

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 30, 2023 – Traditional Service with Holy Communion

The **Kingdom of** **Heaven**

is like a merchant in search of fine

Pearls...



Matthew 13:45, NRSV

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.

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As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation responds in bold print.

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

PRELUDE

"Glory & Grace"

Schram

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † 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.

O Day of Rest and Gladness

1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
4 New grac - es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,

O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright:
we reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.

on you the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,
We sing to you our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;

sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," to the great God tri - une.
the church its voice up - rais - es to you, blest Three in One.

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.

**Beloved and sovereign God,
through the death and resurrection of your Son
you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy.**

**By your Spirit,
give us your wisdom,
that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.**

Amen

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

1 Kings 3:5-12

*Because Solomon did not ask for long life, riches, or the defeat of his enemies,
God gave him what he asked for: wisdom to govern the people well.*

⁵At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” ⁶And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?”

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

PSALMODY

Psalm 119:129-136

We will speak the Psalm responsively.

When your word is opened, it gives light and understanding. (Ps. 119:130)

- ¹²⁹Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
- ¹³⁰**When your word is opened it gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.**
- ¹³¹I open my mouth and pant
because I long for your commandments.
- ¹³²**Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as you always do to those who love your name.**
- ¹³³Order my footsteps in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
- ¹³⁴**Rescue me from those who oppress me,
and I will keep your commandments.**
- ¹³⁵Let your face shine upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.
- ¹³⁶**My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your teaching.**



SECOND READING

Romans 8:26-39

These words celebrate the depth of God's actions for us. Through Christ's death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God's love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.

²⁶The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**SO IT WILL BE AT THE
END OF THE AGE. THE
ANGELS WILL COME OUT
AND SEPARATE THE EVIL
FROM THE RIGHTEOUS.**

M A T T H E W 1 3 : 4 9

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Bill Nienstendt

SPECIAL MUSIC

"You Are My All in All"

Jernigan

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

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

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.



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,

let us each, your love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace.
 May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
 let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.

Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
 Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
 May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

SENDING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

POSTLUDE

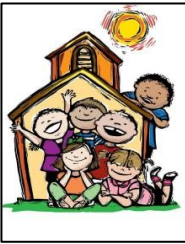
“Jubilant Ringing”

Lau

*Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God,
and in honor of Levi’s 18th Birthday,
by Matt, Heidi, and Kaitlyn Hawbaker.*



*The children’s bulletins are given to the Glory of God,
and in honor of Trinity’s children
by Merle and Emily Dentler.*



*Bulletins are sponsored by Merle and Emily Dentler
to the Glory of God and in honor of their
47th Wedding Anniversary.*



LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE:

<i>Sunday, July 23, 2023:</i>	72
<i>Online views:</i>	110

Next week’s Lessons:

- Isaiah 55: 1-5
- Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
- Romans 9:1-5
- Matthew 14:13-21



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

<i>Preacher /Presider</i>	<i>Pastor Bill Nienstedt</i>
<i>Organist</i>	<i>Barb Woods</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Greg Fischer Don Grier</i>
<i>Lector</i>	<i>Lou Lerda</i>
<i>Communion Asst.</i>	<i>Phil Lobaugh Dave Wenerd</i>
<i>Communion Prep</i>	<i>Joyce McDonald</i>
<i>Livestream Team</i>	<i>Jason Brown</i>
<i>Nursery</i>	<i>TBD</i>

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS



We Pray For

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Family & friends of
Carol Jane Wenerd

Doris Kriebel

Thomas Clarke

Dale Plasterer
Bill Cockley
Bob Kitzmiller
Joseph Sharar
Martha Hoffman
Bernice Conner
Jean Baughman
Sue Lensbower
Diane Sterner

Greg Wilson
Stanley Shilling
Deb Hile
Doug Price
Ray Guldin
Bob Shannon
Shirley Shilling
Deb Hutsler

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

Jared Fisher

Jason, Jackie, Alyssa,
& Dilynn Fisher

Lynn & Lynette
Fisher

Stephen, Tracie,
Noah & Addison
Flack

*****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 23, 2023: \$30,384.63

Amount Received as of July 23: \$ 23,197.00

Thank You!

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary \$5.00 OFF Expires 9/1/2024 <small>*These offers cannot be combined with any other discounts and excludes all alcohol purchases.</small>		KMJ Diner 10% OFF Total Order 417 E. King St. Shippensburg 717.300.3232	MAPLEWOOD 10% OFF Total Order \$2 OFF \$25.00 or More 717.532.8973 6504 Old Southern Rd. Shippensburg
B&H, Inc. 10% OFF Floral Purchase 717.762.2439 2620 Anthony Hwy. Quincy	bob 10% OFF Total Purchase BLACK & BLESH 717.504.8466 54 S. Main St. Chambersburg	LA Cameras 10% OFF 4x6 Photo Processing a Photo Gifts 1012 Wayne Ave - Chambersburg	 <h2>NEW DISCOUNT CARDS ARE HERE!</h2> <p>Please see your SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary representative, Sharon Emmons to get yours at mysunni@comcast.net / or 717-264-3977.</p> <p>The sale benefits Luther Ridge Community--residents.</p>
10% OFF Total Order Wynnsboro only 717.762.1477 11119 Buchanan Tr. E. Wynnsboro	Carotti's 10% OFF Pizzeria 717.263.9553 2626 Philadelphia Ave. Offer	PANDA BUFFET 10% OFF Dine-in Buffet Only 717.261.9893 - 1009 Wayne Ave	
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WHERE JESUS CARES FOR YOU

VBS
AUG 26
PRE-K - 5th GRADE
PLEASE REGISTER

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

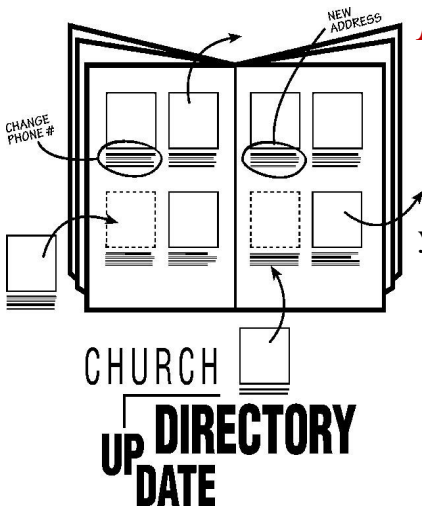
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SCAN ME



PICNIC in the PARK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023
GREENE TOWNSHIP PARK
TALK TO PAUL KESHO FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES.



Member Directories are in the works!

We are still accepting family photos!
Please email family photos to office@trinitychbg.org.
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 - 07/30	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages - Library Scripture & Coffee Worship - Sanctuary <i>Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Recycle Paper Day</i>
Monday - 07/31	7-8:30 PM 8:00 PM	Boy Troop - Scout Room Council - Lounge
Tuesday - 08/01	11:00 AM 6:00 PM	Worship Committee - Lounge Cub Scout Committee - Scout Room
Wednesday - 08/02	10:00 AM 5:30 PM	Service/Witness - Lounge Yoga - Library
Thursday - 08/03	6:00 PM	Learning - Cloud 9
Friday - 08/04	5:30-9:00 PM 6-8 PM 8-10 PM	Dance Works - Social Hall Cub Scouts - Scout Room Girl Troop - Scout Room
Saturday - 08/05		National Blogger Day
Sunday - 08/06	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages - Library Scripture & Coffee Worship - Sanctuary <i>Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>

Confirmation Class



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 ruthcramer102@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.

Meadows Frozen Custard, 1643 Lincoln Way East is sponsoring a benefit for the House of Grace on Wednesday, August 16. 25% of sales from. 5pm-8pm will donated to the House of Grace. This will be a delicious way to treat yourself & the House of Grace!





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Secretary	<i>Anne Crawford</i>
Administrative Assistant	<i>Priscilla Cullinane</i>
Treasurer	<i>Dennis Alleman</i>
Financial Secretary	<i>Cindy Scanzello</i>
Livestream Coordinator	<i>Jason Brown</i>

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Council Vice President	<i>Gloria McCauley</i>
Council Secretary	<i>Joyce McDonald</i>

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<i>Heidi Hawbaker</i>	<i>Laura Pearce</i>
<i>Sarah Voight</i>	<i>David Wenerd</i>
<i>Wallace Whitworth</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"*