



*Evangelical Lutheran  
Church of the Holy Trinity*

*The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 25, 2021*

**Welcome in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ!** If you come as a visitor today, we hope you will leave as a friend. We count it a privilege and a blessing to have you with us in worship. If you are not presently a member of any congregation, please feel welcome to gather with us around Jesus in this community of his disciples at Holy Trinity. Come and worship with us again!

**Invitation to Communion:** Holy Communion is the body and blood of Jesus Christ by which our Lord is truly present to forgive sin and bring life and salvation. All baptized Christians who believe this promise are welcome to commune. Parents with children are encouraged to come to the altar together. Children who do not yet receive communion will receive the blessing of the Church from the Pastor.

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**Gluten-free wafers are available; let Pastor know when you come forward to receive.**



God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen**

Opening Hymn

Praise and Thanksgiving

1 Praise and thanks-giv-ing, God, we would of-fer for all things  
 2 God, bless the la-bor we bring to serve you, that with our  
 3 Fa-ther, pro-vid-ing food for your chil-dren, by Wis-dom's  
 4 Then will your bless-ing reach ev-ry peo-ple, free-ly con-

liv-ing, you have made good: har-vest of sown fields, fruits of the  
 neigh-bor we may be fed. Sow-ing or till-ing, we would work  
 guid-ing teach us to share one with an-oth-er, so that, re-  
 fess-ing your gra-cious hand. Where you are reign-ing, no one will

or-chard, hay from the mown fields, blos-som and wood.  
 with you, har-vest-ing, mill-ing for dai-ly bread.  
 joic-ing with us, all oth-ers may know your care.  
 hun-ger; your love sus-tain-ing show-ers the land.

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, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Word*

First Reading

2 Kings 4:42-44

A reading from 2 Kings:

42 A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." 43 But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.' " 44 He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:10-18

*(Saturday psalm will be spoken responsively, Sunday psalm will be sung in unison.)*



10 All your works shall praise | you, O LORD,  
and your faithful | ones shall bless you.

**11 They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom  
and speak | of your power,**

12 that all people may know | of your power  
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.

**13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;  
your dominion endures through- | out all ages.  
You, LORD, are faithful in all your words,  
and loving in | all your works.**

14 The Lord upholds all | those who fall  
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.

**15 The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD,  
and you give them their food | in due season.**

16 You open | wide your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

**17 You are righteous in | all your ways  
and loving in | all your works.**

18 You are near to all who | call upon you,  
to all who call up- | on you faithfully.

A reading from Ephesians:

14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. 16 I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, 17 and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. 18 I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

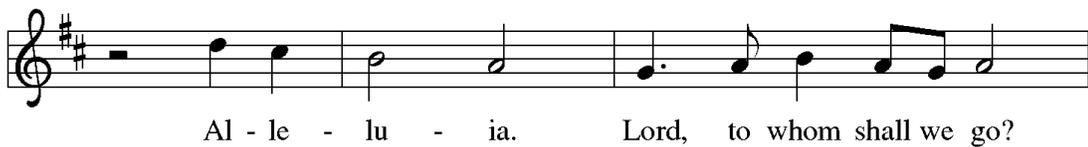
20 Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

*(Saturday acclamation will be spoken, Sunday acclamation will be sung in unison.)*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*(The reading of the Gospel.)*

1 Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. 2 A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. 3 Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. 4 Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. 5 When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" 6 He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. 7 Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." 8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 9 "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" 10 Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. 11 Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." 13 So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. 14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

15 When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

16 When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, 17 got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. 18 The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. 19 When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified.

20 But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." 21 Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day

Break Now the Bread of Life

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you  
2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you  
3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page  
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,  
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.  
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!  
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a bass clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system contains three verses of the hymn. The second system continues the lyrics, and the third system concludes the hymn with a final double bar line.

Apostles' Creed

**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

A: Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation, responding, "Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great."

