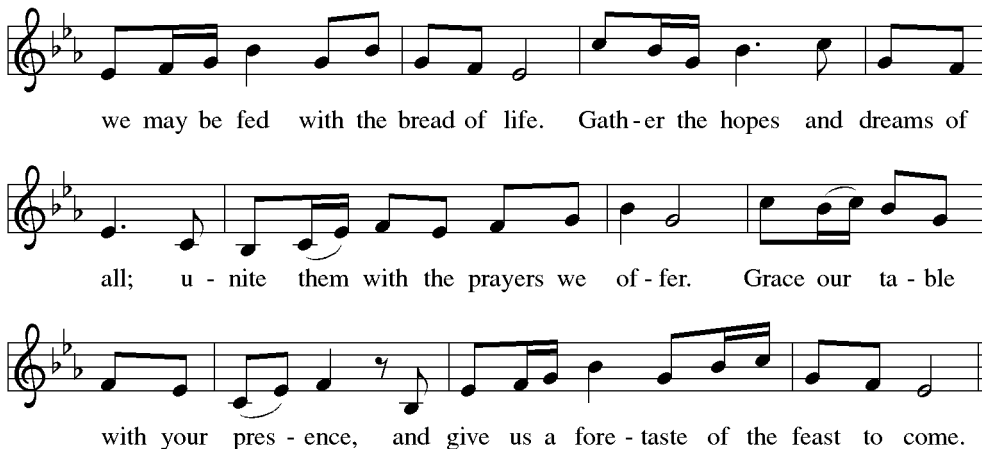
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Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble
with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*LORD'S PRAYER

arr. Joe Liles and Tom Gentry
Sung by: Fun Center Chordsmen

✠ ✠ ✠ SENDING ✠ ✠ ✠
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*BLESSING

Irish Blessing - arr. Don Gray
Fun Center Chordsmen

*DISMISSAL AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**
Please share God's peace with one another.

*POSTLUDE

Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee - arr. M. Sherrill Kelsey
Mark Koehler, piano

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*We invite you to the Olive Tree Café after the service for goodies and Goldberry coffee.
The Café is located in the north office hallway on the Walnut Street side of the building.*

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICES: 8:45

PRESIDING MINISTER - Pastor Kevin McClain

ASSISTING MINISTERS - Vicar Gage Garlinghouse, Stephanie Stoll

ORGANIST - Mark Koehler

LECTOR - Ann Miller

GREETERS - Kenny & Nancy Oberholtzer

USHERS - Usher Team #2, Herb Kanzig, Captain, Todd Barr, Co-Captain

SOUND - Chris Vanderzyden

PRO PRESENTER - Everett Kime

CAMERA OPERATOR - Sam Wolfe

RADIO - Adam Kime

NURSERY - Kristen McClain, Emma McClain

*If you would be interested in learning more about these or other volunteer opportunities,
please contact Wendy Shreffler at the Church Office.*

SANTUARY ALTAR FLOWERS this weekend are given by:

- > Judy Eagle in memory of her mother Eliva Hildebrand, brother Alan and his wife Chris and twin brother Jorj Hildebrand,
- > Diana and Jeff Scott in loving memory of Brad T Scott,
- > Carolyn, Allie and Joe, loving family in New York, in memory of William Sample on what was his August 24th birthday.

THE LIVESTREAM of the 8:45 a.m. Sunday service is sponsored by Sharon and Natalie Sample in loving memory of Bill Sample on what was his birthday on August 24th.

THE LIVESTREAM of the 11 a.m. Sunday Praise Service is sponsored by John and Laurie Maurer to honor all the teachers, students, and staff, and with prayers for a successful school year.

OUR SUNDAY 10:45 RADIO RE-BROADCAST of the 8:45 service on WNCO-AM 1340 is sponsored by Gary and Janet Greene in memory of their parents: Ben and Eunice Greene and James and Lena Conrad and in honor of their 66th wedding anniversary on August 27th.

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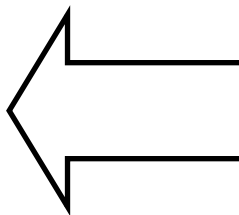
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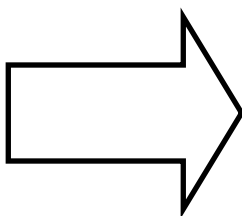
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