



Why Were You Baptized?

August 10, 2025



Ninth
Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship! In our service we receive God's grace through his Word and sacraments. As he works to strengthen our faith in Jesus, we respond to his goodness with our prayers, praise, and offerings. We are glad to be here and glad that you have joined us today!

- Restrooms are located in the main hallway, narthex, and back classrooms.
- If you wish to step out of the service to calm your child, please feel welcome to use the Fellowship Hall or the Toddler Sunday School Room (located in the back-corner classroom of the building, connected to the Fellowship Hall). Both of these rooms have televisions showing the worship service. Also, please do not hesitate to ask an usher or any member if you need help locating anything. We want to make you feel welcome.

Serving the Lord and Serving Us:

Pastor: Pastor Paul Mueller

We Come into the Presence of God

MUSICAL INTRODUCTION

This is an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart and prepare for the joy of worshipping your God.

OPENING HYMN: 224, God Himself is Present



1 God him - self is pres - ent— Let us now a - dore him
2 God him - self is pres - ent— Hear the harps re - sound - ing;
3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



And with awe ap - pear be - fore him.
See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing.
Trust - ing on - ly in your mer - it.



God is in his tem - ple— All with - in keep si - lence,
“Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly”— Hear the hymn as - cend - ing,
Like the ho - ly an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore you,



Hum - bly kneel in deep - est rev - 'rence.
Songs of saints and an - gels blend - ing.
May I cease - less - ly a - dore you.

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He a - lone On his throne Is our
Bow your ear To us here: Hear, O
Let your will Ev - er still Rule your

God and Sav - ior; Praise his name for - ev - er!
Christ, the prais - es That your Church now rais - es.
church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

Text: Gerhard Tersteegen, 1697–1769. abr.; tr. Frederick W. Foster, 1760–1835, and John Miller, 1756–90, alt.
Tune: WUNDERBARER KÖNIG (668 668 33 66) Joachim Neander, 1650–80, alt.

Stand

INVOCATION

Minister: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

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M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -



ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -



ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 18:1-14

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he was sitting by the door to his tent during the heat of the day. ² Abraham looked up, and he saw three men standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and he bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, "My lord, if I have now found favor in your sight, please do not pass your servant by. ⁴ Now let me get a little water so that all of you can wash your feet and rest under the tree. ⁵ Let me get some bread so that you can refresh yourselves. After that you may go your way. That is why you have come to your servant."

They said, "Yes, do as you have said."

⁶ Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quickly prepare twenty quarts of fine flour, knead it, and make some loaves of bread." ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd, brought a good, tender calf, and gave it to the servant. He hurried to prepare it. ⁸ He took cheese curds, milk, and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them. He stood beside them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They asked him, "Where is Sarah, your wife?"

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He said, "She is over there in the tent."

¹⁰ One of the men said, "I will certainly return to you when this season comes around next year. Then Sarah your wife will have a son."

Sarah was listening to this from the tent door, which was behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well into old age. Sarah was past the age for childbearing. ¹² Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, will I have pleasure, since my lord is also old?"

¹³ The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really give birth to a child though I am old?' ¹⁴ Is anything impossible for the Lord? At the set time next year I will return to you, and Sarah will have a son."

PSALM OF THE DAY: 119A

Read Responsively

M: Blessed are they whose ways are blameless,

C: who walk according to the law of the LORD.

M: Blessed are they who keep his statutes

C: and seek him with all their heart.

M: You have laid down precepts

C: that are to be fully obeyed.

M: Oh, that my ways were steadfast

C: in obeying your decrees!

M: Then I would not be put to shame

C: when I consider all your commands.

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M: I will praise you with an upright heart

C: as I learn your righteous laws.

M: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

C: and to the Holy Spirit,

M: as it was in the beginning,

C: is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SECOND LESSON AND SERMON TEXT

Acts 8:25-36

After Peter and John had testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans.

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is an isolated area.) ²⁷ So he got up and went. And there was a man, an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, Queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship. ²⁸ He was on his way home, sitting in his chariot and reading the prophet Isaiah.

²⁹ The Spirit told Philip, "Go over there and stay close to that chariot." ³⁰ Philip ran up to it and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet.

Philip asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

³¹ The man replied, "How can I unless someone explains it to me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

³² Now the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading was this:

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He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³ In his^[a] humiliation justice was denied him.
Who will talk about his generation?
For his life is taken from the earth.

³⁴ The eunuch said to Philip, “I ask you, who is the prophet talking about—himself or someone else?” ³⁵ Then Philip began to speak. Starting with that very passage of Scripture, he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ As they were traveling along the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What is there to prevent me from being baptized?”

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. My Word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Alleluia. (*Isaiah 55:11b cf. NIV*)

Stand

GOSPEL

Luke 10:38-42

As they went on their way, Jesus came into a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who was sitting at the Lord’s feet and was listening to his word. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with all her serving. She came over and said, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her to help me.”

⁴¹ The Lord answered and told her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴² but one thing is needed. In fact, Mary has chosen that better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

HYMN OF THE DAY: 297, Baptized in Water



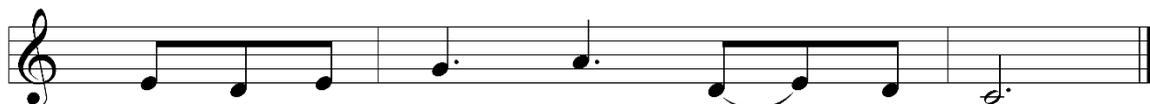
1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,
2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,
3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,



Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:
Marked with the sign of Christ our King:



Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust - ing his prom - ise,
One with his ris - ing, Freed and for - giv - en,
Born of one Fa - ther, We are his chil - dren;



Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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Tune: BUNESSAN (55 8 D) Gaelic melody, 19th century.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

TEXT: Acts 8:25-36

THEME: Why were you Baptized?

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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.**

Be Seated

OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign the friendship register found in your pew.

The members of Trinity make joyful offerings to support this church's ministry. A portion of our offerings is also used for the training of future pastors and teachers, and the worldwide mission work carried out by our fellowship, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Our guests are under no obligation to give, but any gifts freely given are welcome and will be put to work in service to God's kingdom.

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.

M: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

M: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

M: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

M: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

C: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

M: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

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Special prayers

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

Be Seated

CLOSING HYMN: 321, Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name



1 Sav - ior, a - gain to thy dear name we raise
2 Grant us thy peace up - on our home - ward way;
3 Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
4 Grant us thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,



With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise.
With thee be - gan, with thee shall end the day.
Turn thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.
Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife.



Once more we bless thee ere our wor - ship cease,
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
From harm and dan - ger keep thy peo - ple free,
Then, when thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait thy word of peace.
That in this house have called up - on thy name.
For dark and light are both a - like to thee.
Call us, O Lord, to thine e - ter - nal peace.

Text: John Ellerton, 1826–93, abr., alt.

Tune: ELLERS (10 10 10 10) Edward J. Hopkins, 1818–1901.

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Movie Night – August 13th We will be having a movie nite on **Wednesday Aug. 13th**.
Title will be determined...

Youth Group is starting up in August, with monthly meetings...

Sunday Morning Bible Study meets at 9:15 and is on “Important Chapters from the Bible. Advance copies are available if you want one. Join us!

SERMON SERIES: As you know, we’re going thru a series on ‘How a Christian ACTS out his Faith’. In case you want to look ahead at them, the next ones (with the theme behind it) are: Acts 16:25-34 (What must I DO to be Saved?), and Acts 4:8-13 (Rejected).

Wine and Word Bible Study – September 4th

The Wine and Word Bible Study is **studying the book of EXODUS** and meets at the home of Bruce and Dawn Knox. Their home is located just 5 minutes from the church in Old Bridge Estates. We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 7-8:30 pm. Those who wish can bring a bottle of wine (or other drink of choice) and a small bite appetizer. Come and join us whether you drink wine or not! Contact Dawn at 703-615-9320 or dawn.f.knox@gmail.com to RSVP.

