

TRINITY Evangelical Lutheran Church   Glendora, Michigan - LCMS  
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
Pastor Appreciation Sunday      October 12, 2025

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN: LSB 803

INVOCATION

Pastor:        In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
People:        **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES      *Psalm 51:15, 17; 70:1*

Pastor:        O Lord, open my lips,  
People:        **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**  
Pastor:        Make haste, O God, to deliver me!  
People:        **O Lord, make haste to help me!**  
Pastor:        The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
People:        **a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION      *based on 2 Timothy 2:10*

Pastor: Because of the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, our heavenly Father will not hold our sins against us but offers forgiveness, life, and salvation to all who call on Him for mercy and grace. Let us then confess our sins to Him in confident faith.  
People: **Gracious God, You have known us before we were born, and since coming to faith we have known Your amazing grace. 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 Jesus' sake, turn us from selfish ways to walk in paths pleasing to You to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, He gave His Son to live as one of us and to die for us. As surely as Jesus was born with Moabite Ruth in His human family tree, as certainly as the Samaritan leper was saved through his faith, and as confidently as Paul assured Timothy of “the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory,” I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
People:        **Amen.**

+ SERVICE of the WORD +

PSALM              *Psalm 111*  
Pastor:        Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
People:        **in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**  
Pastor:        Great are the works of the Lord,  
People:        **studied by all who delight in them.**  
Pastor:        Full of splendor and majesty is the Lord's work,  
People:        **and His righteousness endures forever.**  
Pastor:        He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered;  
People:        **the Lord is gracious and merciful.**  
Pastor:        The Lord provides food for those who fear Him;  
People:        **He remembers His covenant forever.**  
Pastor:        The Lord has shown His people the power of His works,  
People:        **in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**  
Pastor:        The works of His hands are faithful and just;  
People:        **all His precepts are trustworthy;**  
Pastor:        they are established forever and ever,  
People:        **to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**  
Pastor:        The Lord sent redemption to His people;  
People:        **He has commanded His covenant forever.**  
**Holy and awesome is His name!**  
Pastor: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
People: **all those who practice it have a good understanding.**  
**His praise endures forever!**

KYRIE  
Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
People: **Lord, have mercy.**  
Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.  
People: **Lord, have mercy.**  
Pastor: 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.  
People: **Lord, have mercy.**  
Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.  
People: **Lord, have mercy.**  
Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, O gracious Lord.  
People: **Amen.**

**SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You showed mercy by sending Your Son to become one of us and to die for us. Grant us always to see our coming to faith in Him as the beginning of our lives, lived in communion with You in time and to eternity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Ruth 1:1–19a

*(Widowed Ruth stays with Naomi and moves to Bethlehem with her.)*

1In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. 2The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. 3But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. 4These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, 5and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

6Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the Lord had visited his people and given them food. 7So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. 8But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go, return each of you to her mother’s house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. 9The Lord grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!” Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. 10And they said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” 11But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? 12Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, 13would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the Lord has gone out against me.” 14Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

15And she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” 16But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people

shall be my people, and your God my God. 17Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.” 18And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more. 19So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL** Psalm 91:11; 103:1

**He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!**

**EPISTLE** 2 Timothy 2:1–13

*(Paul encourages Timothy to be a good soldier for Christ.)*

1You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, 2and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. 3Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 4No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. 5An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. 7Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

8Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, 9for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! 10Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. 11The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

12if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he also will deny us;

13if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**ALLELUIA and VERSE** Luke 5:15

**Alleluia. Now even more the report about Him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear Him and to be healed of their infirmities. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 17:11–19 *(Only one leper thanks Jesus for his healing.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

11On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. 12And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance 13and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” 14When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. 15Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; 16and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. 17Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? 18Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” 19And Jesus said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** LSB 524 v. 1-4

**SERMON:** *How Sweet The Name Of Jesus Sounds - 2 Timothy 2:8-10*

1. *In the ears of faithful Pastors*
2. *In the ears of faithful Followers*

All current and former called workers are asked to gather behind the piano with Pastor Fischer and Pastor Liebich - Pastors/Teachers sing/Congregation hums:

**Vs. 3 Dear Name! The Rock on which I build, my Shield and Hiding Place; My never-failing treasury filled with boundless stores of grace!**

**All: Vs. 4 O Jesus, Shepherd, Guardian, Friend, my Prophet, Priest and King, my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring!**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**THE OFFERING:** LSB 806 - Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*After each petition:*

Pastor: ... Lord, in Your mercy:

People: **hear our prayer.**

*At conclusion:*

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

**LORD’S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**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.**

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

**BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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 T give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**CLOSING HYMN:** LSB 685 – Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus