

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 8, 2024 – Traditional Service with Holy Communion

Released!

Mark 7: 24 - 37



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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James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation responds in bold print.

Please use the Chapel beside the office if you desire silent prayer before worship.

PRELUDE

"I Woke Up This Morning"

Kidwell
African-American Spiritual

GATHERING

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.**

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in
 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my
 4 By thee my prayers ac - cep - tance gain al -

a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
 shield and hid - ing place; my nev - er - fail - ing
 though with sin de - filed. The dev - il charg - es

heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.
 trea - sury, filled with bound - less stores of grace.
 me in vain, and I am owned a child.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.
 Music: ST. PETER, Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799–1877

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.

Gracious God,

throughout the ages

**you transform sickness into
health and death into life.**

**Open us to the power
of your presence,**

and make us a people ready

to proclaim your promises

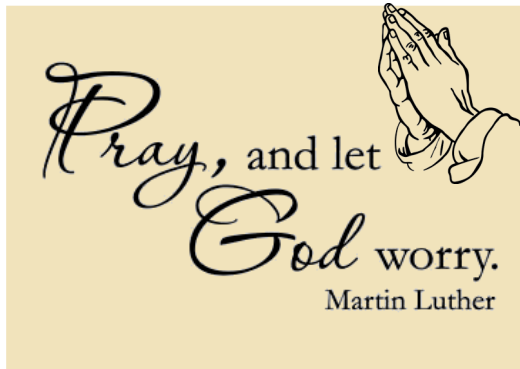
to the whole world,

through Jesus Christ,

our healer and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.



WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:4-7a

These verses are a word of hope to the exiles in Babylon. Isaiah 34 portrays God's vengeance on Edom, Israel's age-old enemy, which makes the path from Babylon to Zion safe for the exiles' return. The desert itself will flow with water to give drink to the returning exiles.

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

PSALMODY

Psalm 146

We will speak the Psalm responsively.

I will praise the Lord as long as I live. (Ps. 146:2)

¹Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

²I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

**⁴When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

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⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**
⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
The LORD sets the captive free.
⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are
bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**
⁹The LORD cares for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
¹⁰**The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING

James 2:1-10 / 14-17

Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip service to God's will. Instead, a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

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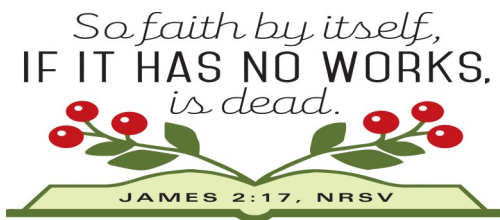
⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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.

In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophoenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 7th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go — the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Barbara Barry

MEDITATION MUSIC

"As the Deer"

Nevue

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. 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 five other ways to give as well: Text, Mail, Mobile, Automatic Transfer, and Online.

Contact the church office for details.

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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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

Pastor sings: ...and as you drink it, remember Me...



All Sing: So, we thank You for_ the wine _ and for the bread; _ For we



see the life _ You gave _ and the blood You _ shed And we re -



-mem - ber Your won- drous love, You gave Your bod - y, You shed Your



blood; And we re - mem - ber Your won - drous



love, You gave Your bod - y, You shed Your _ blood.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
we pray as Jesus taught us.

**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

Jesus welcomes you to this table.
Come, here is your God.
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

S 146

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

*God loves you! All 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 or juice from the tray.
Wine is red. Juice is white.
After drinking, you may return to your seat along the side aisle.*



Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

THE BENEDICTION

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!

Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.

join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Erneuertem Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune in F"

Wold

*Altar Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God
and, in memory of our parents, and remembering 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
by Dave and Becky Morningstar.*

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE:

<i>Sunday, September 1, 2024</i>	80
<i>Online views:</i>	90

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

<i>Preacher /Presider</i>	<i>Pastor Barbara Barry</i>
<i>Organist</i>	<i>Barb Woods</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Don Lensbower Lou Lerda</i>
<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>Alison Ross</i>
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<i>Communion Prep.</i>	<i>Don Grier</i>
<i>Livestream Team</i>	<i>Jason Brown</i>

Next week's Lessons:

September 15, 2024

- Isaiah 50:4-9a
- Psalm 116:1-9
- James 3:1-12
- Mark 8:27-38



Alive! Fall Retreat
Lutheran Community for Middle Schoolers
Friends, Games, Worship, Faith Conversation,
Campfire Camp Nawakwa, September 27-29, 2024
Registration deadline, September 9, 2024
Contact Mary Jo at mjfrey62@comcast.net to register.

