

### WELCOME TO ALL

Welcome to worship at Trinity Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here. 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.

Based on revised CDC guidance, we are no longer encouraging the wearing of masks for those attending worship, regardless of vaccination status. However, if you have symptoms, have tested positive for Covid or been exposed to someone with Covid-19, we ask that you do wear a mask. Please feel free to continue wearing a mask in worship for your safety, if desired.

This guidance may change if our risk level changes.

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.

Please be aware that we are streaming our services. If you do not wish to be on camera please contact the church office.

### Eigth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 23, 2023 Traditional Service with Holy Communion

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world?

In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest.

With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering.

Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

### WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation responds in bold print.

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

**PRELUDE** 

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

Paxton

Please stand as you are able.

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\pm$  one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.** 

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Righteous God, we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ.

Amen.



### **APOSTOLIC 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

Let us pray.
Faithful God, most merciful judge,
you care for your children
with firmness and compassion.
By your Spirit
nurture us who live in your kingdom,
that we may be rooted in the way of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Please be seated.

## WORD

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 44:6-8

There are no other gods besides God: the word of the Lord does not fail to come to pass. We can trust in God, through whom Israel—and we—are redeemed.

<sup>6</sup>Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first and I am the last:

besides me there is no god.

<sup>7</sup>Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,

let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?

Let them tell us what is yet to be.

<sup>8</sup>Do not fear, or be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and declared it?

You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?

There is no other rock; I know not one.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

We will speak the Psalm responsively.

Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth. (Ps. 86:11)

<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

<sup>12</sup>I will thank you,

O Lord my God, with all my heart, and glorify your name forevermore.

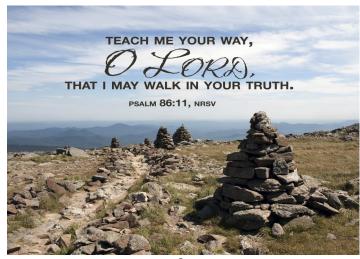
<sup>13</sup>For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the pit of death.

14The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my life; they have not set you before their eyes.

<sup>15</sup>But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

<sup>16</sup>Turn to me and have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.

<sup>17</sup>Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame; because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.



For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

<sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

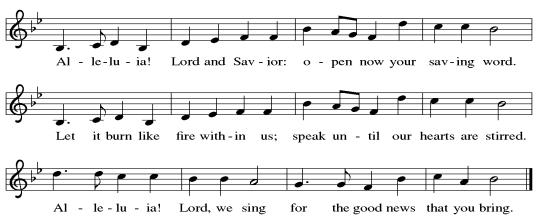
Word of God. Word of Life.

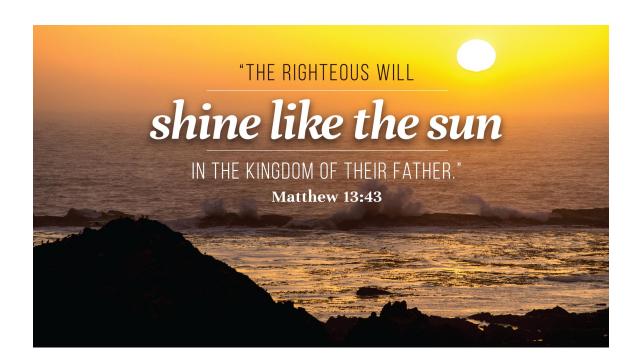
Thanks be to God!



Please stand as you are able.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**





Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;<sup>25</sup>but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup>And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' <sup>28</sup>He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' <sup>29</sup>But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

<sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." <sup>37</sup>He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup>the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup>and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

**CHILDREN'S SERMON** 

SERMON SPECIAL MUSIC

"Be Thou My Vision"
Jane & Elizabeth Sutton; Piano

Pastor Alan Wilson Irish Please stand as you are able.

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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 under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

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 INTERCESSION

Names of family & friends in prayer found on page 17.

A brief silence.

Response following each petition:

L: Hear us, O God.

R: Your mercy is great.

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you!

















### **OFFERING**

Thank you for your generous and faithful support during these extraordinary times.

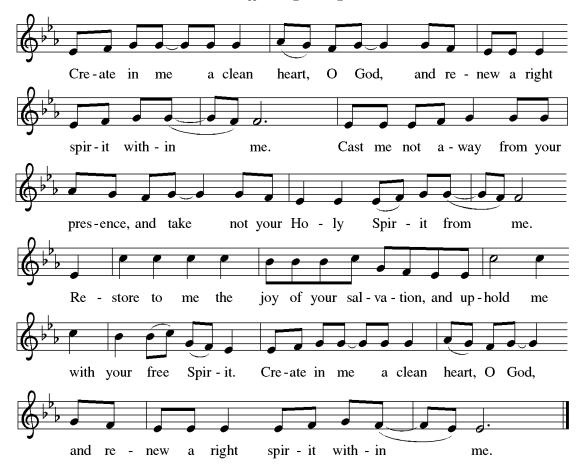
Out of an abundance of caution, we are not currently passing the collection plates.

Instead, you may place your offerings in the plates provided

by the door as you enter or exit worship.

If you prefer, Trinity offers 5 other ways to give as well: Text, Mail, Mobile, Automatic Transfer, & Online. Contact the church office for details.

# Create in Me a Clean Heart Offering Song



### MEAL

### THE 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 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

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.

