

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 17, 2023 – Traditional Service with Holy Communion



"...how often should
I forgive?"

"Not **SEVEN** times,
but, I tell you,

**SEVENTY-
SEVEN**
times."

Matthew 18:21-22, 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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In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation responds in bold print.

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

PRELUDE

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Whitworth

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 *"Awake, O Sleeper, Rise From Death"* ELW 452

1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.

so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

The musical score consists of four systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system contains the first three lines of lyrics. The second system contains the remaining lyrics. The piano accompaniment provides a steady harmonic and rhythmic foundation for the vocal line.

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.

The musical score for the Canticle of Praise consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are placed below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment features a simple, rhythmic pattern that supports the vocal melody.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**O Lord God,
merciful judge,
you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness.
Replace our hearts of stone
with hearts that love and adore you,
that we may delight in doing your will,
through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 50:15-21

After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

PSALMODY

Psalm 103:1-13

We will speak the Psalm responsively.

Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy. (Ps. 103:8)

- ¹Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
- ²**Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits**
- ³who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;
- ⁴**who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**
- ⁵who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- ⁶**O LORD, you provide vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.**
- ⁷You made known your ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.
- ⁸**LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**
- ⁹you will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger forever.
- ¹⁰**You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**
- ¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.
- ¹²**As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**
- ¹³As a father has compassion for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity.

Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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.



GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

*“Still Rolling Stones”
Sarah Voight; Soloist*

Pastor Barb Barry

Mabury

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.

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

James Druckenbrod, Donald Grier,

Philip Lobaugh, Barb Montgomery, & Brenda Runshaw

Gracious God, as you have sent messengers of compassion to your people, we send these Eucharistic ministers in your name. Empower them to serve brothers and sisters who are unable to share the sacrament with us today. Fill them with your Spirit; give them the gifts of humility, patience, gentleness, kindness, and above all, love, that through their ministry others may know the peace of your presence, and that by the body and blood of your Son they may experience the joy of your salvation.

Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN *"Savior, Again to Your Dear Name"* ELW 534

1 Sav - ior, a - gain to your dear name we raise
4 Grant us your peace through - out our earth - ly life,

with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
our balm in sor - row, and our stay in strife;

once more we bless you ere our wor - ship cease,
then, when your voice shall bid our con - flict cease,

then, low - ly bend - ing, wait your word of peace.
call us, O Lord, to your e - ter - nal peace.

SENDING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

NO POSTLUDE

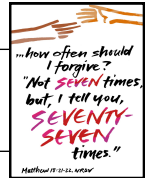
Congregational Meeting

*Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God,
and in memory of loved ones and
those who lost their lives on 9/11/2001
by Dave and Louisa Etter.*



*The children's bulletins are given to the Glory of God,
and in honor of Trinity's children and
for our granddaughter Lexee's 13th Birthday
by Merle and Emily Dentler.*

*Worship bulletins are given to the Glory of God
by Merle and Emily Dentler*



LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE:

<i>Sunday, September 10, 2023:</i>	101
<i>Online views:</i>	124

Next week's Lessons:

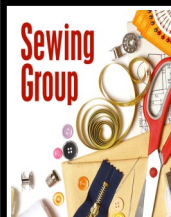
- Jonah 3:10 - 4:11
- Psalm 145:1-8
- Philippians 1:21-30
- Matthew 20:1-16



Sewing Group

SEWING GROUP

*Sept. 27, 2023 @ 11 AM
@ Helen W's home.
For more info call/email
the church office.*



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

<i>Preacher /Presider</i>	<i>Pastor Barb Barry</i>
<i>Organist</i>	<i>Robert Eyer, Jr.</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Dick Snurr Wallace Whitworth</i>
<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>Tommy Barra</i>
<i>Lector</i>	<i>Jane Sutton</i>
<i>Communion Asst.</i>	<i>Ray Brindle Barb Woods</i>
<i>Communion Prep</i>	<i>Joyce Mc Donald</i>
<i>Livestream Team</i>	<i>Jason Brown</i>
<i>Nursery</i>	<i>Linda Hins</i>

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS



We Pray For

FAMILY & FRIENDS

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

MEMBERS

Pam Hartzok	Nelissa Haslund-Schumacher	Matt & Heidi Kaitlyn & Levi Hawbaker	Rickey & Eileen Heckman
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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 10, 2023: \$91,153.91

Amount received as of September 10: \$76,228.21

Thank You!

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER OUTREACH ENVELOPES

The Cold Weather Shelter is a place for people to go over the winter months when the homeless shelter is full (which it usually is). People are given a warm meal, a bed and a chance to clean up. The Service Committee appreciates any help you can give to this month's appeal.

BOPIC (Building Our Pride In Chambersburg) is a local program supporting children; providing after school programs with care and academic help. BOPIC also operates an extensive Summer Day Camp type program, meeting at Stevens Elementary School. It includes academics, recreation, field trips, conflict resolution, education, and enrichment experiences, all with exposure to wholesome values and opportunities for productive activities.



Dine To Donate Fundraiser

The SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary invites you to dine out at the Chambersburg Applebee's located at 1050 Wayne Ave, Chambersburg on Monday, September 18th from 4:00 to 8:00PM. Applebee's will donate 20% of your total purchase amount (alcohol not included) to the Auxiliary. All proceeds support SpiriTrust Lutheran, The Village at Luther Ridge and SpiriTrust Lutheran Home Care & Hospice in Franklin County.



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.

ENDOWMENT DEADLINE

Sunday, September 24, 2023

Location: 17 W King St, Chambersburg

Hours: Tues/Thurs/Fri. 10AM - 4PM

Wed. 10AM - 2PM

Sat. 10AM - 1PM

Phone: (717) 267-0603



CPR is still being offered by the YMCA for congregation members at a discount. The church will cover the cost.

If you are interested in taking the class, please contact Evan Sutton via email @ evanjsutton@comcast.net, or phone at 717-263-7840.

THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

Sunday - 09/17	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
Monday - 09/18	7-8:30 PM	Boy Troop - Scout Room
Tuesday - 09/19	6-7:30 PM	Civil War Dancing - Social Hall
	6:30-8:30 PM	Girl Troop Committee - Scout Room
	7:00 PM	Stewardship Meeting - Lounge
Wednesday - 09/20	12:30 - 2:30 PM	Social Hall Reserved
	5:30 PM	Yoga - Library
	7:00 PM	Choir - Sanctuary
Thursday - 09/21	6:00 PM	CD Task Force Live and via Zoom NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Friday - 09/22	5:30 - 9:00 PM	Dance Works - Social Hall
	6-8 PM	Cub Scouts - Scout Room
	8-10 PM	Girl Troop - Scout Room
Saturday - 09/23		First Day of Autumn
Sunday - 09/24	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages - Social Hall
	9:00 AM	Scripture & Coffee
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
		<i>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost RECYCLE PAPER DAY ENDOWMENT REQUESTS DUE</i>



DANCING THRU THE CIVIL WAR

Dance, Social History and Culture

Time & dates: 6-7:30pm ~ Sept 19 & 26, 2023

Trinity Lutheran: Social Hall

Email ~ DanzaAntiqua@embarqmail.com

Call/txt 717-414-1166






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

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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"*