*(Brief silence)*

A: We pray for the church. Bless the ministries of our neighboring congregations, including our sister Lutheran congregations in Mercer County and all communities of faith in the Greenville area. Empower churches throughout the world and encourage missionaries who accompany global neighbors. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration, that all people may know your loving works. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Michael; our pastors, worship leaders, musicians, council members and volunteers. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and come to the aid of those enduring sweltering heat. Nurture wheat and barley crops grown for the nourishment of your people and conserve aquatic habitats and fish populations. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for those who govern. Cast out arrogance, selfishness, and corruption, and instruct those who lead to practice compassion and humility. Inspire them with a vision of the common good and a commitment to ensure that all who hunger are fed. We pray for our president, Joe; our governor, Tom; and our local municipal and school leaders. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for those bowed down by heavy burdens: those who are unemployed or underemployed, those unable to find affordable housing, and those without health insurance. Console those who grieve and hear the cries of those who call to you for healing. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for this assembly. Deepen our resolve to use what we have to serve those in need. When we worry that we do not have enough resources for ministry, assure us of your abundance. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

A: We give thanks for those who have died. As you sustained them through all their days, so dwell in our hearts, that we may have the power to comprehend, with Jim and all the saints, the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

A: Are there others for whom we should pray?

P: We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## *Meal*

Music as the meal is prepared

Interlude on *Bunessan*

(Manz)

*(The assembly stands. The deacon, on behalf of the people, prays.)*

### Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you open your hand, filling our lives with all good things and renewing the face of the earth. We offer these gifts in thanksgiving for all that we have received from your bounty. Accept them for the sake of him who offered his life for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### 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.**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

You are indeed holy,  
almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty  
of your glory.

You so loved the world  
that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone  
who believes in him  
may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks  
for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things  
for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and  
ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### 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.**

### Breaking of Bread

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ.

When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

**Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you  
revealed yourself to your disciples.**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all is now ready.

### Communion of the Faithful

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*(Following the Communion the assembly stands for the blessing.)*

Music during communion

Appointed hymns

Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and preserve you unto eternal life.

**Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Sending*

Our Prayer for These Times

**O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.  
 the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed  
 our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
 em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls  
 With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
 lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us  
 Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.  
 give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Variation on *Nettleton*

(Long)

**Serving Tonight**

**Presiding Minister** . . . . . Pastor Brenda Martin

**Pianist** . . . . . Maidene Hackett

**Liturgical Deacon** . . . . . Catherine Mott

**Serving Today**

**Presiding Minister** . . . . . Pastor Brenda Martin

**Organist** . . . . . Maidene Hackett

**Liturgical Deacon** . . . . . David Lineman

**Communion Assistant** . . . . . Nancy McLaughlin

**Lector** . . . . . Bonnie Massing

**Head Usher** . . . . . Mary Beth Bradley

**Altar Guild** . . . . . Marj Stubert

Linda Oman

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**Pastors in residence:**

**The Rev. Martin Roth**, Pastor Emeritus, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

**The Rev. Julia Fraser**, chaplain at St. Paul Homes

**The Rev. Brian Riddle**, Thiel College Campus Pastor

**The Rev. Dr. Curtis Thompson**, retired, Thiel College

**Altar Flowers**

The flowers on the altar have been given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Lauren's baptismal anniversary by Doug and Debbie Faber.

## **This Week at Holy Trinity**

### **Sunday, July 25, 2021**, *Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

- 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion  
**Parish Choir Rehearsal follows liturgy**  
11:00 a.m. Youth Gathering meeting  
7:00 p.m. AA Big Book meeting

### **Tuesday, July 27, 2021**

- 9:00 a.m. Flying Quilts  
7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

### **Wednesday, July 28, 2021**

- 7:00 p.m. Weekday Communion

### **Thursday, July 29, 2021**

- 10:00 a.m. Weekday Communion  
7:00 p.m. Happy Hour

### **Saturday, July 31, 2021**

- 5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Sunday, August 1, 2021**, *Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

- 8:30 a.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion  
11:00 a.m. Reception in Trinity Hall  
7:00 p.m. AA Big Book meeting

### **Monday, August 2, 2021**

- 7:00 p.m. Property Committee

### **Tuesday, August 3, 2021**

- 7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

### **Wednesday, August 4, 2021**

- 7:00 p.m. Weekday Communion

### **Thursday, August 5, 2021**

- 10:00 a.m. Weekday Communion  
7:00 p.m. Happy Hour

### **Saturday, August 7, 2021**

- 5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion  
(with prayers for healing)

### **Celebrating Pastor Roth's Ordination Anniversary**

On August 1, in our Sunday morning worship, we will join in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the ordination of our Pastor Emeritus, the Rev. Martin Roth. Pastor Roth will be participating in our festival Eucharist on that day. Please join us as we celebrate the ministry of Pastor Roth and Sally Roth, especially in the more than two decades that Pastor Roth served as pastor of Holy Trinity. There will be a reception after worship.

