

Third Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, June 13, 2021 – Traditional Service with Communion

The kingdom of God... is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest seed



that the birds of the air can perch in its shade.

and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches

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WELCOME TO ALL

Welcome to worship at Trinity Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here. Even though we are spread out and wearing masks, we are delighted to gather as one people in the name of the risen Lord Jesus, in whose power over disease and death we take hope. Please use this bulletin to participate in the liturgy and take it with you when the service is ended.

Don't forget to register each week on our website or by calling the office (717-263-8156) for the service that you wish to attend, so that we can maintain appropriate physical distancing in our sanctuary. If you are a guest or visitor worshipping with us and did not know to register for today's service, no problem; we have kept open some extra seating just in case. Simply plan to register for the service next week – and we do invite you to worship with us again!

Bathrooms are located down the hall from the side entrance to the sanctuary. Children are always welcome during worship, but if desired, there is a nursery in room 107 available for children ages birth to school age.

Ushers will dismiss worshippers at the end of the service row by row. Please wait to be dismissed, and conduct conversations and fellowship in the fresh, open air outside. We trust that as we take such precautions together, we follow our Lord's command to love our neighbor, and we help to ensure that we will be able to continue to gather for worship during the pandemic. Thank you for working with us toward that end!

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*The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds,
recalling ancient images of the tree of life.*

We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia,

but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed.

It's not the way we expect divine activity to look.

*Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather,
the tree into which we are grafted through baptism,*

the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share.

It may not appear all that impressive,

but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation responds in bold print.

Please respect the silence of those around you preparing for worship.

PRELUDE

"When Thou Art Near"

Bach

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.

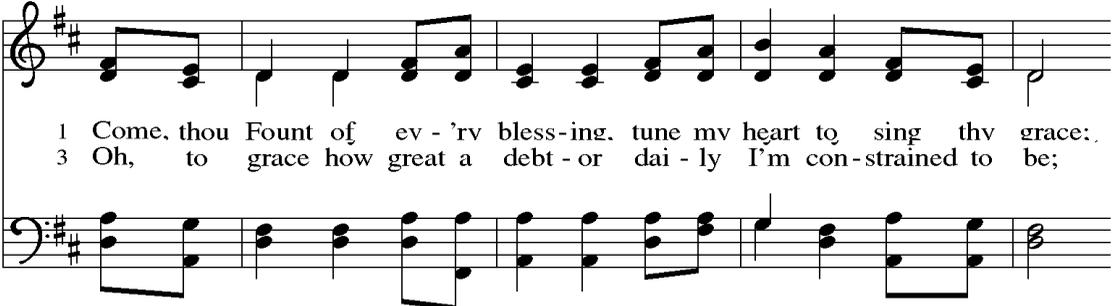
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, † the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



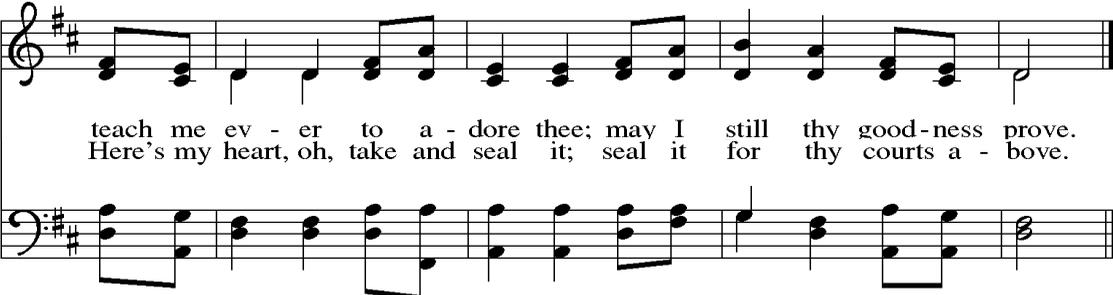
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry, fills my heart with joy and love,
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God,

**you are the tree of life,
offering shelter to all the world.**

**Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth,
that we may bear your truth and love to those in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 17:22-24

²²Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. ²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

PSALMODY

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

We will speak the Psalm responsively.

- ¹It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, O Most High;
²**to herald your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night;**
³on the psaltery, and on the lyre,
and to the melody of the harp.
⁴**For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD;
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**
¹²The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
¹³**Those who are planted in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God;**
¹⁴they shall still bear fruit in old age;
they shall be green and succulent;
¹⁵**that they may show how upright the LORD is,
my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 4th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

“New Creation”

Pastor Aaron

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Morning Has Broken”

Mier

Benton Miller; piano

Please stand as you are able.

