

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

**1410 Rogers St
Stevens Point, Wisconsin**

**Pastor Bruce Thorsen
Ministers: Every Baptized Member
Sunday,
Sunday October 19, 2025, 9:00 a.m.**



Trinity's Mission

Bringing God's love to the world in worship, witness, and service.

Trinity's Vision

A Christ and Scripture centered congregation.

- Mission centered congregation constantly evaluating its vision to accomplish its mission.
- A congregation whose members sense that they belong to the body of Christ and, in turn want to provide for the needs of others.

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19th Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction to the day

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

Gathering

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

****Indicates stand***

Prelude: “Breath of God” Vicky Beeching

Welcome and Announcements

***Confession and Forgiveness**

God of Grace forgive our ingratitude for the blessings we have received.

Help us live the lives we proclaim.

God of Peace forgive our impatience with the actions of our neighbor.

Help us live the lives we proclaim.

God of love forgive our intolerance toward those of other faiths or none.

Help us live the lives we proclaim.

God of mercy forgive our reluctance to offer a word of forgiveness.

Help us live the lives we proclaim.

God of hope accept our repentance as a sweet-smelling offering along with the service of our lives as we thankfully receive your forgiveness.

Amen

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church -- Ballwin, Missouri

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, **We confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through ☩ Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. **Amen.**

Gathering Song: As We Gather



1. As we ga - ther in your pre - sence now, Lord, we will wor
2. When we love our friends and fa - mi - lies, Lord, we will wor
3. In the course of ev - 'ry wor - king day, Lord, we will wor

D/F# A D G A Bm G A



- ship; as we sing our thank - ful songs a - loud; Lord, we will wor
- ship; when we give our - selves to those in need, Lord, we will wor
- ship; when our busi - ness takes us far a - way, Lord, we will wor

D G A D G



- ship. When we go out in the name of Christ, Lord, we will wor
- ship. When we take in - struc - tion cheer - ful - ly, Lord, we will wor
- ship. When we care for chil - dren in the home, Lord, we will wor

D/F# A D G A Bm G A



- ship; as your word and Spi - rit shape our lives, Lord, we will wor
- ship; when we lead with Christ's hu - mi - li - ty, Lord, we will wor
- ship; when our au - di - ence is you a - lone, Lord, we will wor

D A D



- ship. And what - e - ver we do, — in word or deed, — we do for the one
- ship.
- ship.

A Bm A D/F#



— who set — us free; — when we're on our feet — or on — our knees, —

G A Bm G A D



Lord, we will wor - ship,

Lord, we will wor - ship.

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.**

Prayer of the Day

O God, in your love you have given the people of this land gifts of abundance beyond what our forebears knew or could imagine. Mercifully grant that we may not be so occupied with material things that we forget spiritual gifts, and thus, even though we have gained the whole world, lose our souls; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading:

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 CEV

Moses said to Israel:

26 The Lord is giving you the land, and soon you will conquer it, settle down, 2 and plant crops. And when you begin harvesting each of your crops, the very first things you pick must be put in a basket. Take them to the place where the Lord your God chooses to be worshiped, 3 and tell the priest, “Long ago the Lord our God promised our ancestors that he would give us this land. And today, I thank him for keeping his promise and giving me a share of the land.”

4 The priest will take the basket and set it in front of the Lord's altar. 5 Then, standing there in front of the place of worship, you must pray:

My ancestor was homeless, an Aramean who went to live in Egypt. There were only a few in his family then, but they became great and powerful, a nation of many people.

6 The Egyptians were cruel and had no pity on us. They mistreated our people and forced us into slavery. 7 We called out for help to you, the Lord God of our ancestors. You heard our cries; you knew we were in trouble and abused. 8 Then you terrified the Egyptians with your mighty miracles and rescued us from Egypt. 9 You brought us here and gave us this land rich with milk and honey. 10 Now, Lord, I bring to you the best of the crops that you have given me.

