

## DIVINE SERVICE IV

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*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

*July 23, 2017*

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Ringling of the Bell

Hymn: “Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun”.....Hymn 868

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Introit (*Spoken Responsively—Psalm 92:12–13; 1*):

**P** The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God.

**C** **Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.**

**P** But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night.

**C** **He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.**

**P** Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

**C** **Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.**

**P** For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**P** The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God.

Kyrie and Gloria in Excelsis.....Page 204

Salutation and Collect of the Day (*Prayed in Unison*):

**C** Grant us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are pleasing in Your sight, that we, who without You cannot do anything that is good, may by You 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. Amen.

Old Testament Reading.....Isaiah 44:6-8

*In Isaiah's time, about 700 B.C., the prevailing philosophy was polytheism, belief in many gods. The Lord's absolute claim of absolute monotheism is an important reminder for us, in our own age, when truth is considered relative, and absolutes deemed obsolete.*

“This is what the LORD says—

Israel's King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty:

I am the first and I am the last;

apart from Me there is no God.

Who then is like Me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and lay out before Me

what has happened since I established My ancient people,

and what is yet to come—

yes, let him foretell what will come.

Do not tremble, do not be afraid.

Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago?

You are My witnesses. Is there any God besides Me?

No, there is no other Rock; I know not one.”

*After the reading:*

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual (*Spoken Responsively—Psalm 5:7, 122:1*):

**P** I, by Your great mercy, will come into Your house; in reverence I will bow down within Your holy temple.

**C** I rejoiced with those who said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

Epistle Reading .....Romans 8:18-27

*Our great privilege of Christian prayer is not only that we can come to the Lord when we know what we want, but even when we don't know what we want, when we can't decide for what we should pray.*

*Even then God the Holy Spirit converts our groans and sighs into prayers before God's throne, in accordance with His will.*

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed to us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the One who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

*After the reading:*

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse (*Please Stand*) .....Page 205

*Before the reading:*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel .....Matthew 13:24-43

*The growth of the Christian Church is like a mustard seed, and it has permeated the world like yeast in dough. Beginning with a handful of followers the Church has grown, flourished, and spread—a miracle of God! Though there are hypocrites within the visible Church, they will be weeded out on judgment day.*

Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

“The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’

“‘An enemy did this,’ he replied.

“The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

“‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches.”

He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; He did not say anything to them without using a parable. So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet:

“I will open My mouth in parables,  
I will utter things hidden  
since the creation of the world.”

Then He left the crowd and went into the house. His Disciples came to Him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

“As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will weed out of His kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

*After the reading:*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

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Hymn..... “Savior, Thy Dying Love”

- 1) Savior, Thy dying love Thou gavest me;  
Nor should I aught withhold, dear Lord, from Thee.  
In love my soul would bow, my heart fulfil its vow,  
Some offering bring Thee now, something for Thee.
- 2) Give me a faithful heart, likeness to Thee,  
That each departing day henceforth may see  
Some work of love begun, some deed of kindness done,  
Some wanderer sought and won, something for Thee.
- 3) All that I am and have, Thy gifts so free,  
In joy, in grief, through life, dear Lord, for Thee!  
And when Thy face I see, my ransomed soul shall be  
Through all eternity something for Thee.

*The Lutheran Hymnal, 403, vss. 1, 3-4*

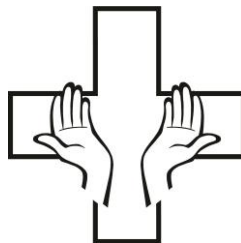
Sermon: “The Parable of the Yeast” ..... Matthew 13:33

Hymn..... “Savior, I Follow On”

- 1) Savior, I follow on, guided by Thee,  
Seeing not yet the hand that leadeth me.  
Hushed be my heart and still, fear I no further ill,  
Only to meet Thy will my will shall be.
- 2) Savior, I long to walk closer with Thee;  
Led by Thy guiding hand, ever to be  
Constantly near Thy side, quickened and purified,  
Living for Him who died freely for me. Amen.

*The Lutheran Hymnal, 422, vss. 1, 4*

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Hymn..... “Blest the Children of Our God”

1 Blest the chil - dren of our God, They are bought with  
2 They are jus - ti - fied by grace, They en - joy the  
3 They are lights up - on the earth, Chil - dren of a

Christ's own blood; They are ran - somed from the grave,  
Sav - ior's peace; All their sins are washed a - way,  
heav'n - ly birth; One with God, with Je - sus one;

Life e - ter - nal they will have:  
They will stand in God's great day: With them num - bered  
Glo - ry is in them be - gun:

may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty!

Lord's Prayer, Closing Collect, Benedicamus, and Benediction:

**P** Rejoicing in Christ's presence among us, we offer up our prayers in the words He Himself has taught us:

**C** **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** O God our Father, who in Your great wisdom has prepared for each one of us a task to do for You, grant that we may seek to know Your will, and dedicate ourselves wholly to Your service. May we never, from love of ease or any fear, turn from the path which You appoint for us, but through the grace of Your Holy Spirit steadfastly walk in Your way; for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**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.