Two Services Return September 7th

Starting on September 7th, we will return to two services. Early service at 8:30am and Later Service at 11:00, with Sunday School for all ages starting at 9:45am. Announcements for Sunday School registration coming soon!

Ushers and Usher Assistants Needed

A sign-up sheet is sent via email through Sign-up Genius. You are welcome to fill in as many Sundays as you are available. If you would like to become part of the regular rotation of ushers, or even just fill in once in a while when needed, please speak to Worship Elder Andy Lutz. If you have any questions or are not getting the emails for Sign-Up Genius, please email worship@trinityofwoodbridge.org. You can also scan this code to sign up:



Trinity's Little Free Library is one of our church's most effective tools for reaching out to our neighborhood. Many families in the area around Trinity regularly visit our LFL for books and shelf-stable food items, especially those who are experiencing food scarcity. Particularly useful are canned or boxed foods that do not require additional ingredients besides water to prepare. Books are always welcome, too, of course! If the shelves happen to be full, there is a donation bin for overflow items in the Fellowship Hall beside the door to the hallway.

Small Choir

Trinity's choir sings about once a month during worship. Anyone is welcome to join! We'll sing hymns from our hymnal, Christian Worship. If you are interested in joining, please let John or Erika Ohlendorf know.

Lord's Supper Available to All Members

If you are a confirmed member of Trinity, Pastor would be happy to commune you at home, or anywhere else you would like to meet. Just contact him at 925-337-3635 or pmjrmueller@gmail.com with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work.



What Should We Pray For?

<https://wels.net/family-devotion/fd20250730/>

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Last time, we learned that prayer helps us understand God better. This time let's talk about what kinds of things God wants us to pray about.

In the Bible, in 1 Timothy chapter 2, God tells us four kinds of prayer:

Petitions – that means asking God for help.

Prayers – these are worship-type prayers, like the Psalms.

Intercession – that means praying for others.

Thanksgiving – thanking God for the good things he gives.

So, when you pray, God wants you to: Ask. Worship. Pray for others. Say thank you.

But here's something important: God doesn't just want us to pray for anything we want. He wants us to pray for what he wants—his will.

There's a kids' book called *Anytime, Any Place, Any Prayer*. It encourages children to talk to God whenever they want—and that's true! But God also tells children in the Bible what kinds of things are best to pray about.

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Jesus says it in the Lord's Prayer: "Your will be done." And the Bible says in 1 John 5:14: "If we ask anything according to his will, he hears us."

So how do we know what God's will is? From the Bible! The more we read Scripture, the more we know what to pray.

Here's a great idea: Open your Bible, read a few verses, and then pray about what you just read. For example, in 1 Timothy 2, God says we should:

Pray for rulers and leaders

Pray for peace

Pray to live good, godly lives

Pray for more people to be saved

You can also pray through a Psalm—like the one below.

Remember, you can talk to God anytime and anywhere—but it's also great to start with what he's already told us matters most.

Questions to Consider

What are some things you like to thank God for when you pray?

How do you feel knowing that God listens when you pray?

Why do you think God wants us to pray for things he wants, not just what we want?

What does it mean to pray for leaders like presidents, mayors, or teachers? Why is that important?

How does praying Scripture (like a Psalm) help us focus on what God wants instead of just what we want?

What is one part of your life where you want to pray for God's will to be done? (Now pray for it!)

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to glorify God

by growing in His Word and by going with His Word

to Woodbridge and to the world.



Trinity Lutheran Church is part of a group of nearly 1,300 churches called the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod or WELS. The WELS is a world-wide church with congregations serving in all fifty of the United States, as well as in Mexico and Canada. The WELS also serves over 26 foreign countries through world mission work. We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the WELS as well as the members of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference, consisting of 21 confessional Lutheran church bodies throughout the world.