After you say these things, place the basket in front of the Lord's altar and bow down to worship him.

11 Then you and your family must celebrate by eating a meal at the place of worship to thank the Lord your God for giving you such a good harvest. And remember to invite the Levites and the foreigners who live in your town.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 100 Please read together in unison.

1-2 On your feet now—applaud God! Bring a gift of laughter, sing yourselves into God’s presence.

3 Know this: God is God. God made us, and we belong to the creator. We are God’s people and God’s well-tended sheep.

4 Enter with the password: “Thank you!” Make yourselves at home, talking praise. Give thanks to God. Bless God’s name.

5 For God is sheer beauty, all-generous in love, loyal always and ever.

Second Reading:

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

6 The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. 9 As it is written,

“He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”

10 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, 12 for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. 13 Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others, 14 while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. 15 Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Message

***Gospel Acclamation**

Gospel:

Matthew 5:13-16

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus’ mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God’s mercy.

13 “Let me tell you why you are here. You’re here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You’ve lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage.

14-16 “Here’s another way to put it: You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I’m putting you on a light stand. Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you’ll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon:

Pastor Bruce Thorsen

***Hymn of the Day: Ancient Words**

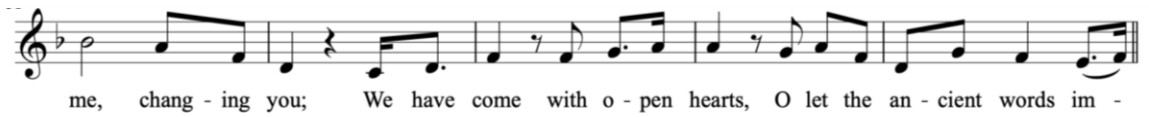
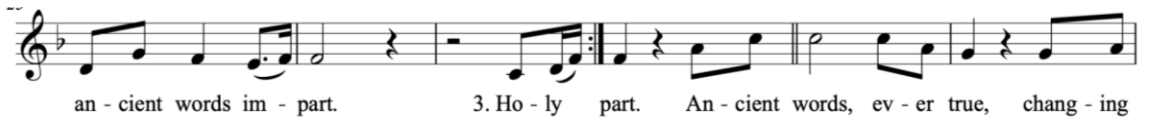
1. Ho - ly words long pre - served for our walk in this world; They re - sound

with God's own heart, O, let the an - cient words im - part; 2. Words of

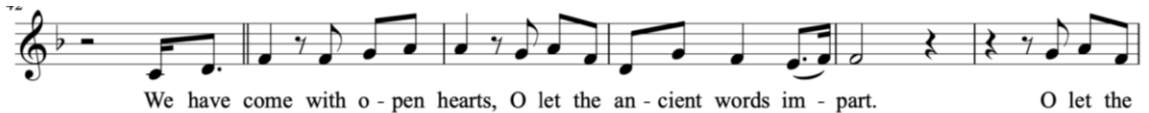
life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope; In this world
words of our faith hand - ed down to this age, came to us
blood stains each page, they have died for this faith; Hear them cry

wher - e'er we roam, an - cient words will guide us home. An - cient
through sac - ri - fice; O, heed the faith - ful words of Christ.
through the years; Heed these words and hold them dear.

words, ev - er true, chang - ing me, chang - ing you; We have come with o - pen hearts, O let the



INSTRUMENTAL



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - "We Belong to God"

We belong to God, eternal and infinite, Creator of all things and all that is to come. We follow Christ, who comes to us from God, and reveals God to us. He heals people and transforms lives and calls us to join in his ministry. He was crucified, died, and was raised again by God, and reigns over all Creation; and he bids us to die and rise with him in the service of the healing of the world.

We are moved by the Holy Spirit, together with the communion of saints, as members of the Body of Christ, God's holy universal church.