NICENE CREED

With the ancient church,
let us confess our faith according to the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you plant the seeds of faith in every nation. Enliven your church, so that the good news of your grace may take root and grow throughout the world.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Creator, even the trees, shrubs, and flowers delight in your goodness. Protect your creation against its destruction. Make the dry tree to flourish and cause new life to spring from old. Restore growth to places suffering drought.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give thanks and pray for our worship leaders, especially our musicians, ushers, communion preparers, and lectors. We dedicate to you the joyful noise that comes from this place; the cries of children, the melody of voice and instruments, and the songs from our hearts.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Divine comforter, you show compassion to those in need and provide relief to those who call on you. Bless all who suffer, especially Jim, Anne, Dottie, Shirley, Christine, Kayla, Larry, Mary, Cameron, Ron, Cheryl, Bernice, Ayano, Bob, Kelly, Denise, Jane, William, Rick, Belva, Phyllis, Sister Frances, Sonny, Becky, Betty, Doc, Greg, Steve, Bob, Mark, Doug, and Phil.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Sovereign God, this house of worship belongs to you. Give us faith to follow your guidance into new seasons of ministry. We pray for our members: Andrea, Brian, & Caeley Etter; David & Louisa Etter; William Jr. & Margaret Etter; Robert Jr. & Frances Eyer; Debra Feldman; Mark & Elizabeth Felix; Greg, Rachel, & Rebecca Fischer; Sydney Fischer; Jared Fisher; Jason, Jacqueline, Dilynn, & Alyssa Fisher; and Lynn & Lynette Fisher.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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Eternal God, we give thanks for our ancestors in the faith who are now at home with you. We look forward to that day when we are reunited in your new creation.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

P: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.
Amen.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: 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 our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

Please be seated.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

*All baptized followers of Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table.
Communicants are ushered forward row-by-row.
Ushers will direct communicants forward from the back of the sanctuary to the front.
Please continue to wear your mask as you come forward
and simply pull it down when receiving the communion elements.
Collect an empty cup as you near the front of the sanctuary.
Wearing a sanitary glove, the pastor will drop a wafer in your hand.
After you have eaten the wafer, the communion assistant
will pour wine from the chalice into the empty cup.
After drinking the wine, please return to your seat along the side aisle.
Grape juice is available; please request that
from the communion assistant if you prefer it.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.
Amen.

All Saints Confirmation Blessing

CLOSING HYMN

ELW # 663

Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word

1 Spread, oh, spread, al - might - y Word, spread the reign of God the Lord.
2 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, who, to save our hu - man race
3 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n now to guide us on to heav'n,
4 Lord of har - vest, great and kind, rouse to ac - tion heart and mind;

Send forth our Cre - a - tor's call, heav - en's gifts ex - tend to all.
and to pay re - bel - lion's price, gave him - self as sac - ri - fice.
strong and ho - ly, just and true, work - ing both to will and do.
let the gath - ring na - tions all see your light and heed your call.

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed between the two staves of each system.

"Everything has become new!"

2 Corinthians 5:17, NRSV

SENDING

THE BENEDICTION

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
‡ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

POSTLUDE

"This Little Light of Mine"

Arr. Hayes

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Senior Pastor	<i>Pastor Aaron</i>
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	<i>10 AM</i>
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*The children's bulletins are given to the Glory of God
and in honor of Trinity's children
by Barbara Montgomery.*

*Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and
in loving memory of Charlene Sleighter,
by Don Sleighter & the Lynn Fisher family.*



LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:

Sunday, June 6, 2021

In-Person 88

Online Worship Service Views: 290

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

*"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new." – 2 Corinthians 5:17*

As we emerge from our Covid cocoons,
we are all new creations, changed in a variety of ways.
In addition to renewing existing relationships,
we can look for new ones that will help us deepen our faith walk,
challenge our biases and prejudices, and love our neighbor.

Budgeted amount needed: \$8,072.12 06/06/2021 Offering: \$9,771.50
Thank You!



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Livestream Coordinator	<i>Jason Brown</i>

Vision

"Growing in God"

Mission Statement

*"Seed - Planting and Growing in our Faith
Sow - Sharing the word of God with our community
Steward - Giving to all the love of God
Service - Showing the love of God with our community"*