

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026
8:00 & 10:15 AM
FIFTEENTH 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

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

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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)

“Earth and All Stars!”

ELW 731

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.

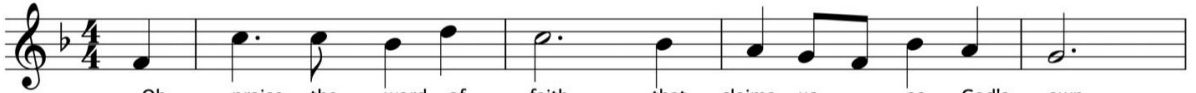


O Lord, have . . . mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer - cy.



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 Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated

KIDS' TIME

+WORD+

PSALM 119:33-40

³³ Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴ **Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.

³⁶ **Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.**

³⁷ Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.

³⁸ **Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.**

³⁹ Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰ **Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.**

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:15-20

L: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

"God, When Human Bonds Are Broken"

ELW 603

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: Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers,
confident that God hears us

A brief silence.

A: Hear us, O God,

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask,
and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus'
name.

C: Amen.

THE PEACE

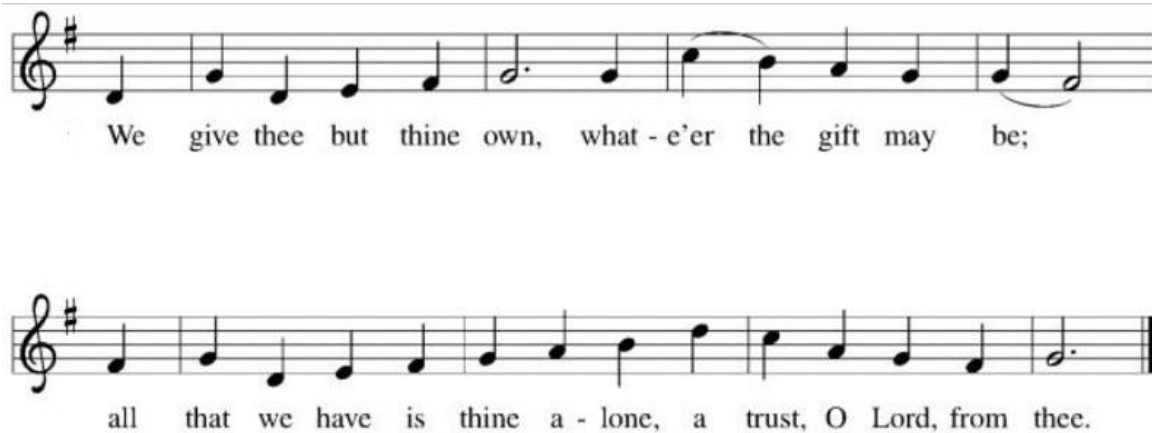
A: The peace of Christ be with you always.

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: 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

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)

COMMUNION HYMN *(10:15 only)*

"Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal"

ELW 464

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

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

ELW 836

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: SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Sun, 9/6	8 & 10:15 am, Worship with Holy Communion 10:15 am, First Sunday Kids
Mon, 9/7	Office closed for Labor Day
Tues, 9/8	6 pm, Women at the Well Needle Night
Wed, 9/9	6 pm, Bible Study
Thurs, 9/10	7 pm, Church Council
Fri, 9/11	4 pm, Set up for Trinity's Clothing Closet
Sat, 9/12	9 am, Trinity's Closet on Main 11:30 am, Outreach Meeting

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; 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:** Chuck Hays; Gordon Owens

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.

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WORSHIP HELPERS	SEPTEMBER 6	SEPTEMBER 13
Acolytes: Aubrey Hartman, Kolton Kramer, Abigail Light, Koen Thomas, Hailey VonLumm, Jonah Wagenheim		
<u>GREETERS</u>	Patsy Shaw & Ja'net Gochenauer	Larry Etchison Elena San Antonio
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	Stacey Zeller	8:00 Larry Etchison 10:15 Matt Thomsen
<u>LECTORS</u>	8:00 Amy Boya 10:15 Daniel Burkhard	8:00 Tom Hocker 10:15 Rachel Wise
<u>USHERS</u>	Harold Miller Gene Champagne	Dennis Burkhard Daniel Burkhard
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	Sharon Stevens Denise Burkhard	Heather Zielonis Deb George