

*Evangelical Lutheran  
Church of the Holy Trinity*

*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 19, 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.**

## Service of Holy Communion

**Significance of the Day:** Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

### *Gathering*

Greeting / Announcements

*(The assembly stands as the minister enters.)*

Confession and Forgiveness

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

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

**Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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      Shall We Gather at the River

1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,  
 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,  
 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;  
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?  
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

*Refrain*

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

gath-er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

#### 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 teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

A reading from Jeremiah:

18 It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;  
then you showed me their evil deeds.

19 But I was like a gentle lamb  
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me  
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,  
let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

20 But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,  
who try the heart and the mind,  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 54

*(Psalm will be spoken responsively.)*

1 Save me, O God, | by your name;  
in your might, de- | fend my cause.

**2 Hear my | prayer, O God;  
give ear to the words | of my mouth.**

3 For strangers have risen up against me,  
and the ruthless have | sought my life,  
those who have no re- | gard for God.

**4 Behold, God | is my helper;  
it is the Lord who sus- | tains my life.**

5 Render evil to those who | spy on me;  
in your faithful- | ness, destroy them.

**6 I will offer you a | freewill sacrifice  
and praise your name, O LORD, for | it is good.**

7 For you have rescued me from | every trouble,  
and my eye looks down | on my enemies.

A reading from James:

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. 14 But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. 15 Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. 16 For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. 17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. 18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

4:1 Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? 2 You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

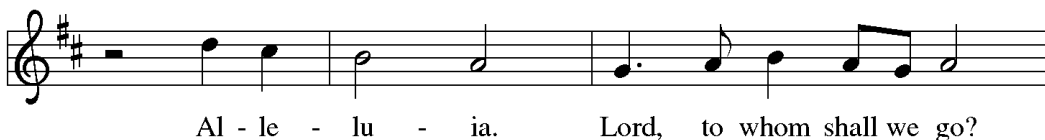
7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

*(Verse will be spoken by the Assembly.)*





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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*(The reading of the Gospel.)*

30 They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; 31 for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” 32 But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

33 Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” 34 But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. 35 He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” 36 Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 37 “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day

Borning Cry



1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;  
3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.  
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."  
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

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: God of community, we pray for the church around the world. Unite us in our love for you. Help us overcome our divisions, that we are encouraged to work together for your sake. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Michael, and our acting bishop, Jake; our pastors, musicians, worship leaders, ushers, council members and committee leaders. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: God of creation, we pray for this hurting earth. Awaken in us a new desire to care for this world and empower us to support agencies, organizations, and individual efforts to heal our environment. We pray for your healing on those places where our world is broken -- places where the land and the people who live on it have been harmed by hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, fires, earthquakes, and other natural disasters. Help us do our part to heal your creation. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: God of cooperation, we pray for nations of the world embroiled in conflict, including the conflict that continues to rage among us in the United States. Inspire leaders to listen to each other and work towards peaceful solutions to disagreements. Protect the vulnerable, especially children, who cannot find safety in their home or country. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: God of comfort, we pray for all who live with mental or physical illness. Help them find appropriate care. Bring healing and wholeness when the path forward seems bleak. We pray for an end to the pandemic. Keep us safe from harm, especially those who are vulnerable, and those who spend time among groups of people, especially our teachers and students; our essential workers in stores and medical facilities and factories. Lead us to take appropriate precautions for our own safety and the safety of our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: God of compassion, we pray for the young people of this congregation. Renew in us your call to welcome the children in our midst. As they grow, strengthen their faith and our commitment to them. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: God of consolation, we give you thanks for our loved ones who have died and pray for all who grieve today. Shine your grace on all your saints, 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*

*(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.)*

## Hymns during Communion



Communion Hymn

Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks

*Refrain* F Dm Gm C

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord;

F Dm Gm C F

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.

F Dm B<sup>b</sup> C

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth;  
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ;  
 4 God has pro - claimed the just re - ward:  
 5 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

F Dm B<sup>b</sup> C *Refrain*

he is the king of cre - a - tion.  
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.  
 now we shall live . . . for - ev - er.  
 life for all peo - ple, al - le - lu - ia.  
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

Communion Hymn

Ubi Caritas

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Ubi Caritas'. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: 'U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide, u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est. God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.' The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines, with a triplet of eighth notes in the second system.

