

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 27, 2023 – Traditional Service with Holy Communion

On **THIS ROCK**
I will build **MY CHURCH**,
and the gates of hell shall
not prevail against it.

Matthew 16:18, ESV

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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In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation responds in bold print.

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

PRELUDE

"Shout To The Lord"

Zschech

Barb Woods & Babette Wenerd; Piano Duet

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

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

ELW 521

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.

**O God,
with all your faithful followers
of every age,
we praise you,
the rock of our life.**

**Be our strong foundation and form us
into the body of your Son,
that we may gladly minister to all the world,
through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

Please be seated.



WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1-6

*Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants,
so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.*

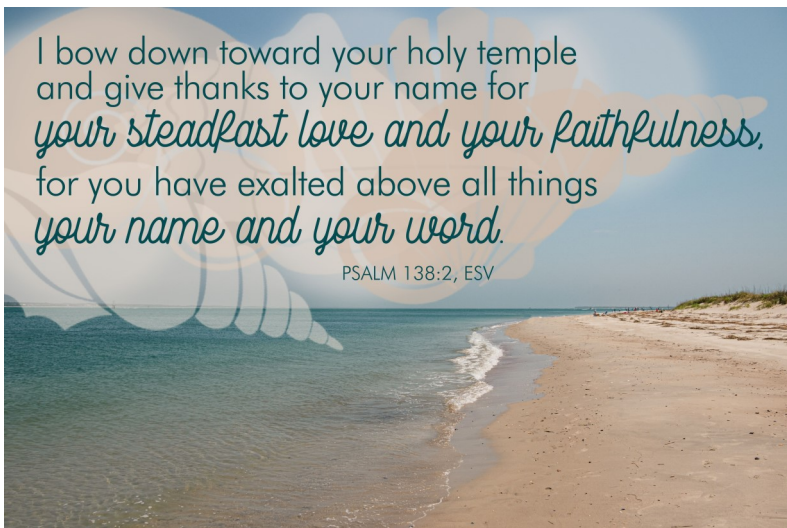
- ¹Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the LORD.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
- ²Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
- ³For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
- ⁴Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
- ⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
- ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God!

We will speak the Psalm responsively.

O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever. (Ps. 138:8)

- ¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- ²**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**
- ³When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.
- ⁴**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**
- ⁵They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- ⁶**The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**
- ⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
- ⁸**You will make good your purpose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.**



SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-8

In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God!

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

*At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry,
God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God,"
and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

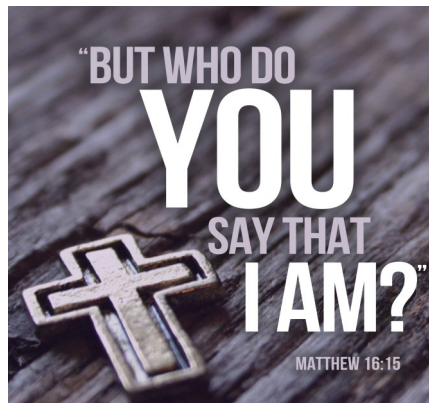
CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Alan Wilson

ANTHEM

Vacation Bible School Children



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

Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."

SENDING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

POSTLUDE

“Postlude on “Foundation” ”

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*Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God,
and in honor of Bob Kitzmiller’s 91st Birthday
by his family.*



*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, August 20, 2023: 69

Next week’s Lessons:

- Jeremiah 15:15-21
- Psalm 26:1-8
- Romans 12:9-21
- Matthew 16:21-28



CONGREGATIONAL FORUM

Sunday, September 17, 2023
Following Worship

ENDOWMENT DEADLINE

Sunday, September 24, 2023

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Preacher /Presider	Pastor Alan Wilson
Organist	Barb Woods
Ushers	Don Grier Dewey Hutsler
Acolyte	Frank Barra
Lector	Jane Sutton
Communion Asst.	Kathy Ashway Gloria McCauley
Communion Prep	Herm Hopple Pam Hopple
Livestream Team	Jason Brown
Nursery	Brenda Runshaw Ken Runshaw

**WE WILL BE
CLOSED
LABOR DAY**

Monday, September 4, 2021

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Teachers Needed

Searching for a teacher to assist Linda in the 2nd through 5th grade class.

