# Sunday, September 6—14th Sunday after Pentecost: Labor Day Sunday

**INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**—Labor Day is not a sacred "holiday" in the traditional sense. It arose out of the labor movement of the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries as a way of celebrating the trades and labor, as well as even organizing protests over and opposition to what was seen as the corruption and unfair labor practices of ownership and management.

Here at Trintiy, we have sought to lift up and celebrate our daily work—our home lives, as well as our working lives—as the place where we work out purpose and meaning. In Holy Baptism, each of us is called to a life of mission and ministry (not just the pastors). So our work becomes but one way we serve God by serving other people.



# vocation

how your station in life serves as a channel of God's blessings to the people around you

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**NOTES ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE & HOLY COMMUNION:** We have begun a step back toward normalcy with the return of the Lord's Supper. There will be **2 ways** to receive this morning:

 Drive Up—Immediately following this morning's broadcast, both Pastor Mike & Pastor Kari will be out on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue to distribute communion. You can come from either the north or the south.

Only Pastor Mike & Pastor Kari have handled the preparations for the meal with sanitized hands and masks on.

The elements of bread and wine will be handed to you at an arm's length, with our masks on, and having sanitized our hands immediately prior to distribution.

We will sanitize our hands again in between each vehicle.

Please keep and dispose properly of the communion cup you will be handed.

We will remain curbside for Holy Communion until about 10:30am.

• At Home—If you are unable to join us for the Drive Up Communion, <u>please make sure you have bread and wine at home or wherever you are.</u>

The bread can be bread of any kind—plain old "store bread," homemade, even crackers or anything that's bread-like.

Likewise, the wine can be either red or white, or, grapejuice.

<u>Please set aside a plate and cup—again, of any kind, from grandma's fine china to your regular, everyday dinnerware—and plan on using those and only those for the duration that we have to Holy Communion this way.</u>

Immediately following the Words of Institution at the end of the service, please serve the people with whom you living with the bread and wine, "The Body of Christ broken for you... the Blood of Christ shed for you."

If you are by yourself, receive in faith the presence of Christ in these extraordinary

circumstances, who gathers us all together by God's grace: "The Body of Christ broken for you... the Blood of Christ shed for you.

**PRELUDE –**Barb Larsen

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME**

\* BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS—FOR THOSE OF YOU WORSHIPING AT HOME, WE INVITE YOU TO SET ASIDE SMALL BOWL OF WATER TO SERVE AS YOUR BAPTISMAL FOUNT DURING THIS TIME. CHOOSE A BOWL THAT WILL "REMAIN" YOUR BOWL.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

#### C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## C Amen.

P Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Word of God tells us that if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

We pause in silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P Most Merciful God.
- C We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. But for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us. Renew us. And lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by the authority Jesus has given his Church to proclaim the forgiveness of sins, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

## C Amen

# \* OPENING HYMN | #870 "WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD"



# \* GREETING

- L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L Let us pray. (Silence is kept to gather all for prayer.)
- C O God, give us grace to set a good example to all among whom we live, to be just and true in all our dealings, to be strict and conscientious in the discharge of every duty; pure and temperate in all enjoyment, gracious and generous and courteous to all; so that the mind of Jesus Christ may be formed in us and all may know that we are his disciples; in whose name we pray. Amen.

# EQUIP

## FIRST READING—Ecclesiastes 3:9-22

R The reading comes from the Old Testament wisdom book, Ecclesiastes 3.

# C Glory to you, O Lord.

The Teacher writes: <sup>9</sup> What do workers gain from their toil? <sup>10</sup> I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. <sup>11</sup> He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. <sup>12</sup> I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live, <sup>13</sup> that each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God. <sup>14</sup> I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that people will fear him. <sup>15</sup> Whatever is has already been, and what will be has been before; and God will call the past to account.

<sup>16</sup> And I saw something else under the sun: In the place of judgment—wickedness was there, in the place of justice—wickedness was there. <sup>17</sup>I said to myself, "God will bring into judgment both the righteous and the wicked, for there will be a time for every activity, a time to judge every deed."

<sup>18</sup>I also said to myself, "As for humans, God tests them so that they may see that they are like the animals. <sup>19</sup> Surely the fate of human beings is like that of the animals; the same fate awaits them both: As one dies, so dies the other. All have the same breath; humans have no advantage over animals. Everything is meaningless. <sup>20</sup> All go to the same place; all come from dust, and to dust all return. <sup>21</sup> Who knows if the human spirit rises upward and if the spirit of the animal goes down into the earth?"

<sup>22</sup>So I saw that there is nothing better for a person than to enjoy their work, because that is their lot. For who can bring them to see what will happen after them?