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.**

## **Installation of Sunday School Teachers and Assistants, and Confirmation Teachers and Guides**

*(Those to be installed come forward.)*

P: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: United with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are joined in God's mission for the life of the world. We are called to that mission in our daily lives and in the ministries we share as the church of God.

Today it is our privilege to recognize and support those who are engaged in the work of this congregation, especially those in the ministry of education and confirmation.

*(The presiding minister addresses those beginning and continuing service.)*

Sisters and brothers, both your work and your rest are in God. Will you endeavor to pattern your life on the Lord Jesus Christ, in gratitude to God and in service to others, as you carry out the ministry of education and confirmation in our congregation?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

*(The assembly stands.)*

P: People of God, I ask you:  
Will you support these, your sisters and brothers, in their service, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

Response: **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

P: Let us pray. O God of wisdom, in your goodness you provide faithful teachers for your church. Bless those who serve as Sunday School and Confirmation Teachers, Assistants, and Guides. Help us to study your word and engage your world, that together we may grow in knowledge and love, pursue what is good, and seek to do your will; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

*(The assembly responds: "Amen.")*

*(Those installed for service are blessed.)*

P: Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

*(The assembly responds: “Amen.”)*

*(The assembly and those installed are seated.)*

### **Confirmation Rite of Enrollment**

*(The catechumens to be enrolled and parents come forward.)*

D: I present the students to be enrolled as catechumens in the discipline leading to growth in Christ within the community of the Church, and to Affirmation of Baptism / Confirmation.

*(The presiding minister addresses those to be enrolled.)*

P: In the community of God’s people, you are learning from the Word God’s loving purpose for you and all creation.

Do you desire now to reflect more deeply on baptism through study of the Holy Scriptures and the Catechism, and to join with us in a life of prayer and service?

Response: I do, and I ask God to help me.

*(The assembly stands.)*

P: Parents and all assembled here as people of God, I ask you: will you help this new catechumen to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ within this household of faith?

Response: **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

P: Let us pray. Merciful God, creator and giver of life, you have called all people from darkness into light, from error into truth, from death into life. Grant grace to our catechumens and bless them. Raise them by your Spirit. Revive them by your Word. Form them by your hand. With all your people may they bear witness to your grace, and praise you forever through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*(The assembly responds: “Amen.”)*

*(The assembly is seated.)*

*(The presiding minister addresses the catechumens.)*

P: You have heard the holy and saving gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now receive the sign of that gospel on your body and in your heart, that you may know the Lord and the power of his resurrection.

Receive the (+) sign of the cross, a sign of God’s endless love and mercy for you.

*(After the sign of the cross has been received, the assembly responds:)*

**Praise to you, O Christ, the wisdom and power of God.**

*(Students will receive a Bible during class next week.)*

P: You will receive a Bible for your learning and growth in faith. May God’s life-giving word inspire you and make you wise.

*(The enrolled catechumen is blessed.)*

P: God bring you in peace and joy to the fullness of life in Christ.

*(The assembly responds: “Amen.”)*

*(The enrolled catechumen and parents are seated.)*

## Rite of Presentation of Bibles

*(The presiding minister addresses parents of Sunday School students.)*

P: As you presented your children to receive the gift of baptism, you were entrusted with responsibilities:  
to live with them among God's faithful people,  
bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in their hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture them in faith and prayer,  
so that your children may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.  
Do you promise to continue to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: We do, and we ask God to help us.

*(The presiding minister addresses the assembly:)*

P: People of God, do you promise to support our children and pray for them in their life in Christ?

Response: **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

*(Student receiving a new Sunday School Bible is asked to stand.)*

*(The presiding minister says:)*

P: You will receive a Bible.  
Hear God's word with us.  
Learn and tell its stories.  
Discover its mysteries.  
Honor its commandments.  
Rejoice in its good news.