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS



We Pray For

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Family and Friends of Sandy Snyder
Crystal Alleman
Pat Byers

Bonita Cockley
Greg Wilson

Laura Sponseller
Tom Woods

***Names may be added / removed by calling the church office.
**Names will normally be removed after 4 weeks.*

WEEKLY PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Shirlene Engle

Vaughn and Joyce
Erickson

Andrea and Caeley
Etter

Dave and Louisa
Etter

OFFERING

Total Budgeted Giving expected as of September 1, 2024: \$75,288.51
Amount received as of September 1: \$86,315.50
Thank You!



Rally Day Breakfast and Worship September 15th starting at 9:00 AM

Everyone is encouraged to come to the Social Hall during the Sunday School hour for a light breakfast and to hear the Youth Gathering participants share their pictures and experiences from New Orleans this past summer.

Come support the youth while you enjoy food and fellowship.

At worship that morning, Bibles will be presented to those children and youth who have progressed to a new learning experience. Students and Teachers will be blessed as we begin a new educational season.

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER OUTREACH ENVELOPES *Cold Weather Shelter & BOPIC*

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.

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.

The Service Committee appreciates any help you can give to this month's appeals.

Thank You!

The Outdoor Adventure Group (aka Ben Gay the Next Day) will be holding its previously postponed kayak outing on Sunday, September 22nd at Cowan's Gap State Park. We will meet at the amphitheater at 2 pm and decide where we will put in on the lake. Everyone is welcome. A few extra kayaks are available if you'd like to attend and don't have your own. Please let us know if you will be attending and if you'll be needing a kayak. The paddling will be followed by a bring your own meal cookout. G.R. has volunteered to man the grill. Of course if you want to bring a dish to share, that won't be turned away. If you can only attend the kayaking or just come for the food and fellowship, either way you are welcome.

For any questions and to RSVP, please contact Brenda Runshaw at 717-658-8099 or bkrunshaw@gmail.com.



NewsLetter DEADLINE

September 20th
Newsletter Deadline
for October.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Service Committee is collecting items for the LWR Relief Project for backpack supplies, personal care kits, quilts, and monies for kits and for shipping.



SEWING GROUP

September 25, 2024
at 11 AM



at Linda L's home
3250 Saint Andrews Dr.
717-267-6060

Plan to make crosses for All Saint's Day!



Everyone is invited to a Fall Hayride and Supper at Backroads Greenhouse. Enjoy farm animals, a corn maze, games, a bon fire, and farm fun! Date is October 12 at 4 p.m. Rain date is October 19 at 4 p.m. Join us for a late afternoon of church-family fun!

THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

Sunday - 9/08/24	9:00 AM 10:00 AM	<i>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Scripture and Coffee</i> <i>Worship - Sanctuary</i>
Monday - 9/09/2024 	6:00 - 8:00 PM 6:00 7:00 PM 7:00 - 8:30 PM	Bible and Brew Boy Troop Committee Meeting - Scout Room Boy Troop - Scout Room
Tuesday - 9/10/2024	6:30 PM	Council - Lounge
Wednesday - 9/11/2024	9:30 AM 5:15 PM 6:30 - 8:30 PM 7:00 PM	PASR Executive Board Meeting - Lounge Yoga - Social Hall Trinity Girl Troop - Scout Room Choir - Sanctuary
Thursday - 9/12/2024	5:00 - 8:00 PM 6:30 - 8:00 PM 7:00 - 8:30 PM	Dance Works - Social Hall Girl Scouts - Scout Room and Library Call Committee - Cloud 9
Friday - 9/13/2024 <i>Garden Group</i>	5:00 - 8:00 PM 6:00 - 8:00 PM	Dance Works - Social Hall Cub Scouts - Scout Room and Library
Saturday - 9/14/2024		<i>National Coloring Book Day!</i>
Sunday - 9/15/24 	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM	<i>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Rally Day - Breakfast in Social Hall</i> <i>Scripture and Coffee - Lounge</i> <i>Worship - Sanctuary</i> <i>Blessing of Bibles, Students, and Teachers</i>

Trinity's Garden Group is visiting Tuckey's Mountain Grown on Friday, September 13th with rain date of 9-14. Tuckeys is near Wenksville and Camp Nawakwa. Our primary interest is their several acres of cut your own dahlias. We can carpool from Trinity, leaving at 10 a.m. and arriving at the dahlia gardens about 10:45. After wandering the dahlias and cutting a few to bring home, we plan to have lunch at Camp Nawakwa with a tour of the facilities and grounds afterwards. Lunch will be provided for \$12.00 each, IF we have 10 or more persons. Please make your reservation with Phillip Lobaugh at 717-263-1126 or plobaugh@ft.newyorklife.com. All are welcome! If you have not been to Nawakwa, now is your chance to visit.

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Administrative Secretary	<i>Priscilla Cullinane</i>
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<i>Heidi Hawbaker</i>	<i>Travis Diehl</i>
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<i>Nina Wilson</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"*