



*Evangelical Lutheran
Church of the Holy Trinity*

*The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 12, 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.

Procedure for Communing: We will be using a form of processional communion. An usher will release each pew to come forward at a time to avoid a long line in the aisle. Pick up a communion cup on either side at the first pew. The pastor will place a host in your open palm. Turn to either the left or right side to the deacon or communion assistant to receive wine. After consuming the host and wine, pour any remaining wine into the container, then discard your cup. Children who have not yet received their First Holy Communion should come forward for a blessing. Please maintain social distance between non-family members.

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 Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
 2 "Come to me, all trav-'lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
 3 "Come to me, be - liev - ers bur - dened; find re - fresh-ment in this place.
 4 "Come to me, re - pen - tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.

If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."
 Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."
 Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."
 Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

Refrain

Je - sus, ev - er - flow - ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.

In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;
I would be your trusted friend.
Come and seek the gift I offer,
come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*

6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;
lonely ways no longer roam.
Come and take the gift I offer,
let me make in you my home." *Refrain*

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, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

A reading from Isaiah:

4 The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens –
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

5 The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

6 I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

7 The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
8 he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

9 It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1-9

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



- 1 I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,
and listened to my | supplication,
2 for the LORD has given | ear to me
whenev- | er I called.
- 3 The cords of death entangled me;
the anguish of the grave | came upon me;
I came to | grief and sorrow.
- 4 Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:**
"O LORD, I pray you, | save my life."
- 5 Gracious is the | LORD and righteous;
our God is full | of compassion.
- 6 The LORD watches o- | ver the innocent;**
I was brought low, | and God saved me.
- 7 Turn again to your rest, | O my soul.
for the LORD has dealt | well with you.
- 8 For you have rescued my | life from death,**
my eyes from tears, and my | feet from stumbling;
- 9 I will walk in the presence | of the LORD
in the land | of the living.

A reading from James:

1 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. 2 For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. 3 If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. 4 Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. 5 So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! 6 And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. 7 For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, 8 but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. 10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. 11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? 12 Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

(The reading of the Gospel.)

27 Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” 28 And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” 29 He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” 30 And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. 36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

Will You Come and Follow Me



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

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: Revealing God, you have made yourself known through bread and wine, water and word. Continue to nurture your church, that it is a place where your presence is experienced and shared. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Michael; our acting bishop, Jake; our pastors, musicians, worship leaders, ushers, council members and volunteers. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: Creating God, you brought life into being and called it good. Bring new creation to lands devastated by tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, fires, and other disasters, especially fire-ravaged lands in the American west, and areas harmed by Hurricane Ida in our south. Restore forests and curb overflowing waters. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: Protecting God, you desire all people to live in peace and safety. Provide for all who are in danger. Strengthen first responders to help meet to the complex needs of others. Provide care and compassion as they face trauma themselves. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: Transforming God, you announce release to the captives and freedom to the oppressed. Break chains of discrimination and injustice. Amplify voices that go unheard and inspire us to advocate for those who are overlooked. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: Forming God, you gather this community together. Shape our communal life, that in our prayer, praise, and worship, we honor you and encourage one another. Keep our disagreements civil and increase our joy in working together. Be among us Sunday after worship as we go out into our community to do your work with our hands. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: Redeeming God, you accompany your people through every stage of life.
We give you thanks for the saints who now rest in your embrace, especially
Paul. 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

(Kreckel)

(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

May God bless you with discomfort
at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships,
so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger
at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people,
so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears
to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger and war,
so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them
and turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness
to believe that you can make a difference in the world,
so that you can do what others claim cannot be done
to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor.

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

Lift High the Cross

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied tree,
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Variation on *Freu dich Sehr*

(Keene)

Serving Tonight

Presiding Minister Pastor Brenda Martin
Pianist Maidene Hackett
Liturgical Deacon Dan Eppley

Serving Today

Presiding Minister Pastor Brenda Martin
Organist Maidene Hackett
Liturgical Deacon Marj Stubert
Communion Assistant Kris Abraham
Lector Olivia Martin-Call
Head Usher Jim Martin
Altar Guild Bonnie Long

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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 loving memory of Herbert and Janet Gebert by their family.

The flowers in the columbarium have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ken by Fran Black.

