

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 13, 2023 – Traditional Service with Holy Communion

"TAKE
HEART;
IT IS I.

DO NOT
BE AFRAID."

MATTHEW 14:27

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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Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation responds in bold print.

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

PRELUDE

"He Leadeth Me"

Bradbury

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.

OPENING HYMN "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" ELW 756

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y, o - cean deep its
dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

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.

**O God our defender,
storms rage around and within us
and cause us to be afraid.**

**Rescue your people from despair,
deliver your sons and daughters from fear,
and preserve us in the faith of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

Please be seated.



WORD

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:9-18

On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence - earthquake, wind, and fire - Elijah now experienced God in "sheer silence." God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.

⁹At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

PSALMODY

Psalm 85:8-13

We will speak the Psalm responsively.

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying. (Ps. 85:8)

⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn
their hearts to you.

⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³**Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

SECOND READING

Romans 10:5-15

A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts.

It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ.

This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

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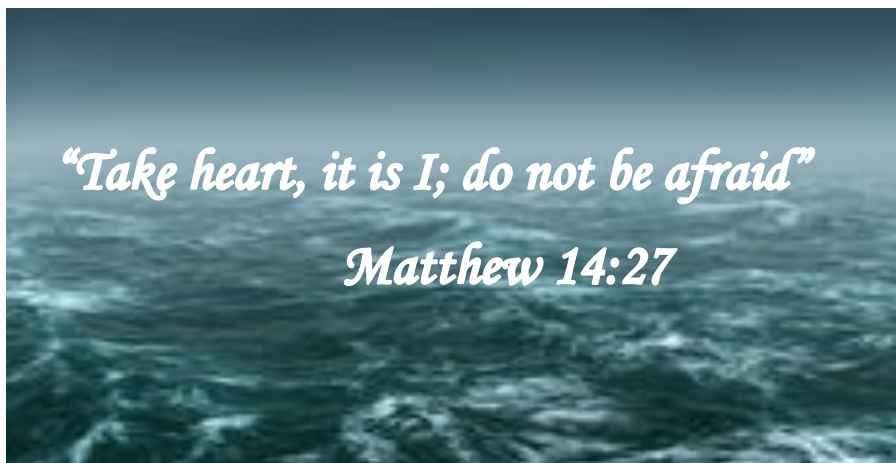
¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” Amen.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²²[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Richard Ruff

SPECIAL MUSIC

"A Clare Benediction"
Madi Ross, Soloist

John Rutter

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.

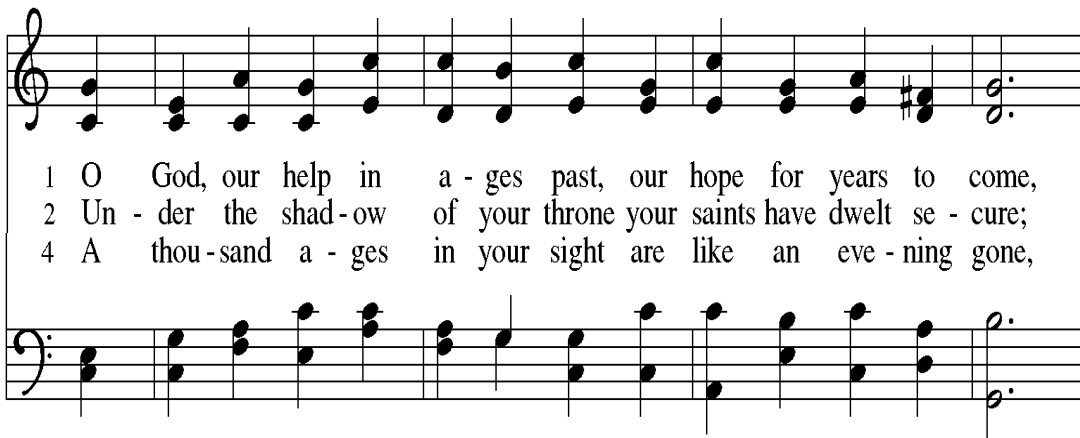
Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

SENDING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

POSTLUDE

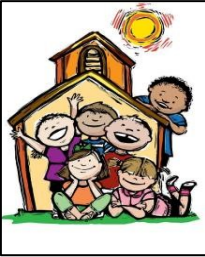
“Te Deum”

Charpentier

*Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God,
and in loving memory of my husband, Jerry
by Mary Jo Frey.*



*The children's bulletins are given to the Glory of God,
and in honor of Kerington's 13th Birthday
by Ed and Helen Wlazlowski.*



LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE:

Sunday, August 6, 2023: 79

Next week's Lessons:

- Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
- Psalm 67
- Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
- Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Preacher /Presider	<i>Pastor Richard Ruff</i>
Organist	<i>Robert Eyer, Jr.</i>
Ushers	<i>Dewey Hutsler Phil Lobaugh</i>
Acolyte	<i>Luke Coder</i>
Lector	<i>Joyce McDonald</i>
Communion Asst.	<i>Kathy Ashway Ruth Cramer</i>
Communion Prep	<i>Ed Wlazlowski Helen Wlazlowski</i>
Livestream Team	<i>Jason Brown</i>
Nursery	<i>Erich Vogel Laurie Vogel</i>

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS



We Pray For

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Linda Remson	Doris Kriebel	Thomas Clarke
Connie Renshaw	Greg Wilson	Brenda Zullinger
Bill Cockley	Stanley Shilling	Marlene Fisher
Bob Kitzmiller	Deb Hile	Mary Royce
Joseph Sharar	Doug Price	Phyllis Dusman
Martha Hoffman	Ray Guldin	Floss Sterner
Bernice Conner	Bob Shannon	Curt Stambaugh
Jean Baughman	Shirley Shilling	Cheryl Kelly
Sue Lensbower	Deb Hutsler	Cameron
Diane Sterner		

MEMBERS

Lorraine Frank	Phyllis Frank	Karen & Steve Frey	Kayla Frey
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*****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 August 6, 2023: \$53,173.11

Amount Received as of August 6: \$33,940.25

Thank You!

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS



DANCING THRU THE CIVIL WAR

Dance, Social History and Culture
 Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
 431 Philadelphia Ave, Chambersburg, PA.
Time & dates

6-7:30pm ~ Aug 29, Sept 5, 11, 19, 26, 2023

Email ~ DanzaAntiqua@embarqmail.com

Call/txt 717-414-1166 for more information

PA Rostered Artists Nancy J. Walker & Jef Savage present little known aspects of the Civil War & will teach five of the most popular dances of the era!
 The Grand March, Virginia & Cumberland Reels, Quadrille,
 Soldier's Joy, Carrilion de Dunkerque.

No previous dance experience necessary All dances are walking steps.

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.



PETS UNLEASHED
 WHERE JESUS CARES FOR YOU

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!
 TrinityLutheranChambersBURG.ORG

SCAN ME

PICNIC IN THE PARK

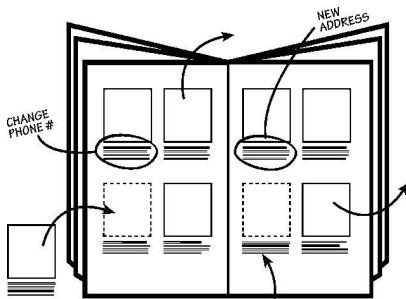
Sunday, August 27, 2023
 Following worship
 Greene Township Park
 Hamburgers, Hotdogs, & Water provided!

So we have enough for all,
 PLEASE REGISTER:
 * Scanning the QR Code,
 * Going to our website:
<https://trinitylutheranchambersburg.org/annual-church-picnic/>
 * Calling the church office @ 717-263-8156
 * Signing up on the bulletin board

Volunteers are needed.
 Please contact Paul Kolva if interested:
 717-263-9527
 ~ Donated Prizes are welcomed. ~

THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

Sunday - 08/13	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages - Library Scripture & Coffee Worship - Sanctuary <i>Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</i>
Monday - 08/14	6:00 PM 6-7:00 PM 7-8:30 PM	Bible & Brew Boy Troop Committee - Scout Room Boy Troop - Scout Room
Tuesday - 08/15		National Back to School Prep Day
Wednesday - 08/16	5:30 PM	Yoga - Library
Thursday - 08/17		Baby Boomers Recognition Day
Friday - 08/18	12:00 PM 5:30-9:00 PM 6-8 PM 8-10 PM	Newsletter Deadline Dance Works - Social Hall Cub Scouts - Scout Room Girl Troop - Scout Room
Saturday - 08/19		National Soft Ice Cream Day
Sunday - 08/20	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages - Library Scripture & Coffee Worship - Sanctuary <i>Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</i>



**CHURCH
UP DIRECTORY
DATE**

Member Directories are in!

Get yours now in the church office!

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.



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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>

TRINITY CHURCH COUNCIL

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS

<i>Kathy Ashway</i>	<i>Ray Brindle</i>
<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"*