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS



We Pray For

FAMILY & FRIENDS

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

MEMBERS

George & Nancy Glen	David, Kirsten & Connor Gniewek	Ruth & Al Good	Anne Gossen
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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 20, 2023: \$60,769.27

Amount Received as of August 20: \$62,197.25

Thank You!

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School For High Schoolers

Sunday, September 17
9:00am – Stage in the Social Hall

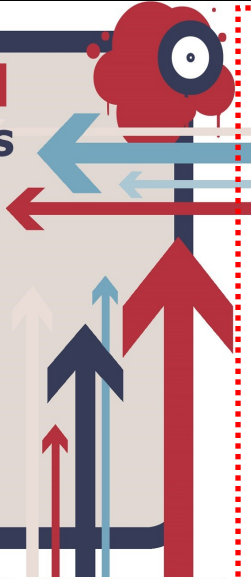
Calling All High Schoolers!

Our first service project on Sunday will be serving the Rally Day breakfast.

Have any ideas about a good name for our class? Bring yourself and your ideas to the relaunch.

Any and all of your high-school-age friends from school and/or your neighborhood are more than welcome to join us.

Questions?
Contact Wallace Whitworth at 717-446-3905 /
wallacew@outlook.com or
Erich Vogel at 240-285-5812/



Church Directory

UPDATE

Get your hardcopy in
the church office!

We are currently in the process of updating our database. If you would like to add / change your photo for September's digital download, please email photos to office@trinitychbg.org or contact the church office. Downloadable versions will be updated every month and emailed or you can access the most current version on your Realm Account.

Contact the church office for more info.



Mauí Wildfires

GIVE NOW FOR RELIEF

Make checks payable to *Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church*
On your check's memo line write: "Mauí Wildfires"
~ Place check in offering plate; mail to church; drop off in church office
~ Give online @ trinitylutheranchambersburg.org



Norma Cleaver turns **100** on
Saturday, September 2.
Let's shower her with cards to:
Mrs. Norma Cleaver
200 North Main Street, Apt. 203
Chambersburg, PA 17201



DANCING THRU THE CIVIL WAR

Dance, Social History and Culture

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

Trinity Lutheran: Social Hall

Email ~ DanzaAntiqua@embarqmail.com

Call/txt 717-414-1166

THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

Sunday - 08/27	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 NOON	Sunday School for all ages - Library Scripture & Coffee Worship - Sanctuary <i>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> Picnic in the Park - Greene Township <i>Recycle Paper Day</i>
Monday - 08/28	6:00 PM 7-8:30 PM	Bible & Brew Boy Troop - Scout Room
Tuesday - 08/29	6-7:30 PM	Civil War Dancing - Social Hall
Wednesday - 08/30	5:30 PM	Yoga - Library
Thursday - 08/31		National Zoo Awareness Day
Friday - 09/01	5:30 - 9:00 PM 6-8 PM 8-10 PM	Dance Works - Social Hall Cub Scouts - Scout Room Girl Troop - Scout Room
Saturday - 09/02		National Hummingbird Day
Sunday - 09/03	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages - Library Scripture & Coffee Worship - Sanctuary <i>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>

AUGUST SPECIAL OFFERING FOOD PANTRY & SALVATION ARMY SOUP KITCHEN

The monthly appeal for August is for the Chambersburg Food Pantry and the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen. Both funds and food are needed. Have you given anything to the Food Pantry recently? A box is located in the office for your donations.

Meadows Frozen Custard, 1643 Lincoln Way East is sponsoring a benefit for the House of Grace on Wednesday, September 13 from 5pm-8pm. 25% of sales will be donated to the House of Grace. This will be a delicious way to treat yourself & the House of Grace!





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TRINITY STAFF TO SERVE YOU

Visitation Pastor	<i>The Rev. Ruth Smith</i>
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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"*