

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sunday, September 1, 2024 Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth



Greeting

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, the love of Christ that guards our hearts and minds, and the joy and consolation of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

This is the Feast





Prayer of the Day

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Hymn of the Month: There is a Longing in our Hearts No. 1078

Refrain - All There is long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you a to re veal your self to There is long-ing in us. a our hearts for love on - ly find in God. we you, our Leader or All for 1 For jus - tice, free - dom, for mer - cy: wis - dom, 2 For for cour - age, for com - fort: 3 For heal - ing, whole-ness, for for new life: 4 Lord, save us, take pit - y, light in our grief: hear our sor - row, prayer. In in hear our prayer. In weak - ness, in fear: hear our In sick - ness, death: prayer. in wait: deep-est night. We call you; we Refrain God. hear 0 be near; our prayer,

There Is a Longing in Our Hearts

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First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;

they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

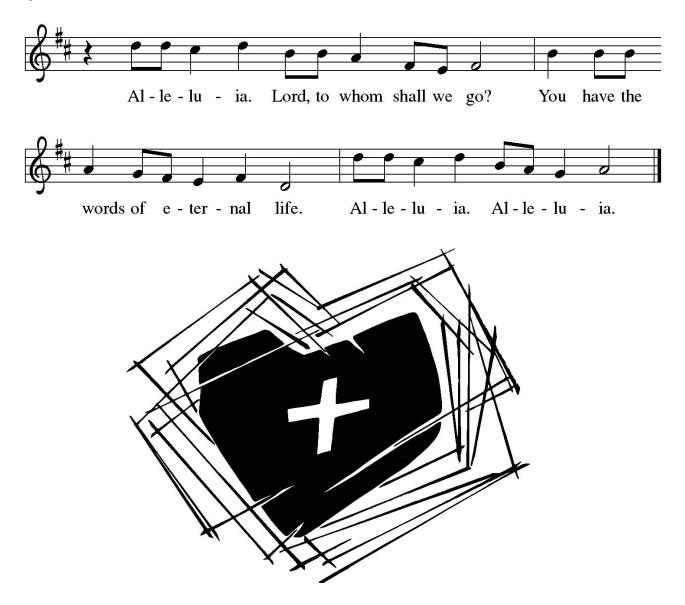
Second Reading: James 1:17-27

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. ²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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Gospel Acclamation

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The holy gospel according to Mark, Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

²¹"For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Sermon

Pastor Jen Herrmann

Hymn of the Day: Lord, Let my Heart be Good Soil





Apostles' Creed

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 was 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 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.

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of every generation, give the church a sense of purpose and belonging. Sustain and build up leaders and lay people as we accompany one another in our life with Christ. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of creation, you named humans as co-creators with you. Where the earth cries out in pain, bring wholeness. Guide governments and industry, that environmental laws and practices seek to heal and not harm. Bring relief and justice to people and places suffering from climate catastrophe (*especially*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Sovereign God, we pray for local communities of every kind: rural and urban; established and new. Lead those in authority to seek the good of all through their words and actions and to mentor others in honest and generous ways. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing God, you draw near to all who are hurting. Be with all who desire relief from chronic and acute illness, cancer, and post-traumatic stress disorder. Strengthen health care workers, therapists, and caregivers. Tend to those who are close to our hearts (*especially*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer**.

On this Labor Day weekend we remember and give thanks for all who have fought for workers' rights around the world. Continue to improve working conditions and establish fair wages so that all people may thrive. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

