

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026
8:00 & 10:15 AM
THIRTEENTH 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 the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

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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)

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

ELW 596

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.

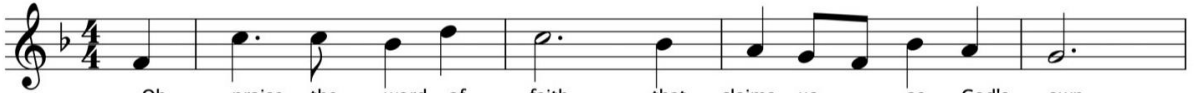


O Lord, have . . . mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer - cy.



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. O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated

+WORD+

PSALM 138

¹ I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

³ When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵ They will sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.

⁶ **The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your
right hand shall save me.

⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me;
O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the
works of your hands.**

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 16:13-20

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

"We Are All One in Mission"

ELW 576

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

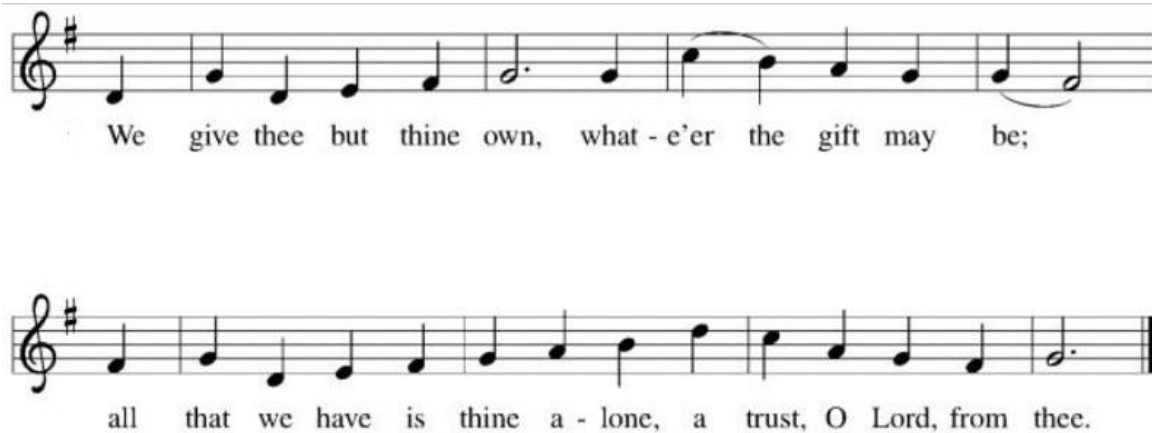
A: The peace of Christ be with you always.

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)*

"O Living Bread from Heaven"

ELW 542

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

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

ELW 543

SENDING FOR MISSION

A: Go in peace, loving as Jesus loved.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY CHURCH: AUGUST 23, 2026

Sun, 8/23	8 & 10:15 am, Worship with Holy Communion 8:45 am, Snax 'n Study
Tues, 8/25	6 pm, Women at the Well Book Study
Thurs, 8/27	8 am, Men's Breakfast 1 pm, Staff Meeting

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: Gordon Owens; Joe Friary; Bennett; 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 23	AUGUST 30
Acolytes: Aubrey Hartman, Kolton Kramer, Abigail Light, Koen Thomas, Hailey VonLumm, Jonah Wagenheim		
<u>GREETERS</u>	Larry Etchison Elena San Antonio	Daryl & Ja'net Gochenauer
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	8:00 Larry Etchison 10:15 Verlyn Hays	8:00 Koen Thomas 10:15 Matt Thomsen
<u>LECTORS</u>	8:00 Tom Hocker 10:15 Mike Hartman	8:00 Ja'net Gochenauer 10:15 Dennis Burkhard
<u>USHERS</u>	Jim & Mary-Louise Smith	Tim & Heather Zielonis Tyler Hoffman
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	Denise Burkhard Sharon Stevens	Heather Zielonis Deb George