

IN THE SAME WAY,
THE *Spirit* HELPS US
IN *our weakness*.
WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT
WE OUGHT TO PRAY FOR,
BUT THE *Spirit* HIMSELF
intercedes FOR US THROUGH
wordless groans.

ROMANS 8:26
DAYSTAR



July 23, 2017 8:00 am

***TRINITY LUTHERAN
CHURCH***

2163 MAYHEW LAKE RD. NE
SAUK RAPIDS, MN 56379

*Trinity is a member of the Prince of Peace Lutheran School Association
and the Good Shepherd Community.*

Welcome



Those Serving Today

Officiating Today	8:00am &	9:30am	Pastor Paul Cloeter
Organist	8:00am		Daniel Reineke
		9:30am	Ruth Immerfall
Screen Team	8:00am		Mark Woitalla
		9:30am	Jeff Zimmer
Lector	8:00am		Gayleen Dierks
		9:30am	Sue Batian
Visuals	8:00am &	9:30am	Daniel Reineke
Acolyte	8:00am		Emily Kleman, Haley Evenson
		9:30am	Veronica Peacock, Abby Behrendt
Altar Guild			Diane Haffner, Jennifer Schlangen, Gayleen Dierks
Information Desk	8:00am	Zone – 2	Craig Cooper
	9:30am	Zone – 3	Sue Kulzer
Greeters	8:00am	Zone – 2	Diane Gooch, Donna Esselman
	9:30am	Zone – 3	Shirley Skuza, Lori Zipp
Ushers	8:00am	Zone – 2	Dave & Bev Grose, John Sprengeler, Ken Knafla, Jim & Carol Truenow
	9:30am	Zone – 3	Wayne Smolnik, Loren Tvrdik, Fred Joesting, John Heintze, Jon Roesch, Mark Thompson
Lay Minister	8:00am		Luke Wendt
		9:30am	Delano Schultz, Bob Koroll

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service Setting 2 (LSB pg 167)

July 23, 2017

8:00 a.m.

AS WE GATHER With the whole creation we groan together in birthing pains, waiting for the redemption of all things. Things are not how they were intended to be. We are not home yet. This sad state of affairs is the result of people who are not God playing God. The devil is in on this, sowing weeds throughout the field of this world. But there is no God besides God the Holy Trinity, not in heaven above nor on earth below—not you, not me, not anyone. The real God has appointed that we and all humanity are saved in hope through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our true home is the kingdom of God introduced by Jesus. Along our journey home, even when we do not know what to pray, our hope is sustained by the intercessions of God the Holy Spirit, whose groanings on our behalf are deeper than words can tell.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” LSB 575

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: “Who is like Me?”

C: You are the first and You are the last; besides You there is no God.

P: Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it?

C: Behold, we are Your witnesses!

P: Is there a God besides Me?

C: O Lord, we know no Rock besides You, and the earth is full of Your steadfast love.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Only God most high,

C: the earth is full of Your steadfast love, but we have turned away to the many passing loves that arrest our attention. Forgetting there is no god besides You, we often think we know what is best for ourselves and for others. But we don't. And so we groan in pain with the consequences of our sins. Hear our cry for Jesus' sake and have mercy on us.

P: Beloved in Christ, God—the only God—hears your cry for mercy, blotting out your transgressions for His own sake and remembering your sins no more. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

INTROIT

P: Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;

C: listen to my plea for grace.

P: Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth;

C: unite my heart to fear your name.

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.

P: O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seek my life,

C: and they do not set you before them.

P: But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,

C: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

**ALL: 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.**

P: Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;

C: listen to my plea for grace.