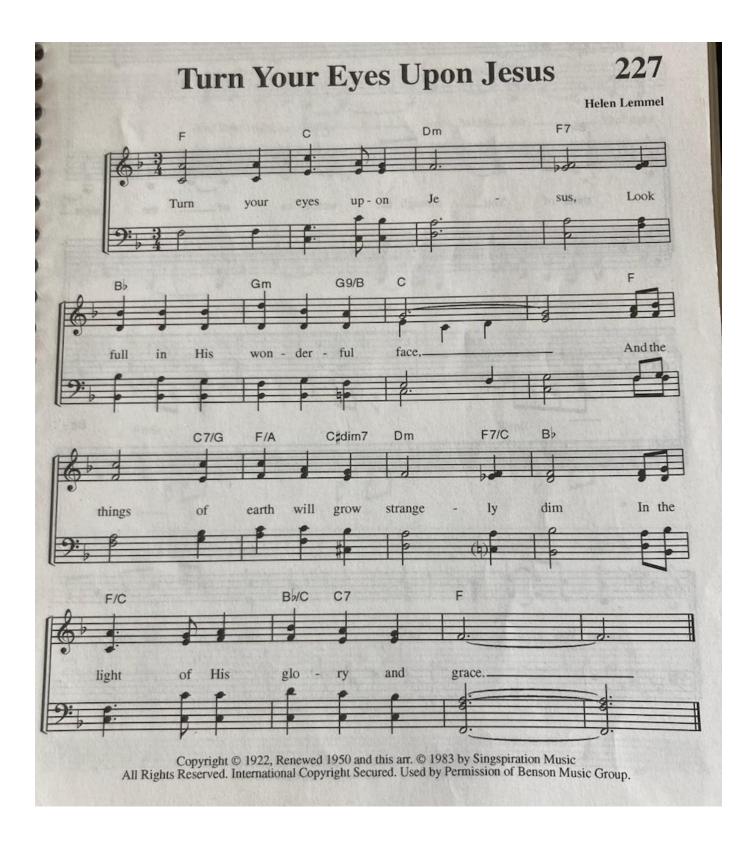
Here other intercessions may be offered.

Comforting God, console us as we mourn our departed (*especially*). We hold fast to the promise that death has been defeated by our Savior Jesus Christ. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Offertory (Usher please bring the offering to the altar)

Offertory Song – Turn your Eyes Upon Jesus



Offertory Prayer

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.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

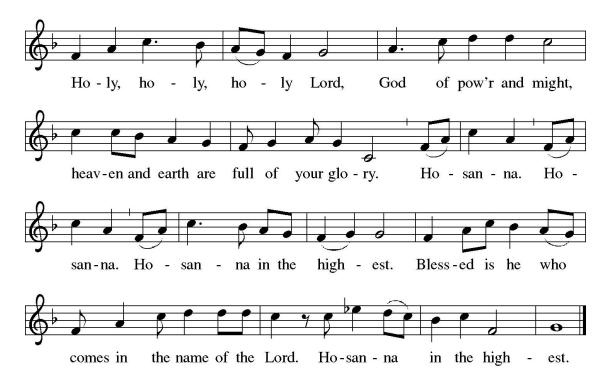
Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Holy, living, and loving God,

we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,

and for sending Jesus to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

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, he 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.

Remembering, therefore,

his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,

we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:

carry us in your arms from death to life,

that we may live as your chosen ones,

clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

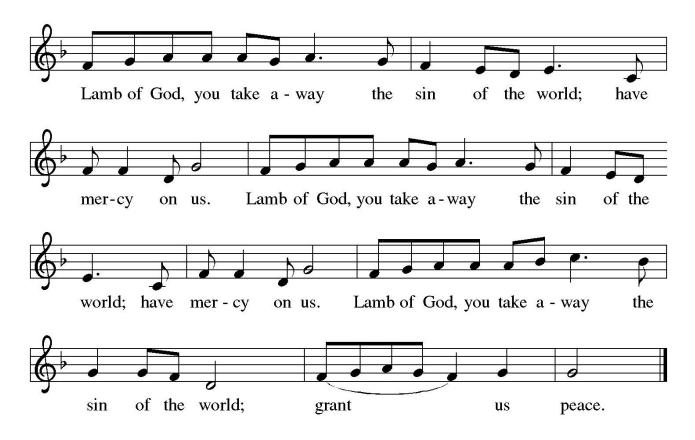
The Lord's Prayer

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.

Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

(Just a reminder that there is grape juice available on the communion trays if you would prefer not to have wine during communion.)

Lamb of God



Communion Hymn: Let Us Go Now to the Banquet



Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

Vamos todos al banquete



Text: Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955, *Misa popular salvadoreña*; tr. Bret Hesla, b. 1957, and William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956 Music: VAMOS TODOS AL BANQUETE, Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955 Text and music © 1994, 1996 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

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Table Blessing

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

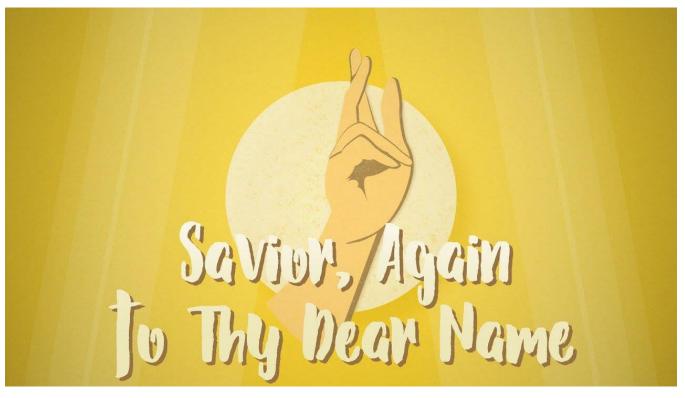
Amen

Prayer after Communion

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

Closing Hymn: Savior, Again to Your Dear Name.



