

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026
8:00 & 10:15 AM
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome

Welcome to our worship today: If you are visiting with us, or if you are seeking a faith community and desire to be a part of our ministries, we encourage you to follow the contact information at the bottom of this page and give us your address, telephone number and/or e-mail address so that we may contact you.

Offering:

Offering may be placed in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary or in the basket near the elevator. The offering will be carried to the front at 10:15 worship and presented during the offertory.

Online Giving:



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Prayer List:

The clipboard to add people to the prayer list is on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Please be sure to include your name, their name, your relationship, and the prayer request.

INTRODUCTION

As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

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WELCOME & PRELUDE (10:15 am)

The church bell is rung three times to proclaim that we gather to worship in the name of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Please stand as you are able

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P: So often when we speak of sins, we think of things we do that are wrong. If we think of sin as anything keeping us from living openly with God and others, anything preventing us from being the creature God intended, we realize that much of our sin is legal or socially acceptable. Let us confess those sins before God and before each other. Eternal and loving Father,
- C: **you comfort, support and encourage us. Your goodness and kindness go beyond our understanding. Your grace is richer and deeper than we can begin to comprehend. Yet despite your gracious love and faithful care, we seek to go our own way and to trust our own resources. Time after time, we choose our plans over your will. Over and over again, our pride, self-reliance and self-centeredness lead us astray. We confess we are sinners in need of forgiveness. We admit we are flawed, broken people in need of mercy. Through the person and work of Jesus Christ, forgive us for all the times we have failed you. Cleanse our hearts and make them fresh and new. Empower us through the power of the Holy Spirit to follow Jesus.**
- P: We are rescued, delivered, and restored to fullness of life in God. We are being rooted and grounded in love that we, in turn, might show love to others. God forgives us and invites us to a life centered in faith and trust.

+GATHERING+

GATHERING HYMN (10:15 only)

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

ELW 533

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE (10:15 am only)



O Lord, have . . . mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer - cy.

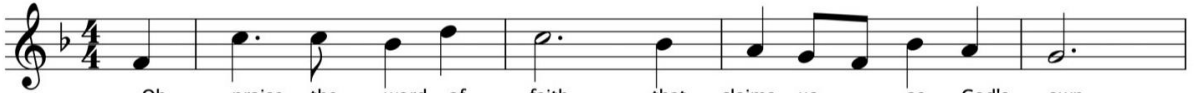


O Lord, have . . . mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer - cy.



Have mer - cy, O Lord. Have mer - cy, O Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE



Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,
Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth, the love, the word, the tide.



a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone.
Yet more than these, oh, praise their source, praise Christ the cru - ci - fied.

Refrain



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- A: Let us pray. Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: **Amen.**

Please be seated

+WORD+

PSALM 119:129-136

- ¹²⁹ Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore obey them with all my heart.
- ¹³⁰ **When your word is opened it gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.**
- ¹³¹ I open my mouth and pant
because I long for your commandments.
- ¹³² **Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as you always do to those who love your name.**
- ¹³³ Order my footsteps in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
- ¹³⁴ **Rescue me from those who oppress me,
and I will keep your commandments.**
- ¹³⁵ Let your face shine upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.
- ¹³⁶ **My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your teaching.**

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:31-33, 44-52

- P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.
- C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the

greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."³³ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

P: The gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

SERMON

Pause for reflection

Please stand as you are able

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Be Thou My Vision"

ELW 793

APOSTLES' CREED

A: With the whole church let us confess our faith:

**C: 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: Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

A: Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

THE PEACE

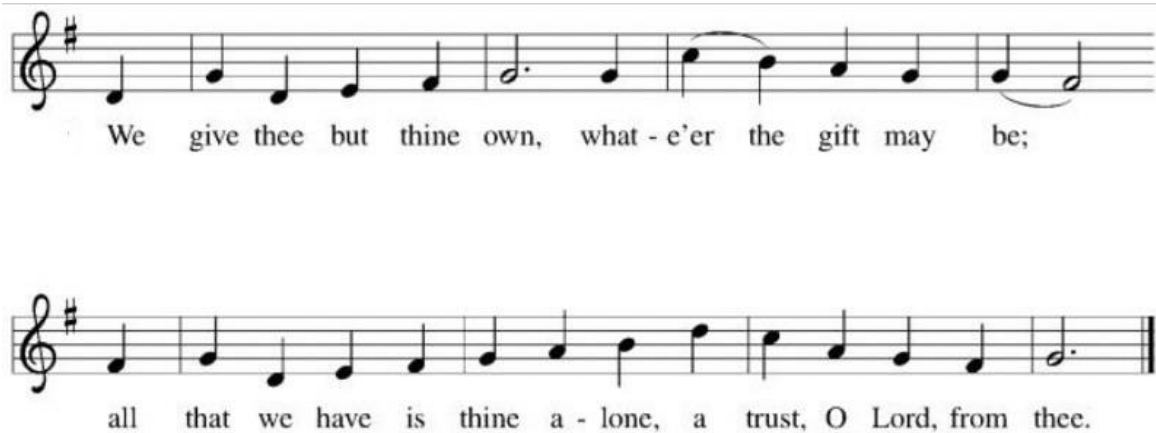
A: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Please remain standing

