

11th Sunday after Pentecost August 9, 2026

Welcome

P This is the day that the Lord has made!

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it!



Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

P Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, our sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

Greeting

P 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.**

Praise Songs

Thou Art Worthy

Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy,
O Lord, to receive glory, glory and honor,
Glory and honor and pow'r.

For Thou has created, hast all things created,
Thou has created all things; and for Thy pleasure,

They are created, Thou art worthy, O Lord.

Jesus Your Name

Jesus, Your name is power, Jesus, Your name is might.
Jesus, Your name will break ev'ry stronghold,
Jesus Your name is life.

Jesus, Your name is healing, Jesus, Your name gives sight.
Jesus, Your name will free ev'ry captive,
Jesus, Your name is life.

Jesus, Your name is holy, Jesus, Your name brings light.
Jesus, Your name, above ev'ry other,
Jesus, Your name is life.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. **O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

First Reading *1 Kings 19:9-18*

While Elijah was on Mount Sinai, the Lord asked, "Elijah, why are you here?"

He answered, "Lord God All-Powerful, I've always done my best to obey you. But your people have broken their solemn promise to you. They have torn down your altars and killed all your prophets, except me. And now they are even trying to kill me!"

"Go out and stand on the mountain," the Lord replied. "I want you to be there when I pass by."

All at once, a strong wind shook the mountain and shattered the rocks. But the Lord was not in the wind. Next, there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. Then there was a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire.

Finally, there was a gentle breeze, and when Elijah heard it, he covered his face with his coat. He went out and stood at the entrance to the cave.

A voice asked, "Elijah, why are you here?"

Elijah answered, "Lord God All-Powerful, I've always done my best to obey you. But your people have broken their solemn promise to you. They have torn down your altars and killed all your prophets, except me. And now they are even trying to kill me!"

The Lord said: Elijah, you can go back to the desert near Damascus. And when you get there, appoint Hazael to be king of Syria. Then appoint Jehu son of Nimshi to be king of Israel, and Elisha son of Shaphat to take your place as my prophet.

Hazael will start killing the people who worship Baal. Jehu will kill those who escape from Hazael, and Elisha will kill those who escape from Jehu.

But 7,000 Israelites have refused to worship Baal, and they will live.

...This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85:8-13

⁸ I will listen to you, LORD God, because you promise peace to those who are faithful and no longer foolish.

⁹ **You are ready to rescue everyone who worships you, so that you will live with us in all your glory.**

¹⁰ Love and loyalty will come together; goodness and peace will unite.

¹¹ **Loyalty will sprout from the ground; justice will look down from the sky above.**

¹² Our LORD, you will bless us; our land will produce wonderful crops.

¹³ **Justice will march in front, making a path for you to follow.**

Second Reading Romans 10:5-15

Moses said a person could become acceptable to God by obeying the Law. He did this when he wrote, "If you want to live, you must do all the Law commands."

But people whose faith makes them acceptable to God will never ask, "Who will go up to heaven to bring Christ down?" Neither will they ask, "Who will go down into the world of the dead to raise him to life?"

All who are acceptable because of their faith simply say, "The message is as near as your mouth or your heart." And this is the same message we preach about faith. So you will be saved, if you honestly say, "Jesus is Lord," and if you believe with all your heart that God raised him from death. God will accept you and save you, if you truly believe this and tell it to others.

The Scriptures say no one who has faith will be disappointed, no matter if that person is a Jew or a Gentile. There is only one Lord, and he is generous to everyone who asks for his help. All who call out to the Lord will be saved.

How can people have faith in the Lord and ask him to save them, if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear, unless someone tells them? And how can anyone tell them without being sent by the Lord? The Scriptures say it is a beautiful sight to see even the feet of someone coming to preach the good news.

... *This is the Word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

Please stand as you are able

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

At once, Jesus made his disciples get into a boat and start back across the lake. But he stayed until he had sent the crowds away. Then he went up on a mountain where he could be alone and pray. Later in the evening, he was still there.

By this time the boat was a long way from the shore. It was going against the wind and was being tossed around by the waves. A little while before morning, Jesus came walking on the water toward his disciples. When they saw him, they thought he was a ghost. They were terrified and started screaming.

At once, Jesus said to them, "Don't worry! I am Jesus. Don't be afraid."

Peter replied, "Lord, if it really is you, tell me to come to you on the water." "Come on!" Jesus said. Peter then got out of the boat and started walking on the water toward him. But when Peter saw how strong the wind was, he was afraid and started sinking. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted.

At once, Jesus reached out his hand. He helped Peter up and said, "You surely don't have much faith. Why do you doubt?"

