

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026
8:00 & 10:15 AM
SIXTEENTH 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 contact the office using the information at the bottom of this page. Please provide your address, telephone number and/or e-mail address so that we may contact you.

Offering:

Contributions for Trinity ministry will be collected at the offering, mailed, or there is a donation button on the website.

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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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AN HISTORICAL LITURGY IN ENGLISH

WELCOME

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

William J. Murray
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GATHERING HYMN

"All Creatures, Worship God Most High!"

ELW 835



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev-'ry voice in earth and
2 Sing, broth-er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
3 Sing, broth-er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain or sor-row



sky: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Sing, broth-er sun, in splen-dor
grain: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Dear sis-ter wa-ter, use-ful,
throng: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Dear moth-er earth, so rich in
grieve: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis-ter moon and stars of night:
clear, make mu-sic for your Lord to hear; Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-
care, praise God in col-ors bright and rare:
fears; still make your song a-mid the tears:



lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Alleluia.

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia.

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION

- P: Beloved in the Lord! Thus says the high and holy One who inhabits eternity, whose Name is holy: I dwell in the high and holy place with all who are contrite in heart, to revive the spirit of the humble and the heart of the contrite. I will not always chide, neither will I keep my anger forever. Only acknowledge your iniquity, that you have transgressed against the Lord, your God.
- P: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us therefore, confess our sins, saying:
- C: I, a poor sinner confess unto God, my heavenly Father, that I have grievously sinned against Him in many ways not only outward and gross sins, but even more by inward blindness of heart: unbelief, doubt, despair, impatience, pride, selfishness, lust of the flesh, avarice, envy, hatred and malice and by other sinful passions which are naked and open in Your sight, O Lord, but which I, alas, cannot fully understand. I do earnestly repent and am heartily sorry for these my sins and with my whole heart implore Your divine grace through Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, being resolved with the help of the Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life. Amen.**

KYRIE

- P: Lord God, the Father in heaven:
C: have mercy upon us.
- P: Lord God, the Son, redeemer of the world:
C: have mercy upon us.
- P: Lord God, the Holy Ghost:
C: have mercy upon us and grant us your peace. Amen.

+GATHERING+

GREETING

- P: The Lord be with you.
C: And with your spirit.

COLLECT

- A: God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: **Amen.**

+WORD+

PSALM 103:8-13

- L: Let us devoutly read responsively Psalm 103:

- ⁸ **LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**
- ⁹ you will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger forever.
- ¹⁰ **You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**
- ¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.
- ¹² **As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**
- ¹³ As a father has compassion for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Sung)*

- C: **A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight,
On earth he has no equal.**

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:21-35

P: Let us devoutly listen to the reading of the Holy Gospel written in the eighteenth chapter of St. Mathew, beginning at the twenty-first verse.

²¹ Peter came and said to [Jesus,] "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³ "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

APOSTLES' CREED

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.**

SERMON

(Ordinarily, the sermon shall be limited to three-quarters of an hour, or at most, one hour. If the pastor is moved to have an exordium or a series of supplications before he begins the Lord's Prayer, he is free to do so. The Sermon being ended, nothing else shall be read but the appointed church prayer here following.)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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.**

+MEAL+

OFFERTORY

THE OFFERING

The ushers will pass the collection basket.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. 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

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.

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.

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

A: Let us pray. Support us O Lord, that we may live, and let us not be ashamed of our hope. Help us by Your Might that we may grow strong and delight evermore in Your Statute, through Jesus Christ, your Dear Son, our Lord. Amen.

+SENDING+

BLESSING:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. In the Name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

ELW 536



- 1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
- 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
- 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
put un-fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

SENT FOR MISSION

A: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

A: Go in peace, sharing this peace with others and the world.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY CHURCH: SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Sun, 9/13	8 & 10:15 am, Worship with Holy Communion at Union Church 8:45 am, Snax 'n Study at Union Church
Tues, 9/15	9:15 am, AARP Driver Refresher 4-Hour Course 6 pm, Woman at the Well Book Study
Wed, 9/16	6:15 pm, Choir 6:50 pm, Bells 7:30 pm, Bible Study
Thurs, 9/17	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: Erica Orner; Steve Orner; Kathy Fosselman; Gary; Joe Friary; 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.

WORSHIP HELPERS	SEPTEMBER 13	SEPTEMBER 20
Acolytes: Aubrey Hartman, Kolton Kramer, Abigail Light, Koen Thomas, Hailey VonLumm, Jonah Wagenheim		
<u>GREETERS</u>	Larry Etchison Elena San Antonio	Kevin & Jill Kramer
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	8:00 Larry Etchison 10:15 Matt Thomsen	8:00 Melissa Jacoby 10:15 Koen Thomas
<u>LECTORS</u>	8:00 Tom Hocker 10:15 Rachel Wise	8:00 Kolton Kramer 10:15 Alice Metka
<u>USHERS</u>	Dennis Burkhard Daniel Burkhard	Leslie Hocker Mike Hartman Aubrey Hartman
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	Heather Zielonis Deb George	Sharon Stevens Deb George

An Update from your Call Committee

Stacey Zeller, Chair

In June, Trinity's Ministry Site Profile was made public on the Synod and ELCA's website, and in July, we were provided with the name of a potential pastoral candidate. The Committee spent several hours reviewing information and videos provided by the Synod and the candidate, and after much conversation and prayer, it was unanimously decided that the candidate was not a good fit for Trinity.

At this point, we await the name of another candidate for consideration from the Synod. In the meantime, we still meet and are working on a potentially "innovative" way to help our process along. More info coming soon! Just know that our Committee continues to pray and faithfully work in any way that we can to move Trinity forward in this process, and we appreciate your prayers as well!