Attendance at the Saturday, September 4, 2021, 5:30 p.m. Service: 17.
Attendance at the Sunday, September 5, 2021, 9:30 a.m. Service: 40. Total: 57.

This Week at Holy Trinity

Sunday, September 12, 2021, *Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

God's Work, Our Hands

7:00 p.m. AA Big Book meeting

Monday, September 13, 2021

7:00 p.m. Property

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

9:00 a.m. Flying Quilts

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

5:15 p.m. Worship and Music

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

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

7:00 p.m. Weekday Communion

Council reports due today

Thursday, September 16, 2021

10:00 a.m. Weekday Communion

5:00 p.m. Officers' Planning Meeting

6:30 p.m. Finance Committee

8:00 p.m. Happy Hour

Saturday, September 18 2021

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 19, 2021, *Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion, Rally Day, Congregation picnic at Riverside Park

7:00 p.m. AA Big Book meeting

Monday, September 20, 2021

Messenger articles due today

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

7:00 p.m. Congregation Council

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

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

10:00 a.m. Seniors for Safe Driving

Thursday, September 23, 2021

NO Weekday Communion

7:00 p.m. Happy Hour

Saturday, September 25 2021

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday Is This Weekend

This Sunday is God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. After worship 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.

There will be other events you are encouraged to participate in as part of the God's Work Our Hands projects.

- On Sunday, September 12, a spaghetti dinner will be served from noon to 3 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus on Clarksville Street, at a donation, with all proceeds being used to buy coats for those in need.
- As part of the project, gloves, hats and scarves will be collected now through October 17. They can be collected here, and will be taken to St. Michael's Church, where they will be bagged and placed on trees in Central Park, where those in need can take them.
- Car washes will be held on September 18, from 9 a.m. to noon at St. Michael Catholic Church, and 9 a.m. to noon October 2, at the St. Margaret Church in Jamestown, accepting donations. Proceeds will go to the Good Shepherd Center and the Jamestown Food Bank.

Church Picnic: Sunday, September 19 at Riverside Park

We begin the day at 9:30 a.m. with worship at the amphitheater in the park. There will be no worship in our church building that day. Music for worship will be led by Curt Thompson on guitar! If you'd like to join in the small group leading the hymns, please let the church office, Curt, or Pastor Brenda know.

After worship, we will proceed to our pavilion and have our Sunday School Rally Day activities and games before lunch, which will probably begin at about 11:30 a.m.

Bring a chair to sit on during worship. (If you're comfortable with it, you can also sit on the amphitheater seating, but it's hard!)

Also bring a side dish or dessert to share. A pig and a lamb will be roasting even before we arrive!

Good Shepherd September 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 **September is pasta, rice, or dried grains**. Donations may be placed in the marked box in the cloister.

Second Mile Giving for September – Lutheran World Relief (Flying Quilts shipping costs)

Each month we offer the opportunity for our members to reach out into the greater community to those who are seeking to minister to people with specific needs through our Second Mile Giving – our financial gifts beyond our regular offerings.

Picture yourself after the Tsunami in Japan - your home has been washed away - your whole neighborhood – your whole town - is gone and you are forced to start over with no possessions. Imagine someone coming and giving you a quilt that can keep you warm at night - something that you can call your own - along with the food and clothes that you have received - a “security blanket” that is all yours, from people you don’t even know - friends at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Greenville, PA.

Members of the Flying Quilts group use their gifts and give of their time to make these quilts. But we must see that they get to where they are needed. That is where you and I come in! Money raised this month will be used to mail the quilts with the remainder of the money going direct to Lutheran World Relief.

All Second Mile contributions received during the month of September 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:

Bob Gargasz
Barbara Swartz
Robert Quinones (nephew of Rich and
Denise Hall)
Denise Hall
Bill and Mary Egger (friends of Barbara
Swartz)
Danica (friend of Linda Armstrong)
Bonnie Gratzmiller (friend of Linda
Armstrong)
John Logan
Jennifer Martin
Henry Heil

Donnie LITTLE (friend of Rich & Denise Hall)
Fred Junk (husband of Betty K. Junk)
Donnie K. (friend of Wayne and Darla Swift)
Marie (sister-in-law of Henry and Ruth Heil)
Lori McCann
Jim Shaffer
Nancy (friend of Linda Armstrong)
John L (father of Catherine Mott)
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)

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)