

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026
8:00 & 10:15 AM
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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sharing God's love with all through worship, education, and service.

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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:

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

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

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+ GATHERING +

WELCOME

PRELUDE (10:15 only)

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 AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C: **Amen.**

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN (10:15 only)

"God's Work, Our Hands"

ACS 1000

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 only)

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

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For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

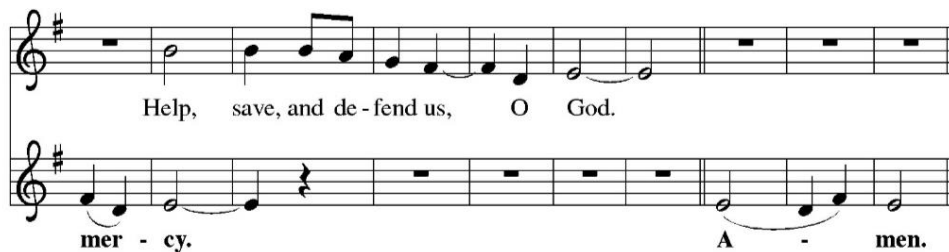
Lord. For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

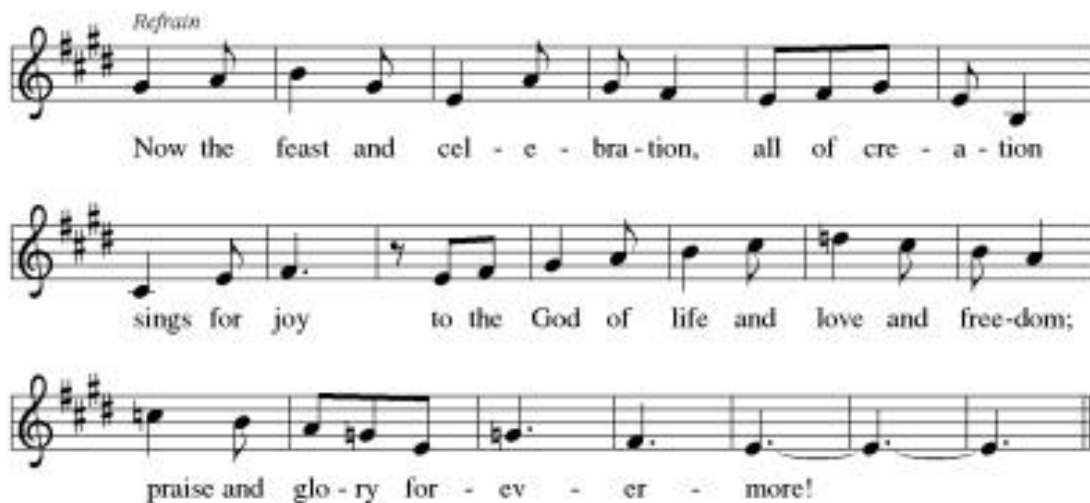
word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have



HYMN OF PRAISE (10:15 only)

All sing Refrain. Choir will sing the verse (not printed).



PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: JONAH 3:10—4:11

¹⁰ When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

^{4:1} But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ³ And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴ And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶ The Lord God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." ⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰ Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 145:1-8

- ¹ I will exalt you, my God and king,
and bless your name forever and ever.
- ² **Every day will I bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**
- ³ Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!
There is no end to your greatness.
- ⁴ **One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.**
- ⁵ I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.
- ⁶ **They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will recount your greatness.**
- ⁷ They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.
- ⁸ **The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30

²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in

Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (10:15 only)



GOSPEL: MATTHEW 20:1-16

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, ‘These

last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.'
¹³ But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?' ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.
¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

P: The gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Silent Reflection

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM *(see insert)*

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY *(10:15 only)*

"Take My Life, That I May Be"