KYRIE

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

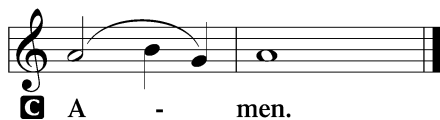
P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



P: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

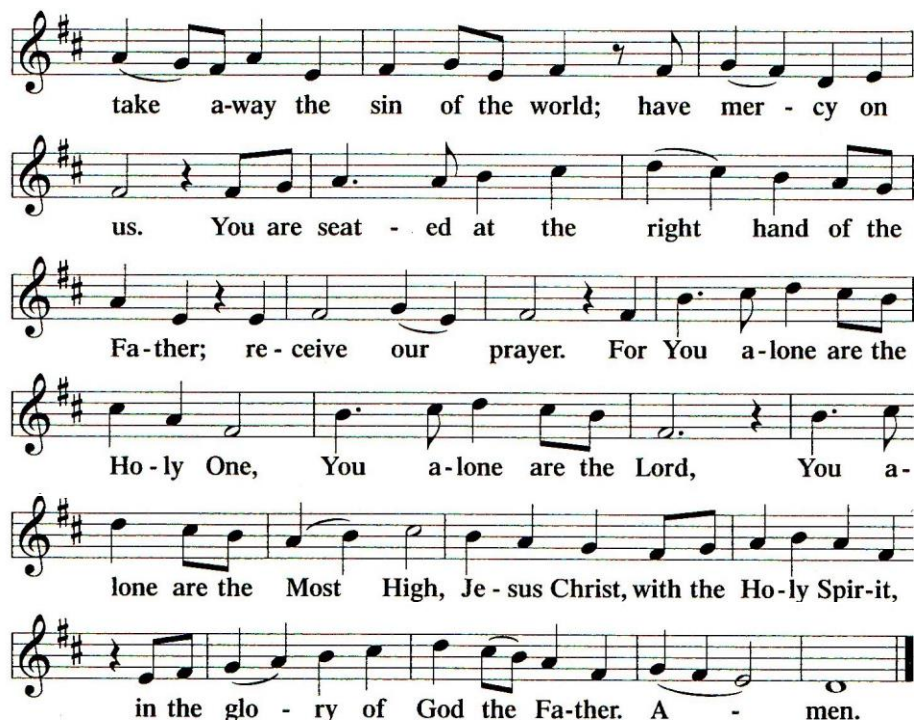
A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.

C 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 AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray... O God, besides whom there is no other God, in this world Your people suffer great affliction, having no enduring place in which to dwell. Grant that we who are not home yet with You in Your kingdom may endure with patience our groanings with all creation, being sustained by Your Word and Your gracious Spirit, who intercedes for us with far deeper groanings; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns in communion and love with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 44:6-8

"This is what the Lord says- Israel's King and Redeemer, the Lord Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God. Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and lay out before me what has happened since I established my ancient people, and what is yet to come- yes, let him foretell what will come. Do not tremble, do

not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN: "Rock of Ages" LSB 892

EPISTLE: Romans 8:18-27

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.



Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?' " 'An enemy did this,' he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' " 'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.' " Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



APOSTLES' CREED

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

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Hear Us, Father, When We Pray" LSB 773

SERMON: "Prayer Partners" (Romans 8:26-27)

OFFERING *(Please sign and date the Rite of Friendship pad located in the pew. The children are invited to bring their offerings to the front at this time.)*

OFFERTORY



□ What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



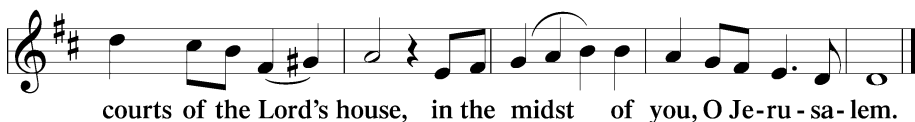
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor ✠ and give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN: "On What Has Now Been Sown" LSB 921

WE WELCOME FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

We are glad you are here! If there is a time during the Worship Service that you feel your child (or you) needs a "time out," please feel free to leave the service. If you leave the service you can go to the **lobby** or use the **large conference room** across from the church office. The conference room has speakers and one-way glass so you can still participate in Worship. During the 9:30am worship service the **nursery is also available for 0-3 years old**. It is not staffed but you are welcome to stay in the room with your child. It is the first classroom on the left as you enter the Preschool parent lounge area. There are also speakers in the nursery so you can listen to the service.