When Jesus and Peter got into the boat, the wind died down. The men in the boat worshiped Jesus and said, "You really are the Son of God!"

...The Gospel of the Lord.

(sung) **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Youth Time

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on nothing less than
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.
Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

The Apostles' Creed

A Let us profess our faith through the words of the Apostles Creed.

C 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 to the dead. 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 catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

A With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the servants of your gospel in every place, that your word may be heard. Where your voice is scorned and your people persecuted, strengthen the church in its faithful witness.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For this world you have created, that all life may flourish. Preserve biodiversity in all its variety and help ecosystems to survive the extremes of a changing climate. Move our hearts with compassion to join in this work.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For leaders of towns, states, nations, and organizations, and all who are in positions of authority, that they lead with justice and integrity. Teach us to respond with Christlike mercy to all who are afraid or in danger.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all who struggle amid the storms of life, that they find peace and hope in your loving presence. Comfort any who are lonely and grieving and all who suffer.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those impacted by war and violence, for our men and women in the armed forces, and for all first responders. We also ask for your blessing on Patrick, Pr. Fred, Glenda, and Arlen, and for those for whom we now pray, either in our hearts or aloud:

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For TOL, Augustana, Good Shepherd and Pr. Sohail's South Asian worshipping community and their ministries, that they reflect your love and life amid a turbulent world. Guide council members and other church leaders with your still, calm voice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for the faithful who have gone before us. Guide us in our earthly journey, that we may one day join them in your eternal kingdom. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

Please stand as you are able

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn (*sung*):

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray. **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.**

{P Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!}

Communion Song

Please be seated

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion: Please be seated until the usher directs your row to the communion rail. Please come to the communion rail and stand or kneel. If you do not wish to receive communion, please come for a blessing. All who share our confession that Christ is present in the Sacrament are welcome to join us at the Lord's table. White grape juice is available in the center of the communion cup tray. If you would like a gluten free wafer, please let Pastor know.

The Body of Christ given for you.

The Blood of Christ shed for you.

Post-Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray. Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

Blessing

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. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Blessed Assurance



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

Dismissal

A Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C Thanks be to God.

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Prayers and Announcements

Prayers

Welcome: We extend a very warm welcome to everyone worshiping with us today. If you are visiting, we are delighted to have you here, and we hope you enjoy your worship time here with us.

Thank you: To Charlie Schmidtke, for leading us in worship today. We look forward to your message, Charlie!

Prayer Partner Ministry: If you are in need of additional prayer, please come to the Parents' Room in the back of church following worship. Prayers are confidential. Today's prayer partner is Don Grabau.

Message from Pastor Fred and Anne:

Dear Family in Christ,

Thank you, first of all, for all your prayers. My procedure on the 4th was a success. (Now all I have to do is keep myself from raising my hands high and singing "halleluiah," and "praise ye the Lord" until I am healed!)

There are many words to describe how Anne and I are feeling a week after the celebration worship service and picnic. We are overwhelmed by the love you have shown us. We are blessed by all of you; by the people who planned, worked at, and brought food for this special day, and all who attended. It was a joy to share this day with each of you and to have you meet our family, whose stories have been in many sermons. We are grateful for the ministry we have shared during our years with Trinity Old Lutheran and Augustana. We are emotional as we read and reflect on your kind words, thoughtful cards, gifts and generosity.

Thank you for your support and good wishes. We keep everyone in our prayers as we move towards the next part of our life. Our journey together continues as family in Christ where borders do not separate us from God's love through Jesus Christ.

In Love and appreciation,

Fred and Anne

Offering: Thank you for your gifts to TOL. There is an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. If you send your offering through the US mail, please use checks only-please don't mail cash. We also have online giving through tithe.ly, which can be accessed through TOL's website (www.trinityoldlutheran) or on your smartphone.

Mission for August: The mission for August is ELCA Disaster Response: Venezuela. In the aftermath of two catastrophic earthquakes. Marked envelopes are available in the narthex, or mail your donation to the church office indicating the funds are for Disaster Relief: Venezuela. Donations can also be made through tithe.ly.

Pastoral Care: During the month of August, if you are in need of Pastoral care or assistance, please contact Pastor Johanna Andritz at 716-870-8518 or email her at jdandritz@aol.com. For any general questions, please call the church office.