This is the Word of the Lord.

## C Thanks be to God.

## **SECOND READING**—Romans 12:1-21

R The second reading comes from the New Testament, from Paul's letter to the Romans, chapter 12.

Paul writes: "I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

<sup>3</sup> For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. <sup>4</sup> For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. <sup>6</sup> We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; <sup>7</sup> if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; <sup>8</sup> if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

<sup>9</sup> Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. <sup>11</sup> Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

<sup>17</sup> Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. <sup>19</sup> Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord (Deut. 32:35). <sup>20</sup> On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head" (Prov. 25:21-22). <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

This is the Word of the Lord.

#### C Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL—Matthew 5:13-16

R The Good News of Jesus according to the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 5.

## C Glory to you, O Lord.

R Jesus said, <sup>13</sup> "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

<sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

KIDS' TIME—PASTOR MIKE

SERMON—PASTOR MIKE

# \* HYMN OF THE DAY | #576 "WE ALL ARE ONE IN MISSION"



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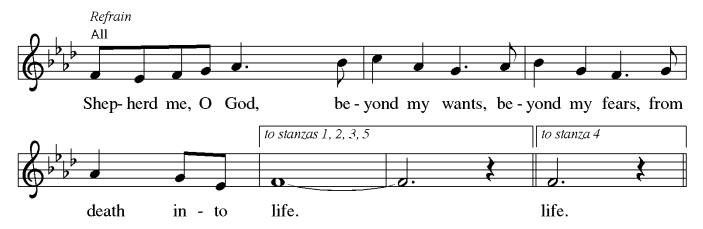
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered unde r Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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—PLEASE ADD YOUR PRAYERS TO OUR LIVEFEED COMMENTS.

AFTER EACH PETITION, ALL ARE INVITED TO SING THE REFRAIN INCLUDED HERE:



Let us pray for the Church, for the world, and each whom we know and love, according to their needs.

The prayers of the Church are offered.

The prayers are concluded with these or similar words:

Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### C Amen.

# OFFERING & SPECIAL MUSIC |

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

- P Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves; our time; and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- \* THE LORD'S SUPPER—Please see the notes at the beginning of this service for instruction for receiving communion this morning.
  - P In the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks and broke it,

and gave to all to eat saying, "Take and eat. This is my body broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same manner after the supper, Jesus took the cup and gave thanks. He gave 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."

With this bread and cup... and the bread and cups and you have assembled at home... we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the foundation of our faith:

C Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

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 For those of you who are at home: may this the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in Christ's grace, from now to life everlasting.

## C Amen.

Those communing at home are invited to serve one another: "The Body of Christ broken for you... the Blood of Christ shed for you."

## \* SENDING BLESSING

- P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C Amen.

#### \* INVITATION

P These are the gifts of God, for you the people of God. Come, for all is ready!

## C Thanks be to God!

If you are planning on communing this morning, please start making your way to the Church!

# \* CLOSING HYMN | #729 "THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, IN EVERY AGE" VS 1-3 & 5



## \* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

## C Thanks be to God!

#### **Announcements**

#### Care of Creation

The Care for Creation team will be offering regular suggestions and information about how we can be stewards of our environment. Please use the information that is helpful to you to care for what God has given us.

#### **CHOOSE ECO-FRIENDLY SUNSCREENS**

Sunscreen is non-negotiable. What kind of sunscreen we use is another matter. Experts say that mineral sunscreens (ones with titanium dioxide and zinc oxide) are generally safer choices (though not perfect because of the nanoparticles in them) from an environmental perspective than chemical sunscreens. Oxybenzone, a known chemical sunscreen ingredient is especially bad for the ocean and coral reefs (there's also no consensus on whether it's totally safe for humans either), so maybe it's better to stay clear of it.

It also helps if we shower before going into natural waters (or swimming pools for that matter), as personal care products like sunscreen, oils, leave-in conditioners wash off into the waters, build up over time and can disrupt the ecosystem.

#### **PRODUCE EXCHANGE**

OUR PRODUCE EXCHANGE HAS RESUMED!! If you have an abundance of garden produce... Or, if you're looking for great garden produce...

COME CHECK OUT THE PRODUCE EXCHANGE TABLE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS DURING BOTH OUR LIVESTREAMED AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES!!