Activity bags for young children to use are in the plastic tub outside the church office.

Calendar for the Week

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY 8:00am Worship Z2
 9:30am Worship Z3 (HC)
 12:00pm Anyuak Worship

MONDAY 9:30am Parish Workers NL
 6:00pm Bev's CC

TUESDAY 7:00pm Friends in Harmony

WEDNESDAY
 7:00am Men's Bible Study @ GS

THURSDAY 4-6:30pm Farmer's Market
 6:30pm Worship Team Rehearsal
 7:30pm Benton Co. Jail Bible Study

FRIDAY 9:00am Parish Workers
 5:30pm Wedding Rehearsal
 6:00pm Narcotics Anon.

SATURDAY 9:00am Altar Guild
 3:30pm Wigen/Hanson Wedding
 6:45pm Traditional Worship Rehearsal

In Our Worship Services Next Week

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00am Worship Z4 (HC)
 9:30am Worship Z5
 12:00pm Anyuak Worship

Scripture Lessons:

*Deuteronomy 7:6-9; Romans 8:28-39
 Matthew 13:44-52*

Ephesians 3:21

*"...to Him be the glory in the church
 and in Christ Jesus throughout all
 generation, forever and ever.
 Amen."*

Church Office Hours:

M-F 8:30am-2:30pm
 Open during the noon hour.
 Church Office Phone 252-3670

WEEK OF	TIME	ATTENDANCE	OFFERINGS	
7/16/17	8:00am	106	General Fund Offerings	\$8,072.38
7/16/17	9:30am	157	Building Debt Offerings	\$507.00
	Total	263	Total	\$8,579.38
Missions this Week		\$379.00	Weekly Need:	\$11,938.00
Received to-date		\$15,086.66		
Annual Funds Promised		\$27,500.00		



Sharing the Caring Christ with All People Matthew 13:24-30,36-43: Our Lord continues to teach us about His kingdom. We need this teaching because it is literally “right side up” from our world turned “upside down” by sin. In His Kingdom, the weeds and the wheat will grow together until He comes again for the final harvest. Knowing this fact to be true, we don’t pray that God will remove all evil from this world (as we far too many times lament and often times pray for God to do), but instead, we earnestly pray to join His mission to overcome evil with His saving love, His grace and mercy, and His Word that never returns empty (remember last week’s message?!). Pray for eyes to see the world as Christ does: as an opportunity for mission and to see every moment as one of grace that God has given us to be about His saving work. **Let us pray that as God’s people, we remain firmly built upon the Rock so we may serve as His witnesses shining forth in the wheat field among the weeds so they may see the Light.**



Baptized into God’s family of grace during our 9:30am service today is Vivian Day Borgerding, infant daughter of Joshua and Jeanna Borgerding. Sponsors are John Borgerding and Jennifer Kroska. We pray God’s blessing upon Vivan and her family as they grow in faith.

Today’s Radio Broadcast is sponsored in memory of Ethel Linkert by her children. We thank them for their generosity. We have openings in August and September. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast please complete a form and turn it in. Forms are available in the church office. The radio transmission enables our shut-ins, as well as others in our community to hear and participate in our worship. The service airs on WVAL 800 on the AM dial, at 8:00am, and live on the internet at www.800wval.com.

Enrollment at Prince of Peace Lutheran School for the 2017/2018 School Year is now open. We are a Christ-centered school offering an excellent education for children from Preschool through 8th Grade. Class sizes are small and the faculty both caring and experienced. Financial aid is available for qualified families. We also have “Before School” and “After School” care programs. Please contact Pastor Dave Strohschein for information at 251-1477 or admin@princeofpeace.org.



Sunday Morning Fellowship Members who have last names beginning with the letters “M” are asked to bring treats for our fellowship time during the month of July. If you can help, please sign up on the bulletin board.