Church Council Meeting at TOL: Council members, there will be an important meeting with Pr. Adam Arends here at TOL on **Tuesday, August 18 at 1 pm.**

Worship and Picnic in the Park: On **Sunday, August 30** at 10 am, enjoy spending time with families and friends from TOL, Augustana and Good Shepherd at Veteran's Park, Shelter #2, in the City of Tonawanda. There will **not** be a service at TOL that day, so we're hoping everyone will be able to come to the picnic for worship, followed by fellowship and lunch. There are sign up sheets on the main bulletin board, and carpooling from TOL will be available!

Calling all Crafters and Bakers: We need your help! On **Saturday, September 19 from 10 am -4 pm**, we will hold our 3rd Annual Craft show/Basket Raffle/Baked Goods sale. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet posted on the main bulletin board to help with the various tasks. If you have an idea for a craft, please share with us. We will have a craft night here on **Tuesday, Sept. 1 at 6:30 pm**. If you have a basket or items for a basket, or a gift card, to donate for the basket raffle, please drop them off at church.

Grief Support Meeting at TOL: For those who have experienced the death of a child or grandchild. We meet the first Tuesday of each month, next on **Tuesday, Sept. 8**. Please see Charlie or Diane Schmidtke for a Zoom link. The meetings begin at 10 am.

Adult Education Fall 2026 through Spring 2027: The classes begin at **1 pm**, in person and on Zoom. The focus will be on religious leaders, led by Charlie Schmidtke: The first two classes are as follows.

Monday, Sept. 14	Moses – Mt. Sinai / The Law
Monday, Sept. 28	Maimonides - Andalusia

Adult Retreat: Please see the article in the August Tidings about the upcoming Adult Retreat which will take place at beautiful Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center the weekend of **October 2 - 4**. There is a signup sheet on the main bulletin board.

Ken-Ton Closet and Operation Christmas Child: These are the two ministries which were identified at our last Tri-Congregational meeting as missions which our three churches will support in the months ahead. Please see page 12 of this bulletin for items needed and deadlines. There is a collection basket in the narthex for school supplies, and the Operation Christmas Child bin is in the hallway. Thank you.

Book and Puzzle Sale: Please visit our Book Sale in the Resource Library, which is the first room in the hallway near the main bulletin board. Books and puzzles are always being added and are available for a fraction of the cost at retail. No cost for the greeting cards available. Proceeds are used for church building interior improvements.

This week's calendar

<i>Please notify the Church Office of any schedule changes, member illness, prayer request, etc., so church staff can respond accordingly.</i> <i>Office hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 am–12 noon.</i>	Sun	8/9	9:30 am 11 am 3:30 pm 7 pm	Worship Service at Augustana Worship Service at TOL Abiding Faith Worship GA Meeting
	Mon	8/10	10 am 5:45 pm 6:30 pm	OA Meeting Yoga AA
	Tues	8/11	9 am 5:45 pm 7:30 pm	Sandwich Team #5 Chair Yoga CoDA
	Wed	8/12		
	Thur	8/13	9:30 am 5:45 pm 7 pm	Yoga Yoga GA Meeting
	Fri	8/14	10 am	South Asian Lutheran Community
	Sat	8/15		
	Sun	8/16	9:30 am 11 am 3:30 pm 7 pm	Worship Service at Augustana Worship Service at TOL Abiding Faith Worship GA Meeting

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Supply List for School Backpacks

Below is a list of school supplies that we are collecting for Ken-ton Closet. **We need to have donations by 8/23/2026** at the latest so they can be delivered to Ken-ton Closet on 8/25. They will use our donations to pack the backpacks.

Backpack
Crayola crayons
Crayola markers
Dry erase markers
Mechanical pencils
Pink erasers
Pencils
Pencil sharpeners
Loose leaf paper
Colored folders
Kleenex

Operation Christmas Child

One of TOL's outreach programs is packing shoeboxes for children around the world who don't receive Christmas gifts. It is an expression of God's love for children.

If you would like to join us on this mission, contact Debbie (716-946-2683) or the TOL church office (716-836-4868).

You can use your own plastic shoebox or we can provide one for you. The boxes may be filled with a variety of items that are appropriate for boys or girls, ages 2-4, 5-9, 10-14. The biggest need is for boys ages 10-14.

Some ideas are dolls, soccer balls with pump, small stuffed animals, crayons, pencils, markers, note pads, glue sticks, combs, brushes, hair bands, toothbrushes, wash cloths, and card games. Also, books, play dough, jewelry, hats, gloves, sunglasses, puzzles, jump ropes, and yo-yos.

Unacceptable items are: candy, toothpaste, food, war-related toys, liquids, glass items, and soap.

If you are able to include \$10 for shipping, that would be appreciated.

Boxes can be brought to TOL on Sunday, November 15th which is a joint Veterans service for all three churches.