

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
Sunday, September 10, 2023 – Traditional Service with Holy Communion

"For where two or three are  
*gathered in my name,*  
there am I among them."

MATTHEW 18:20, 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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*Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.*

## WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Congregation responds in bold print.***

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

**PRELUDE**

***"Fairest Lord Jesus"***

arr. Diane Bish

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be God,  
the one who forms us,  
✠ Jesus who bears the cross,  
The spirit who makes our joy complete.  
**Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility,  
confessing our sin.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**Steadfast and faithful God,  
you have revealed the ways of justice,  
yet we fail to follow you.  
We are overwhelmed  
by the world's violence and suffering.  
We are afraid to risk what we have  
for the sake of others.  
For the harm we have caused,  
known and unknown, forgive us.  
For the unjust demands we place on others  
and your creation, forgive us.  
For the ways we turn away  
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.  
Lead us back to you  
and set us on the right path;  
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.****

Beloved in Christ,  
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.  
God's compassion is beyond compare.  
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.  
In ✠ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.  
**Amen.**

# OPENING HYMN

# "Praise the Lord! O Heavens"

# ELW 823



1 Praise the Lord! O heav'ns, a - dore him; praise him, an - gels, in the height;  
 2 Praise the Lord, for he is gra - cious; nev - er shall his prom - ise fail.



sun and moon, re - joice be - fore him; praise him, gleam - ing stars and light.  
 God has made his saints vic - to - rious; sin and death shall not pre - vail.



Praise the Lord, for he has spo - ken; worlds his might - y voice o - beyed;  
 Praise the God of our sal - va - tion; hosts on high, his pow'r pro - claim;



laws which nev - er shall be bro - ken for their guid - ance he has made.  
 heav'n and earth, and all cre - a - tion, laud and mag - ni - fy his name!



## 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.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**O Lord God,**

**enliven and preserve your church  
with your perpetual mercy.**

**Without your help, we mortals will fail;  
remove far from us everything that is harmful,  
and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation,  
through Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

# WORD

## FIRST READING

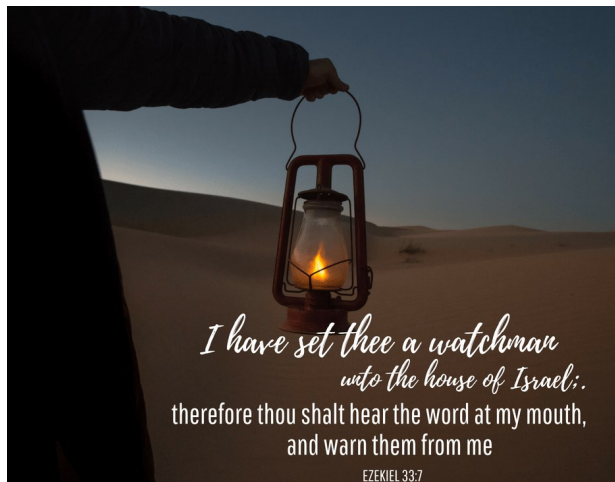
## Ezekiel 33:7-11

*God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel.  
Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people.  
Remarkably, God - who is about to attack Jerusalem - gives a warning  
with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.*

<sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

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



## PSALMODY

## Psalms 119:33-40

*We will speak the Psalm responsively.*

*I desire the path of your commandments. (Ps. 119:35)*

<sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,  
and I shall keep it to the end.

<sup>34</sup>**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;  
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

<sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of your commandments,  
for that is my desire.

<sup>36</sup>**Incline my heart to your decrees  
and not to unjust gain.**

<sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;  
give me life in your way.

<sup>38</sup>**Fulfill your promise to your servant,  
which is for those who fear you.**

<sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach that I dread,  
because your judgments are good.

<sup>40</sup>**Behold, I long for your commandments;  
by your righteousness enliven me.**



## SECOND READING

## Romans 13:8-14

*The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.*

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





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## Matthew 18:15-20

*Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals  
- and the church as a whole -  
should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.*

*The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples: <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## CHILDREN’S SERMON

### SERMON

### SPECIAL MUSIC

***“It Is Well With My Soul”***

*Alison and Hannah Ross; Vocal Duet*

Pastor Barb Barry

arr. Britt



*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:** Merciful God,

**R:** receive our prayer.

## **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

# CLOSING HYMN "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven" ELW 864

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib - ute bring,  
4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres - ence, face to face.

Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais - es sing.  
Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!  
Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

# SENDING

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

**Thanks be to God.**

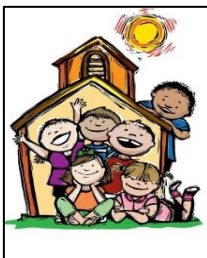
*Please be seated.*

## POSTLUDE

### "Tuba Tune"

Lang

*Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God,  
and in loving memory of my aunt, Mildred Colliflower  
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, September 3, 2023:* 66

*Online views:* 102

### Next week's Lessons:

- Genesis 50:15-21
- Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13
- Romans 14:1-12
- Matthew 18:21-35



## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

<i>Preacher /Presider</i>	<i>Pastor Barb Barry</i>
<i>Organist</i>	<i>Robert Eyer, Jr.</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Don Grier Don Lensbower</i>
<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>Luke Coder</i>
<i>Lector</i>	<i>Joyce McDonald</i>
<i>Communion Asst.</i>	<i>Luke Coder Phil Lobaugh</i>
<i>Communion Prep</i>	<i>Dave Etter Louisa Etter</i>
<i>Livestream Team</i>	<i>Jason Brown</i>
<i>Nursery</i>	<i>Lisa Coder Luke Coder</i>



Pastor Barb's first day of preaching at Trinity will be September 10<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a reception following worship. All are welcome!

**CONGREGATIONAL FORUM**  
*Sunday, September 10, 2023*  
following Welcome Reception  
in the Social Hall



# IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS



## *We Pray For*

### **FAMILY & FRIENDS**

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

### **MEMBERS**

Mike Hamilton	Barb and Bob Hardsock	Randy, Gretchen, Brock & Tara Harmon	Daniel, Jeri & Adam Hartman
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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 September 3, 2023: \$75,961.59

Thank You!

# TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Dress to a Tea Shop

This resale shop offers lightly used upscale and casual clothing/accessories for women and best of all, it supports The House of Grace.

If you have items that you would like to donate, this would be a great way to help in supporting The House of Grace.

**Location:** 17 W King St, Chambersburg

**Hours:** Tues/Thurs/Fri. 10AM - 4PM  
Wed. 10AM - 2PM  
Sat. 10AM - 1PM

**Phone:** (717) 267-0603



9 AM Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

Social Hall

The Youth will be serving a lite breakfast.

Bibles will be presented to the children.

Please join us!

All are welcome!!



## SEWING GROUP

Sept. 27, 2023 @ 11 AM

@ Helen W's home.

For more info call/email the church office.



## Maui Wildfires

**GIVE NOW FOR RELIEF**

Make checks payable to *Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church*

On your check's memo line write: *"Maui Wildfires"*

~ Place check in offering plate; mail to church; drop off in church office

~ Give online @ [trinitylutheranchambersburg.org](http://trinitylutheranchambersburg.org)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

## Teachers Needed

Searching for a teacher to assist

Linda in the 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade class.



## 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](mailto:DanzaAntiqua@embarqmail.com)**

**Call/txt 717-414-1166**

# THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

<b>Sunday - 09/10</b>	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages - Library
	9:00 AM	Scripture & Coffee
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Reception for Pastor Barb - Social Hall Congregational Forum following Reception in the Social Hall <i>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
<b>Monday - 09/11</b>	6-7:00 PM	Boy Troop Committee - Scout Room
	6:30 PM	Bible & Brew
	7-8:30 PM	Boy Troop - Scout Room
	6-7:30 PM	Civil War Dancing - Social Hall
<b>Tuesday - 09/12</b>	6:30 PM	Council - Lounge
<b>Wednesday - 09/13</b>	9:30 –11:30	PASR - Lounge
	5:30 PM	Yoga - Library
<b>Thursday - 09/14</b>	6:30-8:30 PM	Girl Scouts - Library and Scout Room
<b>Friday - 09/15</b>	5:30 - 9:00 PM	Dance Works - Social Hall
	6-8 PM	Cub Scouts - Scout Room
	8-10 PM	Girl Troop - Scout Room
<b>Saturday - 09/16</b>		National Cleanup Day
<b>Sunday - 09/17</b>	9:00 AM	Rally Day/Breakfast - Social Hall
	9:00 AM	Scripture & Coffee
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Congregational Meeting in Sanctuary and via Zoom <i>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>

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!



**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**Sunday, September 17, 2023**  
 following **Worship in Sanctuary**  
 and via **Zoom**.

**ENDOWMENT DEADLINE**  
**Sunday, September 24, 2023**






# TRINITY

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## TRINITY STAFF TO SERVE YOU

Pastor	<i>The Rev. Barbara Barry</i>
Visitation Pastor	<i>The Rev. Ruth Smith</i>
Director of Music Ministries	<i>Robert Eyer, Jr.</i>
Office Manager	<i>Christie Brown</i>
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"*