+MEAL+

OFFERTORY HYMN *(10:15 only)*



A: Everything we have, do and are, is a gift from God. God invites us to use our gifts of time, talent, money, and other blessings to love others. We join God in the work of healing our broken world. Contributions may be placed in the collection plate, mailed or there is a donation button on the website. We pray offering ourselves and our contributions to the glory of God.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Holy and gracious God,

C: we offer you our time, talent, money and our hearts, acknowledging our responsibility to share your word and love with all people. In gratitude, we pledge our first loyalty and highest faithfulness as followers of Jesus Christ. Thank you for the wisdom and insight you give us. Help us to live lives worthy of the gospel. Amen.

BLESSING OF DONATED SCHOOL SUPPLIES

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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, Jesus 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."

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray the prayer Our Savior taught us:

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Jesus feeds you well with his presence in the bread and cup of Holy Communion. Come to Jesus and be nourished for your journey.

COMMUNION

All baptized believers are welcome at the Lord's table. We trust in faith that the real presence of Christ is present in the bread and the wine. You will be invited to come to the front to receive the bread from the liturgist, and then move to the side to dip the bread in the cup or receive an individual cup of white grape juice or red wine. Gluten free wafers are available. Please ask at the time of communion. Those who are not communing today, may come forward and request a blessing.

Please stand (8 am). Please be seated (10:15 am)

COMMUNION HYMN (10:15 only)

"Taste and See"

ELW 493

Please stand as you are able

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

A: Gracious and loving God, we give you thanks for the gift of your Word and this Holy Communion, the very real presence of Jesus.

C: **May we be sustained and strengthened from our worship here today, from having heard your Word proclaimed and from feasting on the bread of life. Transform us by your love and empower us with your Holy Spirit to be about your healing work in the world. Amen.**

+SENDING+

BLESSING:

P: God chooses you each day. Be open to the spiritual blessings God gives, available at all times. Dare to reach out in love to those who share your world. Remember, the Holy Spirit empowers you and Christ sustains you in all circumstances. May God bless you in the name of the Father, the Son (+) and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Seek Ye First”

WOV 783

SENDING FOR MISSION

A: Go in peace, loving as Jesus loved.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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THIS WEEK AT TRINITY CHURCH: JULY 26, 2026

Sun, 7/26	NHM School Supplies Deadline 8 & 10:15 am, Worship with Holy Communion 8:45 am, Snax 'n Study
Wed, 7/29	6 pm, Bible Study
Thurs, 7/30	12 pm, Lunch on the Lawn

Prayers:

For all of our homebound.

For the work of the Call Committee.

Members: Cathy Lamason; Phil Warner; Denise Burkhard; Alan and Bonnie Williamson; John Wallace; Carol Pensyl; Linda Humes; Miriam Wise

Friends: Allison; Sam Krauter; Kathy Pellam-Wells-Orr; Joe Friary; Vickie Widmann; Eliette Costella; Olan Turner; Cally Cole; Gunnar Etchison; Robin Gladen; Stephen; Charles Crum; Jean Kuhn

Names will remain on the prayer list for three weeks; if they should remain on the prayer list for longer, please contact the office via phone or email.

WORSHIP HELPERS	JULY 26	AUGUST 2
Acolytes: Aubrey Hartman, Kolton Kramer, Abigail Light, Koen Thomas, Hailey VonLumm, Jonah Wagenheim		
<u>GREETERS</u>	Daryl & Ja'net Gochenauer	Patsy Shaw & Koen Thomas
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	8:00 Ja'net Gochenauer 10:15 Verlyn Hays	Stacey Zeller
<u>LECTORS</u>	8:00 Melissa Jacoby 10:15 Aubrey Hartman	8:00 Koen Thomas 10:15 Verlyn Hays
<u>USHERS</u>	Tim & Heather Zielonis Tyler Hoffman	Harold Miller Gene Champagne
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	Sharon Stevens Heather Zielonis	Denise Burkhard Deb George



**Contact the office if you would like to help &
come join us if you can!**