You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it. --Psalm 65:9

#### **SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES**

Believe it or not, most of our small group Bible studies have continued even through the pandemic. Most of those have, of course, taken place via Zoom. But, since we do have guidelines in place for the return of inperson small groups,

Men's Breakfast (2nd & 4th Saturdays, 8am)—Men's Breakfast will be held on September 12th will be at the Zarn's residence 508 7th Ave S Princeton (bring your own breakfast & chair) & September 26th. If you are still not comfortable attending in-person, please let us know and we will accommadate you via zoom

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**—Each Tuesday morning at **10 - 11am** a group of anywhere from 3 to 8 men and women gather. Join us **TUESDAY**, **Sep. 8th** in the court yard and talk about the next Sunday's Scripture reading. If you are still not comfortable attending in-person, please let us know and we will accomadate you via zoom.

#### **Technology Fundraiser**

Wonderful news, with the generous gifts from many people as well as very generous gifts to the Memorial Fund directed to technology upgrades, we have reached our Phase One goal to permanently install the equipment to LiveStream all services. Thank you to everyone who has helped out.

In person worship is now happening while following the recommendations of the CDC and MN Health Department. Now we are moving into raising the funds for Phase Two.

**Phase 2** is our long-term vision for adding visual elements into worship.

This will allow us to move away from printed materials and move toward pre-recorded announcements, preaching illustrations, adding seasonal color and art, music, etc. The goal for this phase is to have it available for the Christmas season.

# Phase 2 Goal: \$15,000 Equipment Needed:

- ·2x 98" projection screens
- · 1 65" Leaders monitor
- · Mounting poles
- · Hardware and cabling

If you want to be part of making this happen, please give online or mail your gift to the Church office at 111 6th ave N. Princeton, MN 55371. Be sure to mark your gift for Technology Fund.

## Some Sunday Previews for Fall

• GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS SUNDAY OUTDOOR SERVICE —SEPTEMBER 13: Join us for our 10:30 service at Mark Park!! We will have boxed to-go lunches avaiable to all, until gone, with smoked chicken, coleslaw & chips. Please bring your own chair. "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday has been an ELCA-wide reminder that the missions and ministries of our congregations are best lived out in service to the world and communities in which we are planted. We have sent hundreds, if not thousands, of school kits to needy children across the globe. We have sent volunteers to help with routine clean-up at the Princeton Pantry. We have done roadside clean-up throughout the community. We have hosted a free hot dog stand—just 'cause! Again, the pandemic has caused us to rethink how we do "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday.

So we want to encourage you to be present and active in our community in service-oriented sorts of ways. Know a roadside that could use a little TLC? (Tender Loving Care? Or Trinity Lutheran Church?!) GO AHEAD AND DO IT. Are there other projects you can undertake in your neighborhood? At your school? <u>Go ahead and BE God's Work through YOUR Hands—AND, send us a photograph of your project so that we can celebrate and bless our efforts!</u>

- <u>BACKPACK BLESSINGS—SEPTEMBER 20:</u> School will have been going for a couple of weeks by the 20<sup>th</sup>, but we'll set aside time during our worship services (Livestream & In-person) to pray for and bless our students, teachers, and school staff. Whatever that ends up looking like, PLEASE SEND US A PHOTOGRAPH OF...
  - ...YOUR KIDS HEADING OFF TO SCHOOL OR TUNING IN FOR THE DISTANCE LEARNING; (COLLEGE KIDS TOO!!)
  - ...YOU TEACHERS & YOUR CLASSROOMS; AND/OR
  - ...YOU SCHOOL STAFF DOING YOUR THING—SUPPORT; COUNSELING; FOOD SERVICES...ANYTHING THAT IS HELPFUL TO THE TEACHING/LEARNING ENDEAVOR!

#### THE RETURN OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION—3 OPTIONS

#### 1. AT-BUT-NOT-IN YOUR HOME:

- · Pastors Mike & Kari will be in touch with youor call today to bring your Holy Communion to you in a safe, physically distant way from at least 6 feet away.
- We will be masked, for sure, and would be traveling both with cloth masks that you can have if you need as well as disposables that would be used during our time of Communion.
- · We will be travelling with sanitary, pre-filled cups of wine and wafers.
- · For your safety, we would not be entering your house. But can we meet you on your front step?

How about in a shady spot in your yard? <u>We'll be traveling with a collapsible TV tray where we can place</u> the bread and wine and step back while you receive those signs of God's loving presence with you through Jesus.

