

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

August 23, 2026



**And looking up to heaven, He
sighed and said to him,
“Ephphatha,” that is, “Be
opened.”**

(Mark 7:34)

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Many members. One body united in Christ.

Welcome to the Divine Service where the risen Christ comes into our midst to bring us the peace of His cross and empty tomb. We pray that the Lord would grant us His Holy Spirit that His Word would bear the fruits of faith in Christ and works of love toward our neighbor.

The Lord's Supper is a confession that we are united in holding to all the doctrines of God's Word. Those who do not know and hold to the doctrinal commitment of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are requested to attend the Adult Instruction Class for membership before communing at Faith Lutheran Church.

Faith Comes from Hearing

A man who was deaf and therefore also had an impediment in his speech was brought to Jesus (Mark 7:31–37). In the same way, all are by nature deaf toward God and therefore also unable to confess the faith rightly. For *“faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ”* (Rom. 10:9–17). Jesus put His fingers into the man's ears, and He spat and touched His tongue. Even so in Holy Baptism, water sanctified by the words of Jesus' mouth is applied to us; and the finger of God, that is, the life-giving Holy Spirit (2 Cor. 3:4–11) is put into our ears in the hearing of the baptismal Gospel. Jesus' sighing *“Ephphatha”* opened the man's ears, and his tongue was loosed to speak plainly as Isaiah prophesied of the Messiah, *“In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book”* (Is. 29:18–24) So also, He who sighed and breathed His last on the cross for us has given us to hear and believe in Him and has opened our lips that our mouths may declare His praise.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please remember to silence your cell phones during the Divine Service.)

The Summer is coming to a close soon and we are nearing the last opportunities to ask Pastor a question which will be answered during Family Bible Class. Please consider joining in on these thought-provoking theological and Biblical questions and responses. The “Ask Pastor” box will remain in place and from time-to-time Pastor will answer questions that are submitted.

Part of the ministry of Faith Wylie is to provide Sunday School for the children as an additional resource to parents teaching their children at home. For classes on Sunday mornings, we do need teachers and are asking anyone who has prayerfully considered teaching to volunteer. If you would like to teach, please contact our Sunday School Superintendent, Amanda Curry.

We rejoice to begin a new year of Children’s Sunday School beginning Sunday, September 13. Everyone is strongly encouraged to avail themselves of this important opportunity from God, both adults and children to grow in their understanding of God’s Word. More information to come!

Mites offering today!

Be transformed by the renewing of your mind... Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: Freedom from Shame; Christians & Anxiety; Encouraging Early Marriage & Childrearing; Mission Outreach to Indigenous Communities in Canada and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

OUR LIFE AS CHRISTIAN STEWARDS

2 Corinthians 3:5 – “Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God.” We are not sufficient, not enough, not capable in and of ourselves. But God gives us what is enough and makes us capable. This is the beginning of wisdom:

we are utterly dependent on God's mercy. Our whole Christian life flows forth from this dependence, for if we depend upon the Lord, how can we not follow His commandments and walk in His way?

UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS

SUNDAY 08/23/25	<i>The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity</i> 9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Family Bible Class
MONDAY	<i>St. Bartholomew, Apostle</i>
TUESDAY	9:30 AM – Women's Bible Study
THURSDAY	<i>Monica, Mother of Augustine</i> 9:00 AM – Men's Bible Study
FRIDAY	<i>Augustine of Hippo, Pastor and Theologian</i> 9:30 AM – Matins 10:30 AM – Confession and Absolution
SATURDAY	<i>The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist</i>
SUNDAY 08/30/25	<i>The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity</i> 9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Family Bible Class

Ushers next week: Jim Graff, Brian Hendon

Acolyte: Will Wueller

PRAYERS

- For all who serve in public safety as police officers, firefighters, and paramedics, that God would protect them, give them courage in danger, and grant them wisdom as they perform their duties, especially Josh Needman, Joshan Savage (police officers), Joe Krizan (firefighter and paramedic), and Elisabeth Handgraaf, Jonah Underwood (paramedics).
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Connor Dysart (29).
- Baptism birthdays celebrated this week: Rebekah Schwiesow (24), Samuel Dorrell (25).
- Wedding anniversaries celebrated this week: Mark and Sandra Traugott (23), James and Amanda Rose (25).

- Emma Cassanova, Ellie Pollex, and Leah Savage for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Brandon Lowery and family as he is deployed to the Middle East.
- Kaye Hartfield's father, John, who is recovering from heart surgery.
- Last week, our gracious Lord saw fit to call our brother in Christ, Ron Lane, out of this valley of sorrow and grant to Ron the crown of everlasting life. We pray that God would comfort our sister and Ron's beloved wife, Gene, and her family with the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life.
- Those who are undergoing cancer treatments: Dana Evans, Robin Wildauer, Leigh R., Sandra Zastrow, Kyle, Randy Cooper.
- Those struggling with ongoing health issues: JE Purcell, Dony Reaves, Stephanie, Tibor Kun, Diego Martinez, Joseph Horte, Will, Lance, Mary, Suzie, Julie, Dakota, Braydon, Mike Wright, Bonnie, Allan.
- Those experiencing other types of challenges: Greg Sims, Andrew Fischer, Marc Schwiesow, Kevin.

Assisting in the Divine Service Today:

Elder – James Rose Altar Duty – Robin Hauth

Organist: Rebekah Roundey

Ushers: Mitchell Hendon, David Horn Acolyte: Kyler Mallon

8/16/26 General Fund Offerings received: \$4,406.50

Restricted Fund Offerings received: \$68.00

Weekly budget needed: \$4,795.46

Budget year to date: surplus: **\$4,792.14**