



*Evangelical Lutheran
Church of the Holy Trinity*

*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 29, 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 Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy
 2 All praise to thee, who safe hast kept and
 3 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new. Dis -
 4 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all
 5 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and
 hast re - freshed me while I slept. Grant, Lord, when I from
 perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of
 I de - sign or do or say, that all my pow'rs, with
 God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye



joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.
 thought and will; and with thy - self my spir - it fill.
 all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.
 heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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 our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

A reading from Deuteronomy:

1 So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. 2 You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

6 You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" 7 For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? 8 And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

9 But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15

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



- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your | holy hill?
- 2 Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right,
who speak the truth | from their heart;**
- 3 they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil | to their friends;
they do not cast discredit up- | on a neighbor.
- 4 In their sight the wicked are rejected,
but they honor those who | fear the LORD.
They have sworn upon their health
and do not take | back their word.**
- 5 They do not give their money in hope of gain,
nor do they take bribes a- | gainst the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be | overthrown.

Second Reading

James 1:17-27

A reading from James:

17 Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. 18 In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

19 You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20 for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. 21 Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

22 But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. 23 For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; 24 for they look at

themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. 25 But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

26 If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. 27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

(Saturday acclamation will be spoken, Sunday verse will be sung by the Assembly.)

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

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

Gospel

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

(The reading of the Gospel.)

1 Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, 2 they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. 3 (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; 4 and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) 5 So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” 6 He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
7 in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

8 You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

14 Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: 15 there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

21 For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, 22 adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. 23 All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

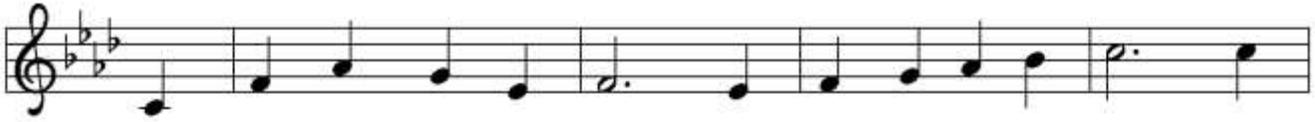
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Pastor Brenda Martin

Hymn of the Day

Restore in Us, O God



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -
4 Three - per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.
we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

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: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need, responding, "Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer."

(Brief silence)

A: We pray for the church, that it is a safe haven for all who seek your presence. Fill it with pastors, deacons, and leaders who echo your expansive and generous welcome. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Michael; our pastors, musicians, worship leaders, council members and volunteers. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: We pray for the whole of creation, that plants and animals have the habitat and resources to thrive and flourish. Inspire us to protect threatened habitats and ensure a sustainable future for generations to come. We pray for those misplaced by wildfires in the American west, for those who lack enough water, for those in the path of hurricanes and tropical storms. We pray for our farmers. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: We pray for individuals in positions of authority, especially our president, Joe; and our governor, Tom. Raise up wise and discerning leaders in federal, state, and local governments and guide them to seek the benefit of every person. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: We pray for all who are in need. Support and encourage those who are unemployed, underemployed, or experiencing poverty. Bring food, shelter, clothes, and stability for daily life. We pray for those who are sick, and those on hospice care. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: We pray for this congregation, especially those beginning a new school year in the midst of pandemic. Empower teachers and school administrators. Guide students in their learning and development. Accompany parents, foster parents, and caregivers who provide encouragement and love. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: We give thanks for the faithful departed, especially Paul, who showed us how to honor God with our heart. Inspire us by their example and renew our faith, trusting that we will be united with them in glory. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: Are there others for whom we should pray?

P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; 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 *Liebster Jesu* (Schelat)

(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

Selected 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.

(Remain facing the altar while the Sending Hymn is sung.)

Sending Hymn

Let Justice Flow like Streams

1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,

en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Variations on *St. Thomas*

(Haan)

This Week at Holy Trinity

Sunday, August 29, 2021, *Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

- 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
- 7:00 p.m. AA Big Book meeting

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

- 9:00 a.m. Flying Quilts
- 6:30 p.m. CCSS
- 7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

- 7:00 p.m. Weekday Communion

Thursday, September 2, 2021

- NO Weekday Communion
- 7:00 p.m. Happy Hour

Saturday, September 4 2021

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

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 5, 2021, *Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

- 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
- 7:00 p.m. AA Big Book meeting

Monday, September 6, 2021

Office Closed, Labor Day

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

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

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

- 7:00 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Weekday Communion

Thursday, September 9, 2021

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

Saturday, September 11 2021

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

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday Is Coming Up

Mark Sunday, September 12, on your calendar for God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. After worship on that Sunday, we will be participating in a day of service for the benefit of our community.

One of our projects will be to collect items to send care packages from home to our college students and those serving in the military. Please bring in anything you think they would like to receive, including candy, snacks, and items like pens and pencils, notebooks, games. We also need shoe boxes.

Thanks to the leadership of our member, Mary Reames, we have invited ALL churches in the Greenville area to participate with us to see how much we can accomplish for the good of the Greenville area. A group of Greenville churches will participate, as well as Thiel College students, and are now working on the list of projects for various sites on that day.

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 August 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 **August is personal care items and school supplies**. Donations may be taken direct to the Food Pantry or placed in the marked box in the cloister.

Please note that their primary need is for personal care items.

Second Mile Giving for August – Youth Gathering

Youth Gathering gathers about 30,000 of our youth from around the country every three years for a week of worship, learning and service opportunities. The Gathering in 2022 will be held in Minneapolis.

Those who have attended Youth Gathering have said that no one – not the teens or their adult leaders – comes home unchanged. It is an amazing experience in a life's faith journey.

Because Youth Gathering involves significant preparation in advance – the teens spend a lot of time together and the congregation would help with fund-raising – we will lift up Youth Gathering as a repeated emphasis in Second Mile Giving.

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:

Barbara Swartz	Donnie Littelle (friend of Rich & Denise Hall)
Robert Quinones (nephew of Rich and Denise Hall)	Pam (friend of Jill Murrin)
Denise Hall	Dan Songer (friend of Carl & Bonnie Long)
Bill and Mary Egger (friends of Barbara Swartz)	Fred Junk (husband of Betty K. Junk)
Danica (friend of Linda Armstrong)	Donnie K. (friend of Wayne and Darla Swift)
Bonnie Gratzmiller (friend of Linda Armstrong)	Marie (sister-in-law of Henry and Ruth Heil)
John Logan	Lori McCann
Jennifer Martin	Jim Shaffer
Judy Logan Carnal (sister of John Logan)	Nancy (friend of Linda Armstrong)
Henry Heil	John L (father of Catherine Mott)
Mary Beth (friend of Jill Murrin)	Brenda (sister-in-law of Betty K. Junk)
	Carl Long
	Dillon (friend of Ed Pitcher and Beth Harpst)
	Belle (granddaughter of Linda Bateman)

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

Paul Bittler
Esther White (sister-in-law of Sharon VanKanegan, aunt of Denise Hall)
Dawn VanKanegan (cousin of Rich and Denise Hall)
Louise Rovatti (friend of Rich and Denise Hall)
Richard Morgan (brother 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)