### **Young People's And Women's Study Groups for Fall**

Beginning in September, there will be two new small group studies, one for young people and one for women that will meet once a month at a predetermined time.

The young people's group study will be exploring how faith speaks into their lives, using a curriculum that includes video from some of the ELCA's dynamic young leaders. This group is for people in their 20s and 30s.

The women's group will explore the Old Testament story of Ruth, and focus on 11 things from Ruth's story that every woman faces in her life. This group is for any woman over the age of 18.

We ask you to sign up for these groups so that we can have materials for everyone. Please contact Tammy in the church office, or Pastor Brenda.

### **Good Shepherd July Request**

The Good Shepherd Center is our church community social service agency that supports the needs of many in the area.

The Good Shepherd Center's request for Holy Trinity for July is personal care items and school supplies. *Please note that their primary need is for personal care items.*

### **Second Mile Giving for July - Relay for Life Hope Fest**

**What is Relay for Life Hope Fest?** Relay for Life Hope Fest is a community and volunteer based event that brings together more than 4.65 million people across the world. Together they bring hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day cancer will be eliminated. Teams gather together in a community festival format to celebrate the lives of those affected, raising valuable funds through food sales, games, and activities.

**Where does the money go?** Money raised through Relay For Life Hope Fest funds lifesaving American Cancer Society programs in cancer research, education, advocacy, and patient services. The society is the largest source of nonprofit, nongovernmental cancer research funding in the US, with more than \$431 million in grants in effect. It is also the home to numerous educational assistance and peer-support programs available to cancer patients and caregivers at no cost!

**Where you can find more information.** You can contact Holy Trinity member Barry Oman at 724-588-8556 or [lindaoman75@gmail.com](mailto:lindaoman75@gmail.com)

All Second Mile contributions received during the month of July will be given to the designated cause.

## **Please Pray For**

Permission is necessary to add a person to the prayer list. Please ask before your call the office. Thanks.

### **Health and Healing:**

Fred Junk (husband of Betty K. Junk)	Nancy (friend of Linda Armstrong)
Patty (friend of Jill Murrin)	Brenda (sister-in-law of Betty K. Junk)
Sharon (friend of Jill Murrin)	Carl Long
Cindy Gassner (cousin of Catherine Mott)	Paul Bittler
John Mott (father of Catherine Mott)	Dillon (friend of Ed Pitcher and Beth Harpst)
Jodi Lewis (friend of John and Mary Moore)	Belle (granddaughter of Linda Bateman)
Maude (friend of Betty K. Junk)	Marie (sister-in-law of Henry and Ruth Heil)
Paul (nephew of Henry and Ruth Heil)	Lori McCann
Christina (niece of Henry and Ruth Heil)	Jim Shaffer
Louise (friend of Rich and Denise Hall)	
Donnie K. (friend of Wayne and Darla Swift)	

### **Christ's comfort for those who grieve the death of:**

Jim Currie  
Helen Morgan (mother of Matt Morgan)

### **In Military Service**

Specialist (SPC) Andrew McCall, Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, Colorado (son of Mark and Jane McCall, grandson of Karen McKay and the late Jim McKay)  
Sgt. First Class Nicholas Carman, US Army, Fredericksburg, Virginia (grandson of Nancy Ullstrom)  
Admiral Richard Childs, Assistant Surgeon General of the USA (nephew of Harvey Childs)  
CDR Ryan Leary, USN, Operation Officer, 7th Fleet, Yokosuka, Japan (son of David and Judy Leary)  
Tim Ross, Navy Special Forces, (grandson of Rae Johnson, nephew of Lori McEwen)