ELW 583

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

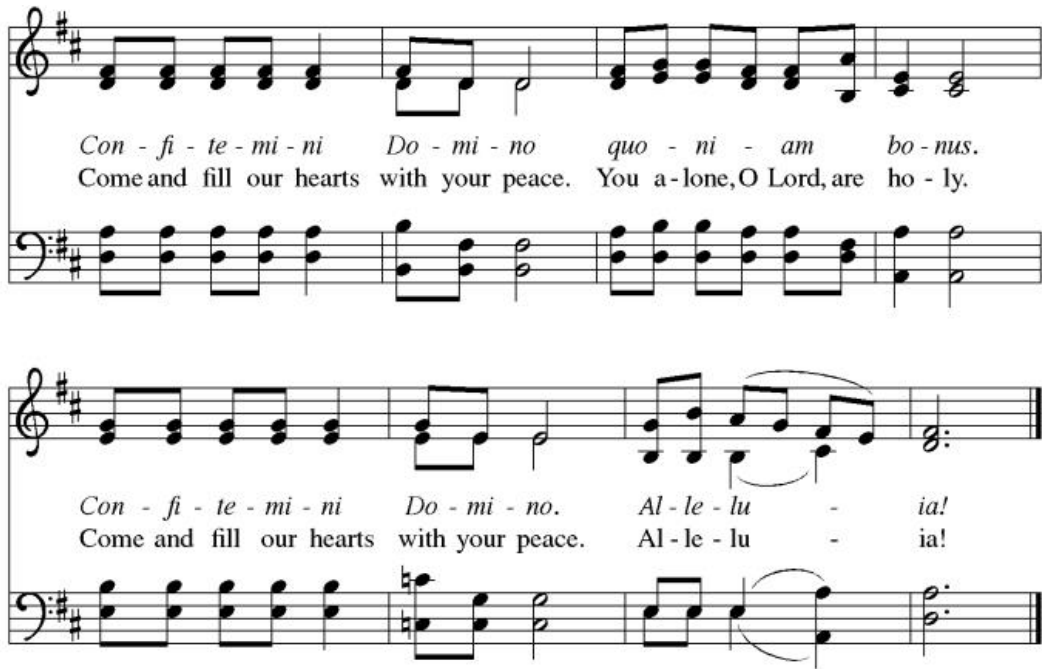
A: Hear us, O God.

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.**

PRAYER RESPONSE (10:15 only)



Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for a prayer response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system has four measures of music. The second system has four measures of music, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

THE PEACE

A: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

8:00 Please remain standing. 10:15 Please be seated.

+MEAL+

MUSICAL OFFERING (10:15 only)

OFFERTORY (10:15 only)

Please stand and sing as offering is brought to the front.

Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;
ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.
Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;
yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

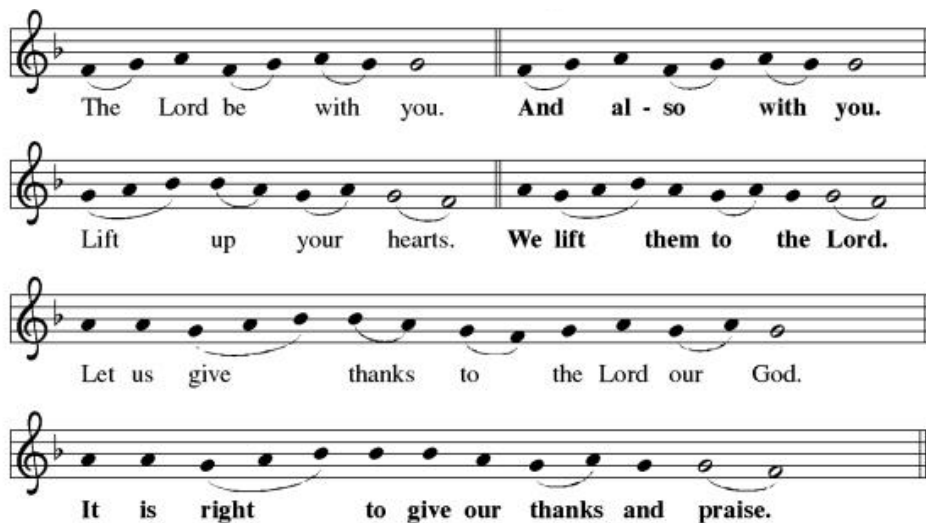
BLESSING OF BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS

THE OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: **God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Communion liturgy spoken at 8 am)*



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(Spoken at 8 am)



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
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.**

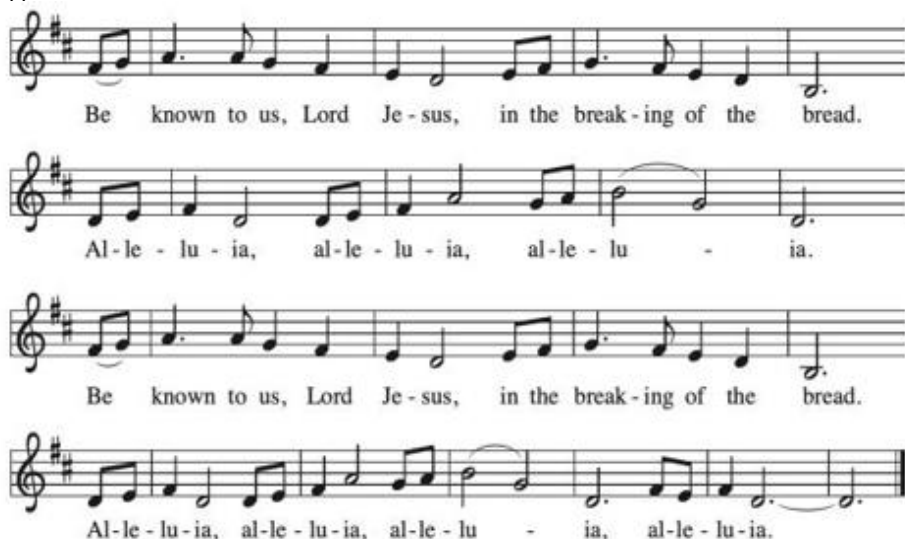
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Christ invites you to this table.
C: **All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!**

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.

(10:15 only)



COMMUNION HYMN *(10:15 only)*

“Will You Let me Be Your Servant”

ELW 659

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

A: Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C: Amen.

+SENDING+

BLESSING

P: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **C: Amen.**

P: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: The God of grace ✝ bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *(10:15 only)*

“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”

ELW 669

DISMISSAL

A: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY CHURCH: SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Sun, 9/20	8 & 10:15 am, Worship with Holy Communion 8:45 am, Snax 'n Study 9 am, Confirmation Class
Tues, 9/22	6 pm, Woman at the Well Needle Night
Wed, 9/23	6:15 pm, Choir 6:50 pm, Bells 7:30 pm, Bible Study
Thurs, 9/24	8 am, Men's Breakfast

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; 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: Douglas Moses; Chuck Hays

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 20	SEPTEMBER 27
Acolytes: Aubrey Hartman, Kolton Kramer, Abigail Light, Koen Thomas, Hailey VonLumm, Jonah Wagenheim		
<u>GREETERS</u>	Kevin & Jill Kramer	Daryl & Ja'net Gochenauer
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	8:00 Melissa Jacoby 10:15 Koen Thomas	8:00 Amy Boya 10:15 Koen Thomas
<u>LECTORS</u>	8:00 Kolton Kramer 10:15 Alice Metka	8:00 Ja'net Gochenauer 10:15 Harold Miller
<u>USHERS</u>	Leslie Hocker Mike Hartman Aubrey Hartman	Jim & Mary-Louise Smith
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	Sharon Stevens Deb George	Denise Burkhard Heather Zielonis



Sunday, October 4

church picnic
plan to attend!

Bring a dish to share!

9:30 am, Combined Worship with Holy Communion, picnic to follow

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