Call Committee Update Dear Members of Trinity, The Call-Committee has been diligently meeting, and has narrowed down the list of 14 potential Pastoral candidates to 4. Pastor Fondow, President of the MN North District, is presently in the process of completing background checks. Interviews of the 4 candidates will take place during the weeks of July 17 & 24. A Congregational Voter's Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, July 30, at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, so we may present a recommendation to you, and make an official-call. The personal information of the candidates is available for you to review in the office during church hours. We humbly ask that you to keep Trinity and the candidates in your prayers, seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we seek a new Shepherd at Trinity. In His Name, Jeff Cziok, Call Committee Chairperson

The next Good Shepherd Tour Adventure is coming up!

Join us on August 2, as we cruise on the Mississippi River in a luxurious yacht. Buffet Luncheon, Transportation, Cruise and gratuities all for only \$70! Call Janette Ditlefsen at 258-9365 or Perry Rollings at 259-3491.

Good Shepherd Golf Tournament Monday, August 21st at St. Cloud Country Club. Noon start. Watch for more information to come!

POP Golf

Tournament on August 28th. This year at the 3rd Annual Prince of Peace Scholarship Golf Event we will be having a new event. A Hole in One contest, open to all participants playing in the golf event. If you are able to make a 'Hole in One' on the chosen Par 3 hole during the event, you will have a chance to win \$2500.00. Looking for a Team Registration blank, go to the Prince of Peace website or contact the church office. Individual golfers - \$75.00 each or \$300.00 for a team of four players. You don't need to have a team of 4 to participate. Register to play, sponsor a hole, or make a donation!

“Thank you!”

for the wonderful retirement party. Your presence, your kind and gracious words and cards...it all made for a very humbling experience. Yet, at the same time, you filled my heart with gratitude to the Lord for allowing me to serve Him and you through the pastoral ministry at Trinity. The Lord has greatly blessed me through each of you, and I thank Him for our partnership in the Gospel! Pastor Dave Strohschein

Share Your Home, Change the World Host a Youth For Understanding Exchange Student! Hosting a YFU exchange student is an enriching experience for the entire family. Students from 60+ countries around the globe are eager to become a member of an American family and our congregation for the 2017-2018 school year. Your family can share its unique traditions and provide the opportunity of a lifetime to an open-minded, brave teenager from another country. YFU welcomes families of all shapes and sizes to host. Explore this global adventure at home and apply online at yfuusa.org/host or contact Suzanne at 763-280-9963, or ssevlie@yfu.org. International study abroad programs for American students and volunteer opportunities with YFU are also

Dine to Donate
Dine at Panda Express, tomorrow, Monday, July 24th from 11am to 9pm and our school will receive 20% of your purchase.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Preschool is seeking applicants for an aide position at the POP campus. This job entails assisting the teacher, supervise and teach the preschool students. Days are Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Hours are 11:15 am-5:15 pm each day preschool is in session. Compensation is hourly. Applicants must be teacher qualified and pass a background check. Contact Preschool Director, Kim Essington (princepreschool@gmail.com or 251-8416) for further information or to apply.

available. "All I can say is that hosting a student - even an arrival student - changed our family's lives and it was one of the best decisions I could of ever made. Thank you YFU for giving me and my family the chance to share our lives and getting a chance to gain a friendship that will last forever." Youth For Understanding USA is a registered nonprofit 501(c)3 organization.

Helping Hands Needed to Help Assemble the "August" Edition of Our Trinity Tidings



Newsletter – We could use some extra hands assembling the newsletter Monday morning. If you can help, we would be grateful for your assistance. We gather at 9:30am and are usually finished by 11:00am.

Playhouse Childcare Now enrolling children ages 16 months to 33 months all day Toddler Program. For more information, contact Kelly at 320-230-9116 or by email at saukrapids@playhousechildcare.com. **Start by August 30th and the \$50 Registration Fee will be waived.** Just mention this article to receive the discount.