

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026
8:00 & 10:15 AM
TWELFTH 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

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

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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)

"Commonwealth is God's Commandment"

ACS 1036

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.

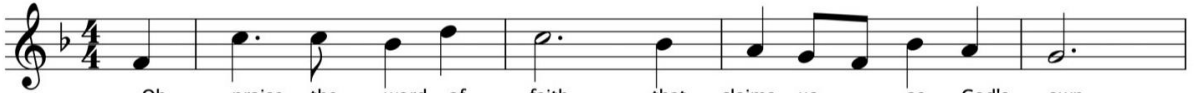


O Lord, have . . . mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer - cy.



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. God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated

+WORD+

PSALM 67

¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

² **Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations
on earth.**

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁶ **The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷ May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 15:[10-20] 21-28

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[¹⁰ [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand:¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a

person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³ He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶ Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

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

“Build a Longer Table”

ACS 1062

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: With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

A: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE PEACE

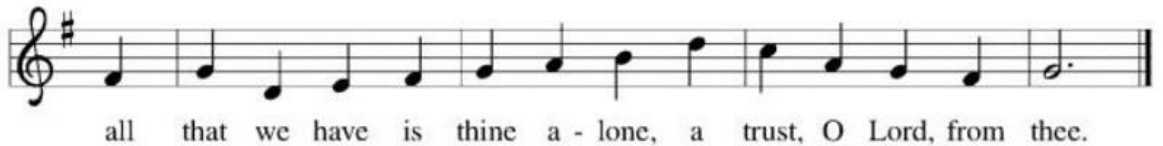
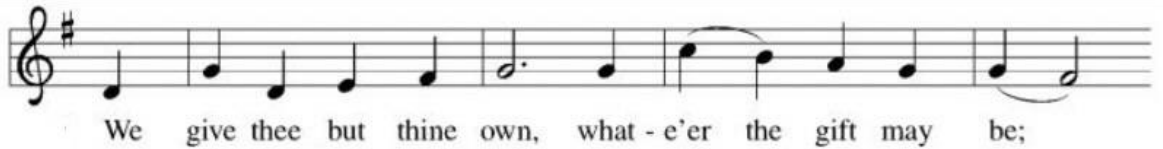
A: The peace of Christ be with you always.

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. 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.**

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)

"In This Feast of Love"

ACS 962

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

"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

ACS 988

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: AUGUST 16, 2026

Sun, 8/16 Blessing of the Backpacks & Briefcases, both services
8 am, Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion
10:15 am, Worship with Holy Communion
8:45 am, Snax 'n Study
11:30 am, Worship & Music Ministry Meeting

PLEASE NOTE: The church office will be closed August 17 – August 20, as both Pastor Barb and Debbie will be out of the office.

Prayers:**For all of our homebound.****For the work of the Call Committee.****For the staff and students of Shepherdstown Elementary School.****Members:** Cathy Lamason; Phil Warner; Denise Burkhard; Alan and Bonnie Williamson; John Wallace; Carol Pensyl; Linda Humes; Miriam Wise**Friends:** Chuck Hayes; Laura; Joy; Valerie, To'mas and Elena; Mangalamba Sharma; Sam Krauter; Joe Friary; Vickie Widmann; Eliette Costella; Olan Turner; Cally Cole; Gunnar Etchison; Robin Gladen; Stephen; Charles Crum; Jean Kuhn**Family and Friends of:** Lorraine Person; Kathy Torres; Shannon Maria Jones

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.

Contributions for Trinity ministry may be placed in the collection plate,
mailed or there is a donation button on the website.

WORSHIP HELPERS	AUGUST 16	AUGUST 23
Acolytes: Aubrey Hartman, Kolton Kramer, Abigail Light, Koen Thomas, Hailey VonLumm, Jonah Wagenheim		
<u>GREETERS</u>	Amy Boya & Koen Thomas	Larry Etchison Elena San Antonio
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	8:00 Verlyn Hays 10:15 Koen Thomas	8:00 Larry Etchison 10:15 Verlyn Hays
<u>LECTORS</u>	8:00 Amy Boya 10:15 Alice Metka	8:00 Tom Hocker 10:15 Mike Hartman
<u>USHERS</u>	Leslie Hocker Mike Hartman Aubrey Hartman	Jim & Mary-Louise Smith
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	Deb George	Denise Burkhard Sharon Stevens