Liz will be helping the pastors by phoning you to see if she can arrange an appointment. Or, you may call ahead to arrange an appointment: Office: 763-389-2671 Pastor Mike: 763-333-4499 Pastor Kari: 701-509-3005

#### 2. DURING OUR LIVESTREAM WORSHIP:

- We want to approach this way of receiving communion under these extraordinary circumstances in a reverential and worshipful manner. We suggest that you use a plate and cup that you would set aside <u>for</u> this particular purpose throughout the current situation of the pandemic.
- Similarly, you will need to gather your own bread and wine or grape juice. Regular bread or crackers are just fine. The color of the wine or grape juice doesn't matter.
- At the end of our livestream broadcast, the Pastors will gather us through the Words of Institution that remind us of this great gift for our lives of faith, "In the night in which He was betrayed, Jesus took bread and broke it...".
- Further instruction will take place during the service. <u>But 'Holy Communion' becomes Holy Communion with the words you see and hear proclaimed to you, "The body and blood of Christ, broken FOR YOU."</u> At that point, share the bread and wine with the others in your household. Or, receive it by yourself in the faith that the Word says what it truly IS: the presence of God's love in Jesus FOR YOU.

#### 3. DRIVE-UP COMMUNION AFTER OUR LIVESTREAM WORSHIP:

- At the end of our livestream broadcast, the Pastors will gather us through the Words of Institution that remind us of this great gift for our lives of faith, "In the night in which He was betrayed, Jesus took bread and broke it...".
- As the service concludes, <u>you are invited to drive to the church where the pastors will meet you on 6th Avenue.</u> The elements will either be the sanitary pre-packed units or traditional wafers and cups prepared by the Pastors while masked and gloved.
- The pastors will remain curbside until about 10:30am.
- The elements will be handed to you in your car from an arm's-length distance. If there are others from your household with you in the vehicle, you will need to commune them by handing them their bread and wine.
- The pastors will offer a blessing for each vehicle.
- · Please keep the cup and dispose of it on your own.
- The pastors will be masked and will use hand sani between each vehicle.

<u>Prayer List</u>	Bruce Lacher	Cindy Schmatz
Members	Tad Larsen	Loren Schroeder
Dorothy Bergstrom	Del Liestman	Carol Skare
Florence Botzek	Jamie Lundberg	Matt Skarohlid
Jeri Ann Bredemus	Chellis Matz	Brenda Smith
Jim Dery	Sharon Matz	Anne Stevenson
Susan Deyle	Anikka Miller	Eric Strandberg
Katey Donais	Jean Miller	Joyce Tessmer
Dale Dunham	Emily Nelson	Prudence Tessmer & family
Marlene Foss	Ed Peterson	Ardy Tourville
Adolph Hamann	Bev Reed	Carol Warner
Marlys Hanson	Warren Reed	Chuck Warner
Phil Knapp	Dina Scandinato	Barb Wicktor

Russ Wicktor Dean Winslow Ginny Winslow

# **Family Members & Friends**

Peter Berry (Mary Berry's son) Isabella Borunda (Roger & Jan Gale's grand daughter) Diane Boser (Friend of Dan & Jean Anderson) Gene Brown (Pastor Mike's uncle) Jean Carlson (Chuck Warner's sister) Virg Carlson (Chuck & Carol Warner's brother in-law) Caitlin Christenson (Kenny & Joy Christenson's daughter in-law) David Doerfler (Pastor Mike's uncle) Rachel Fadden (friend of Ron & Judy Peterson/Jim & Jan Dery) Jan Gale's daughter Jamie Joan Gessar (Courtney Hoppe's mother in-law) Marian Grow (LaDonna Olson's sister) Shirley Heyns (Chellis Matz sister)

Dale Kannegiesser (Elaine Storck's friend) Evelyn Kinama (June Kunkel's sister in-law) Carol Kint (Ron Peterson/Jan Derv's sister) Drew Litecky (Jan Wittnebel's brother) Randall Lundgren (Debi's Pederson's nephew) Bryce Murphy (friend of Marlowe Miller) Esther Neussendorfer (Danette Scepurek's grandmother) Janice Omtvedt (Ingrid Bavier's mother) Elliott Pancoast (Pastor Mike's dad) Tracy Pidde (Princeton 3rd grade teacher) Justin Poorker ( Jim & Jan Dery grandson) Amanda Ridout (friend of the Pancoast Family) Rob Savage (Friend of the Keller family) Robin Schmidt (Jan Gerth's daughter) Andy Struthers (Maria

Barlage's brother)

Patty Thul's Sister Sheri

Stacy Turner (Marlowe & Jean Miller's daughter)
Scott Wallin (Char Kramersmeier's son)
Eric Webster (friend of the Morisset family)
Ronda Wetzel (daughter of Andrea & Ron Sandusky)

# Serving in the Military

Andrew Anderson Andrew Barthel Claire Barthel Jacob Benver Brady Beauchamp Eden Betzler Ronald Duresky Riley Forland Derek Hanson Hunter Lestrud Anthony Mandt David McCarney John McCarney Zachary Morisset Ben Noard Parker Pedersen Jaden Thimmesch