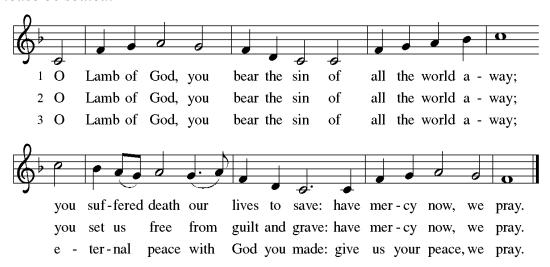


### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

### Thanks be to God.

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.

Please open your hand and the pastor will place the bread in your hand.

Once you have eaten the bread, the communion assistant will offer you a cup of wine.

Please take the cup of wine from the tray.

After drinking the wine, you may return to your seat along the side aisle. If you prefer, grape juice is available which you may request from the communion assistant.

Please stand as you are able.

# COMMUNION BLESSING THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER THE BENEDICTION

### CLOSING HYMN "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" ELW 693



### SENDING

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

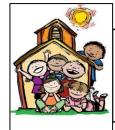
**POSTLUDE** 

"Firm in the Faith"

Lani Smith

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of my cousin, Joan Singer, by Mary Jo Frey.





The children's bulletins are given to the Glory of God, and in honor of Trinity's children by Dave and Becky Morningstar.

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE:		
Sunday, July 16, 2023:	69	
Online views:	108	

### Next week's Lessons:

1 Kings 3:5-12

Psalm 119:129-136

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52





The SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary 2023 Membership Drive

To join see your congregation representative: Sharon Emmons.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS		
Preacher /Presider	Pastor Alan Wilson	
Organist	Robert Eyer, Jr.	
Ushers	Don Lensbower	
	Dick Snurr	
Acolyte	Luke Coder	
Lector	Evan Sutton	
Communion Asst.	Heidi Hawbaker	
	Gloria McCauley	
Communion Prep	Pam Hopple	
	Herm Hopple	
Livestream Team	Jason Brown	
Nursery	Luke Coder	
	Lisa Coder	



# We Pray For

### FAMILY & FRIENDS

Doris Krieble Dale Plasterer Bill Cockley Greg Wilson Stanley Shilling Bob Kitzmiller Jean Druckenbrod Deb Hile Joseph Sharar Doug Price Martha Hoffman Ray Guldin Bernice Conner **Bob Shannon** Jean Baughman **Shirley Shilling** Sue Lensbower Deb Hutsler Diane Sterner

Thomas Clarke
Brenda Zullinger
Marlene Fisher
Mary Royce
Phyllis Dusman
Floss Sterner
Curt Stambaugh
Cheryl Kelly
Cameron

### MEMBERS

Deb Feldman

Mark & Libby Felix

Greg, Rachel, & Rebecca Fischer

Sydney Fischer

\*\*Names may be added / removed by calling the church office.

\*\*Names will normally be removed after 4 weeks.

### **OFFERING**

Total Budgeted Giving Expected as of July 16, 2023: \$22,788.47
Amount Received as of July 16: \$21,607.00
Thank You!

# TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS



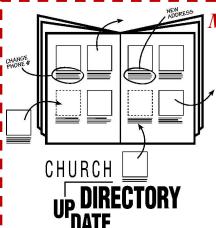
### **NEW DISCOUNT CARDS ARE HERE!**

Please see your SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary representative, Sharon Emmons to get yours at <a href="mailto:mysunni@comcast.net">mysunni@comcast.net</a> / or 717-264-3977 or stop by the church office Mon. - Thurs. 9 AM - 1 PM.

The sale benefits







### Member Directories are in the works!

We are still accepting family photos! Please email family photos to <u>office@trinitychbg.org</u>. If you are unable to email, stop by the office and have your picture taken. If you have a hard copy of a photo you'd like to use, drop it off in the office and we will scan it the computer and return it to you.

If you do NOT want your information shared, let the church office know ASAP. (Pictures are not required) Hard copies will be available at the end of July and updated every 6 months. Online versions will be updated every month and emailed or you can access the most current version on your Realm Account.

### THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

Sunday - 07/23	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages - Library Scripture & Coffee Worship - Sanctuary Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Monday - 07/24	6-7:00 PM 7-8:30 PM	Boy Troop Committee - Scout Room Boy Troop - Scout Room
Tuesday - 07/25	6:00 PM	Stamp Club - Library
Wednesday - 07/26	5:30 PM	Yoga - Library
Thursday - 07/27		National Love is Kind Day
Friday - 07/28	5:30 PM 6-8 PM 8-10 PM	Dance Works - Social Hall Cub Scouts - Scout Room Girl Troop - Scout Room
Saturday - 07/29		National Lasagna Day
Sunday - 07/30	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages - Library Scripture & Coffee Worship - Sanctuary Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Recycle Paper Day



### Calling all students in 6th grade and above!

If you're not already participating in Confirmation Classes and are ready to start this fall, please contact Ruth Cramer by the end of July at ruthcramer 102@gmail.com so we can order materials for you. There's no need to contact her if she reached out to you first and you have already responded.



**Tax Statement:** Members who need a tax statement for the fiscal year (July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023) should contact: cindy@trinitychbg.org or call the church office 717-263-8156.



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Livestream Coordinator Jason Brown

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Wallace Whitworth

#### 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"