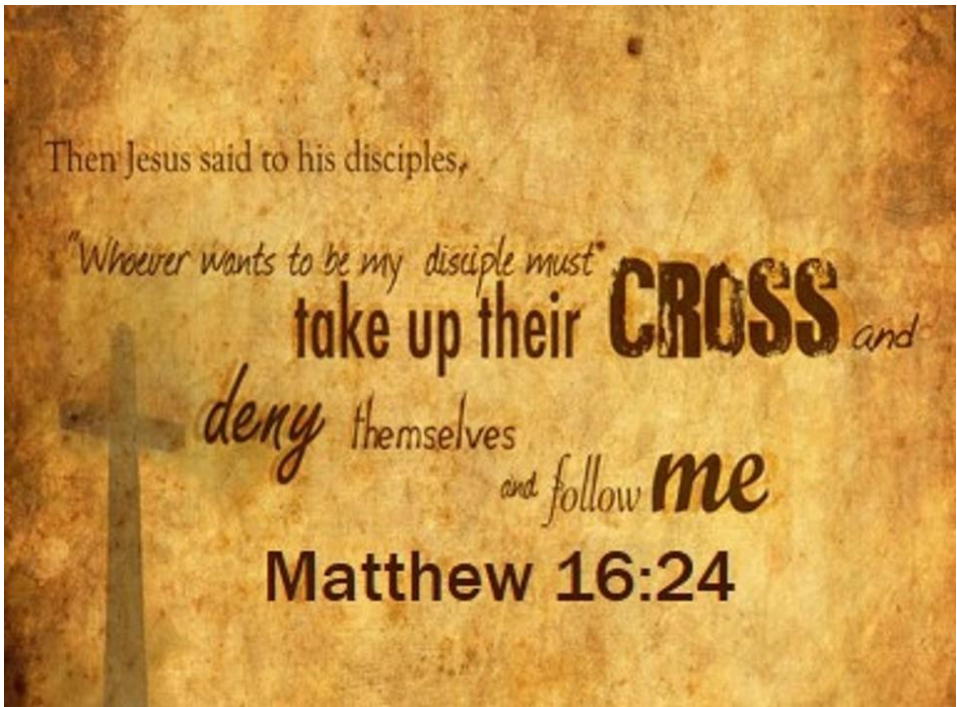


SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026
8:00 & 10:15 AM
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



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

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

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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

- L: 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.**
- L: 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)

"Lift High the Cross"

ELW 660

GREETING

L: 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.

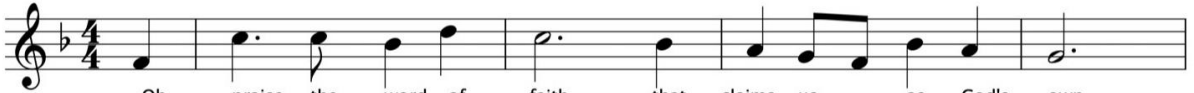


O Lord, have . . . mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer - cy.



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, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: **Amen.**

Please be seated

+WORD+

PSALM 26:1-8

- ¹ Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- ² **Test me, O Lord, and try me;
examine my heart and my mind.**
- ³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you.
- ⁴ **I have not sat with the worthless,
nor do I consort with the deceitful.**
- ⁵ I have hated the company of evildoers;
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- ⁶ **I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord,
that I may go in procession round your altar,**
- ⁷ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- ⁸ **Lord, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.**

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 16:21-28

- L: The holy gospel according to Matthew.
- C: **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to

Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

L: 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

"Spirit, Open My Heart"

ACS 1043

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

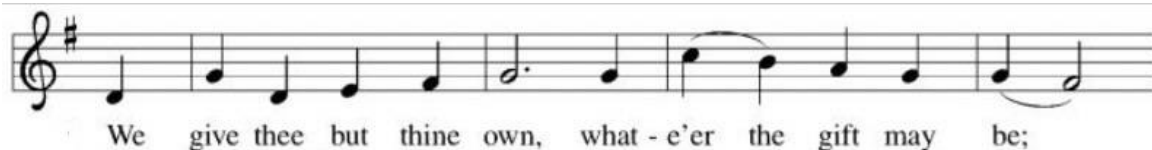
A: The peace of Christ be with you always.

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

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

L: When our congregation gathered for the celebration of Holy Communion last Sunday, we heard again the story of God's mighty acts and of the love shown us in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We blessed bread and cup.

With thanksgiving we remembered that "in the night in which He was betrayed 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

L: 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

L: 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)

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *(10:15 only)*

Jesus Loves Me
Eva Buffington, clarinet

arr. B. C. Dockery

Down by the Riverside
Andy Buffington, alto saxophone

arr. Daniel Callaman

Please stand as you are able

COMMUNION BLESSING

L: 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:

L: 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

"Will You Let me Be Your Servant"

ELW 659

SENDING FOR MISSION

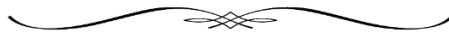
A: Go in peace, loving as Jesus loved.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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THIS WEEK AT TRINITY CHURCH: AUGUST 30, 2026

Sun, 8/30	8 & 10:15 am, Worship with Holy Communion
Tues, 9/1	6 pm, Women at the Well Needle Night
Wed, 9/2	6 pm, Bible Study



**Thank you to Seminarian Hope Pankake for leading us
in worship today!**

**Thank you to Eva and Andy Buffington for today's
special music.**

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:** Erica Orner; Steve Orner; Kathy Fosselman; Gary; Joe Friary; Bennett; Chuck Hayes; Laura; Joy; To'mas and Elena; 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:** Gordon Owens; Lorraine Person

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 30	SEPTEMBER 6
Acolytes: Aubrey Hartman, Kolton Kramer, Abigail Light, Koen Thomas, Hailey VonLumm, Jonah Wagenheim		
<u>GREETERS</u>	Daryl & Ja'net Gochenauer	Patsy Shaw & Ja'net Gochenauer
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	8:00 Koen Thomas 10:15 Matt Thomsen	Stacey Zeller
<u>LECTORS</u>	8:00 Ja'net Gochenauer 10:15 Dennis Burkhard	8:00 Amy Boya 10:15 Daniel Burkhard
<u>USHERS</u>	Tim & Heather Zielonis Tyler Hoffman	Harold Miller Gene Champagne
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	Heather Zielonis Deb George	Sharon Stevens Denise Burkhard