We are confident in the forgiveness of sin, the power of resurrection and the reality of eternal life. In all things it is our desire to follow Christ, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, for God's glory. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession: God of grace, receive our prayer.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Peace: The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Offering Video

Prayer Over Intention Tree

Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving. These leaves represent our sweat, they represent our lives, they represent our dreams. The intentions which we make on them are but tokens of the awesome gifts that have been given to us and they are pledged in thanksgiving for all we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become, in this place.

May they be the first fruits of all we have and not what we have left over, so that we may live out as closely as possible how you give to us. May we see them as our offering to you, sacred, holy, yet earthly, filled with possibilities. May we hold this image in our hearts and minds so as we watch our offerings each week come to your table, we can see our very selves being part of this offering, it is us on the table, living sacrifices to you. **Amen.** -The Rt. Rev. Greg Rickel

*** Offering Prayer**

Let us pray. God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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 him thanks and praise.**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord...., all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us;

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

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

Invitation to Communion

Communion Songs: Lamb of God, Living Bread and Jesus Is Here



Li - ving bread in mer - cy bro - ken,
Cup of wine, the blood of Je - sus,
Lo - ving sa - viour, bread of hea - ven,



Je - sus' bo - dy for our need;
poured out free - ly for our sin;
here you meet us with your grace;



we give thanks as we re - ceive it for this
as we drink we know for - give - ness for this
dai - ly may we know your pre - sence and a -



bread _____ is life in - deed.
cup _____ has grace wi - thin.
bide _____ in you al - ways.

G D Bm A G

Je - sus_ is here, mo - ving_ a - mong us, bring - ing_ good
 Je - sus_ is here, free - ing_ the cap - tives, break - ing_ the
 Je - sus_ is here, cal - ling_ dis - ci - ples, tea - ching the

D A F#m G Bm D

news to the poor. Je - sus_ is here, heal - ing_ the
 chains of our sin. Je - sus_ is here, rais - ing_ the
 way of the cross. Je - sus_ is here, gi - ving_ his

A G Bm A(sus4) A G

bro - ken, cal - ling_ the lost to come home. Je - sus,
 fal - len, ma - king_ the dead live a - gain.
 Spi - rit_ breath - ing_ new life in - to us.

Bm A Em G Bm A

you're the li - ving pro - mise, God has come a - mong us full of grace and truth.

F#m G Bm A Em G

Sa - viour, shin - ing in the dark - ness, re - scu - ing the help - less,

Bm A F#m F#m G Bm

ma - king all things new. You are_ ma - king all things

A F#m G Bm A

_ new. You are_ ma - king all things new.

Prayer after Communion

Sending

Blessing

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

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

Sending Song: My Lighthouse

1. In my wres - tling, and in my doubts,
2. In the si - lence, You won't let go.
3. I won't fear what to - mor - row brings.

5 E♭2 B♭ Fsus B♭ E♭2 B♭

in my fail - ures, You won't walk out. Your great love will lead me through;
In the ques - tions, Your truth will hold. Your great love will lead me through;
With each morn - ing, I'll rise and sing. My God's love will lead me through;

9 E♭2 B♭/D Fsus B♭ E♭2 B♭/D Fsus

You are the peace in my trou - bled sea, whoa oh, You are the peace in my trou - bled
You are the peace in my trou - bled sea, whoa oh, You are the peace in my trou - bled
You are the peace in my trou - bled sea, whoa oh, You are the peace in my trou - bled

13 B $\flat$ E $\flat$ 2 B $\flat$ Gm7 Fsus

sea.
sea.
sea.

My Light - house, my Light - house

18 E $\flat$ 2 B $\flat$ Gm7 Fsus E $\flat$ 2 B $\flat$

shin - ing in the dark - ness, I will fol - low You! Oh, my Light - house,

21

my Light - house, I will trust the prom - ise: You will car - ry me safe to shore,

25 F E $\flat$ 2 B $\flat$ F E $\flat$ 2 B $\flat$ F

safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to

57 B $\flat$

shore.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**