**C** **Amen.**

Hymn: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" .....Hymn 660

*Everyone Is Invited to Stay and  
Enjoy Coffee Hour in the Overflow*

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WELCOME TO TRINITY! We pray this worship hour is a blessing for you and invite you to please come again soon. If you are a visitor please sign the Guest Register in the entry and introduce yourself to the Pastor.

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## Birthdays

<b>Sunday</b>	Lillian Kettler	Taryn Jones
<b>Monday</b>	Zachary Davis	Darrell Peckman
	Margo Rodewald	Marcie Reyelets
<b>Tuesday</b>	Shannon Fanning	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Stephanie Bivins	
<b>Thursday</b>	Matthew Barnett	Denna Jones
	Curtis Kettler	Marla Prothe
<b>Saturday</b>	Lonnie England	Barbara Herrs
	Cody Weaver	

## Anniversaries

7/26	John and Kathy Gerken	48 years
	David and Carol Wray	37 years
7/27	Phillip and Morgan Richards	15 years
7/29	Chris and Sherri Webb	28 years

## We remember in our prayers:

Damon Kettler, Sherri Webb, Darrell Peckman, Hazel Prothe, Robin Cotrell, Grant Haley, Alexis DeLuca, members and relatives serving in the armed forces including Jake Crome, Jeremy Howard, Zac Howard, Aaron Prothe, and Travis Peckman.



## TREASURER'S REPORT July 23, 2017

<b>Checking Account Balance</b>	July 15, 2017	\$ 7,219.45
Income:	Deposit	\$ 3,112.59
Expenses:	Checking	\$ (3,463.26)
Balance	July 22, 2017	\$ 6,868.78

### Attendance

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**TODAY'S WORSHIP** — *The Word of the Gospel Bestows the Righteousness of Christ and Brings Forth Faith.* The good Seed, which is “the Son of Man,” Jesus Himself (Matthew 13:37), brings forth a harvest of faith and bears good fruits in “the sons of the kingdom” (Matthew 13:38). Whatever is sown apart from His Word is of the devil, who plants the weeds of unbelief and sin, even among the people of God. Thankfully, the Lord is patient and He does not uproot the weeds, lest the plants also be destroyed. He lets “both grow together until the harvest” (Matthew 13:30) while He continues to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins. Thus, He preserves His Church in righteousness, because He alone is “the King of Israel and his Redeemer” (Isaiah 44:6). Since all things are in His gracious care and keeping, “fear not, nor be afraid” (Isaiah 44:8). For “the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God” (Romans 8:19), and in this hope we also wait with patience. Though we do not yet see it, “the Spirit helps us in our weakness” (Romans 8:26) and, in truth, “the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us” (Romans 8:18).

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** — *O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be stirred up to holiness of living here, and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**NEXT WEEK'S SERMON** — Next week's message will be "The Pearl of Great Price" based on Matthew 13:45-46. Sermons by Pastor Vogts are available in both printed and audio form on our church web site, [www.trinitylcms.org/sermons](http://www.trinitylcms.org/sermons), as podcasts in the iTunes store under "Kevin Vogts," online at [www.kevinvogts.podbean.com](http://www.kevinvogts.podbean.com), or for mobile devices at [www.kevinvogts.podbean.com/mobile](http://www.kevinvogts.podbean.com/mobile). Printed copies of today's message and those from the past several weeks are also available in a small literature rack in back of the church.

**VOTERS ASSEMBLY TODAY** — The quarterly meeting of the Voters Assembly will be held following worship *today*.



**ALL CHURCH PICNIC AUGUST 13** — Everyone is invited to enjoy an All Church Picnic sponsored by the Board of Education on Sunday, August 13. We'll have our Rally Day service at the church and then enjoy our potluck picnic and fun and games at the Shelter House. Meat and drinks will be provided; please bring a side dish and dessert. Come enjoy the fun, food, and fellowship!

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** — The new quarterly issue of the devotional booklet *Portals of Prayer* for July thru September is available in a small literature rack in the Overflow, in standard size, large print, and "digest" size (same size as *Reader's Digest*). A great way to keep close to the Lord!



**JULY TRINITY TRIBUNE** — The July issue of our church newsletter *Trinity Tribune* is available in the large literature rack in the Overflow, in both regular and large-print. Pastor Vogts' article this month is a Fourth of July message from 1853 by Dr. C. F. W. Walther, the founding President of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. It is a fascinating look at the attitude of our German immigrant ancestors toward their newly adopted American “fatherland”! Current and past issues of our newsletter are also available online on the church's website, [www.trinitylcms.org/newsletter](http://www.trinitylcms.org/newsletter). Pick up your copy of *Trinity Tribune* today!



**SNACK HOSTS NEEDED FOR AUGUST** — Everyone is invited to stay for Coffee Hour following worship today in the Overflow and enjoy the food and fellowship! Our thanks to Gayle Plummer for hosting Coffee Hour this morning. Most of August is still open! There is a sign-up sheet to host on the table with the snacks. Thanks to all those providing snacks for Coffee Hour!

**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS** - All Thrivent members be sure and check your choice dollars again as money is available to be directed to your choosing, including Trinity Lutheran Church Block.