*(The assembly stands.)*

P: Let us pray. Blessed Lord God, you speak to us through the holy scriptures. Grant that we, with our children, may hear, read, learn, and inwardly digest them, that comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, which you have given us in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

*(The assembly responds: “Amen.”)*

*(The presiding minister addresses the children.)*

P: May God’s life-giving word inspire you and make you wise.

*(The assembly is seated.)*

## *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

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

*Refrain*



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,  
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”  
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo-ple a - rise.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Serving Today**

**Presiding Minister** ..... Pastor Brenda Martin  
**Guitarist** ..... Pastor Curt Thompson  
**Liturgical Deacon** ..... Chuck Lanning  
**Communion Assistant** ..... Nancy McLaughlin  
**Lector** ..... Dan Eppley  
**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

**Columbarium Flowers**

The flowers in the columbarium have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my father, Dr. Marlowe Johnson, by Lori McEwen.

**Attendance** at the Saturday, September 11, 2021, 5:30 p.m. Service: 16.  
Attendance at the Sunday, September 12, 2021, 9:30 a.m. Service: 48. Total: 64.

## **This Week at Holy Trinity**

### **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

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Sunday, September 26, 2021**, *Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**9:30 a.m.**     **Liturgy of Holy Communion**

10:45 a.m.    SCS and Confirmation Classes

7:00 p.m.     AA Big Book meeting

### **Tuesday, September 28, 2021**

9:00 a.m.     Flying Quilts

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

### **Wednesday, September 29, 2021**

7:00 p.m.     Weekday Communion

### **Thursday, September 30, 2021**

10:00 a.m.    Weekday Communion

NO Happy Hour

### **Saturday, October 2, 2021**

*Harvest Weekend*

4:30 p.m.     Thanksgiving for Animals in Central Park

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

## **We'll Be Back in Class at Holy Trinity!**

Schools are back in session, and our Christian education will also be back in session in September at Holy Trinity. And we'll be back in person!

The first day of classes will be Sunday, September 26, immediately after worship. We'll have these classes:

- Our littlest members up to first grade will meet upstairs in our children's Sunday School space.
- Our 2nd through 6th graders will also meet upstairs in the children's Sunday School space.
- Confirmation students will meet downstairs in Trinity Hall.
- Adults will meet downstairs in Brath Hall.

Our children will continue to use their popular Holy Moly curriculum that includes a video each week and a project. Confirmation students will continue to use the curriculum that guides us through the Old Testament, New Testament, Luther's Small Catechism, and what it means to live as a Lutheran in our world.

For adults, beginning Sept. 26 and through the end of November, the class will be led by our synod's bishop emeritus, the Rev. Dr. Ralph Jones, who will close down his time with us by preaching in worship on Christ the King Sunday, November 21. We are excited to welcome Bishop Jones to Holy Trinity to lead this class on the Book of Revelation.

## **Harvest Weekend**

**The weekend of October 2 and 3** we will observe a harvest theme in our worship. Please plan to present your **gifts of canned goods** at the offering for the Good Shepherd Food Pantry.

## **Service of Thanksgiving and Blessing for Animals**

**On Saturday, October 2, 4:30 p.m.** in Central Park (next door to the church). All pets, including other than four-legged ones, are welcome (in cages, terrariums, bowls, etc.). Families, children, and friends – all are welcome. Plan to come! (If it's raining, we will gather in Trinity Hall.)

## **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:**

Tillie Schell	Donnie LITTLE (friend of Rich & Denise Hall)
Barbara Swartz	Fred Junk (husband of Betty K. Junk)
Robert Quinones (nephew of Rich and Denise Hall)	Donnie K. (friend of Wayne and Darla Swift)
Denise Hall	Marie (sister-in-law of Henry and Ruth Heil)
Bill and Mary Egger (friends of Barbara Swartz)	Lori McCann
Danica (friend of Linda Armstrong)	Jim Shaffer
Bonnie Gratzmiller (friend of Linda Armstrong)	Nancy (friend of Linda Armstrong)
John Logan	John L (father of Catherine Mott)
Jennifer Martin	Brenda (sister-in-law of Betty K. Junk)
Henry Heil	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:**

John L (father of Catherine Mott)

Paul Bittler

### **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)