SENDING



Text: John Ellerton, 1826–1893, alt.

Music: Edward J. Hopkins, 1818–1901; arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842–1900

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Dismissal.

Go in peace. Follow Jesus. Thanks be to God.

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AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00	
Pastor: Lectors: Communion Assistant: Usher: Acolyte:	Pastor Jen Herrmann Russ Stephens Guy Miller Justin Stierhoff & Rex Stierhoff Zane Warner
At 10:30	
Pastor: Lectors: Communion Assistant: Usher: Acolyte:	Pastor Jen Herrmann Candy Beatty Jim Bertsch Charles Howard & Gary Lieb Claire Conner
September Altar Care:	Sally Warner & Bonnie Lieb

PRAYER CONCERNS

To all affected by the war in Israel and Ukraine; for all directly or indirectly effected by tornadoes, and flooding, mass shootings happening nationwide; FAITH members, including, Laura Allen; the Roman Catholic Parishes of Sandusky; all who work to provide health care to the people of the greater Sandusky area.

Pastor Jen can be contacted at 419-822-7630 or jen.herrmann@gmail.com

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mike & Maree Markley in loving memory of Maree's mother, Pearl Sabo's birthday on September 3.

DONATIONS TO OUR "PENNY JUG" support the global relief and habilitation efforts of ELCA World Hunger, a mission of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

THIS MORNING'S LOOSE CASH OFFERING (money not in an envelope or given without other designation) benefits Lutheran Disaster Response. **LOOSE CHECKS** will support our Current Expenses Fund unless designated otherwise on the check memo line.

ATTENDANCE

August 25: 49 + 21 = 70

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS

August 25

General Fund – \$2,404.00 Building Improvements – \$475.00

This Week at Trinity

TODAY	Communion Service	8:00 am & 10:30 am
MONDAY	Labor Day Holiday	Office Closed
WEDNESDAY	AA/NA Women Only Worship & Music Meeting "We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	9:00 am 1:00 pm 7:00 pm
SATURDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	11:00 am
SUNDAY	Service of Word & Prayer GWOH's Assembly of Personal Ca Sunday School Starts up	8:00 am & 10:30 am are Kits 9:15 am

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS will be celebrated on Sunday, September 8 between services. If you plan on being there to help, please feel free to pick up a t-shirt on the table in the sanctuary.

EXTRA WOODEN PRAYER BAG TAGS are available in the office hallway if you would like to get a few extra to give to others.



TRINITY HAS SWITCHED FROM BUCKEYE CABLE TO OMNI FIBER. With this change Trinity will have to change our email address. Please update your email contacts to show Trinity's new email address:

trinityelcasandusky@gmail.com

We will be working on updating the Website, Facebook, and other

places as needed. Please pass this along to anyone who may need to know.

THE YOUNG AT HEART will meet at Vita restaurant in Sandusky at 11:00 am on Wednesday, September 11, 2024. We will order off the menu.

Lunch will be followed by a tour of Care and Share.

Please sign up on the Young At Heart bulletin board so we have an idea of how many for reservations. Hope you can join us!

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS

The Community Mission Team is asking for your donations to make LWR Kits again this year. Two individuals have donated one hundred combs and one hundred nail clippers already. Needed are bath towels (approximately 27 x 52) which are



available at Dollar General



and Walmart for around \$3.50. Dark colors are preferred. Also needed are individually packaged bars of soap and toothbrushes. There is a great need for kits all over the world if you can help. The whole month of August and before God's Work Our Hands in September your donations will be welcomed. Last year 105 kits were made.

Let's try for a goal of 125 in 2024. Kits will be assembled on September 8 between services and help assembling the kits would be greatly appreciated.

UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORIES are available in the office hallway with the August Newsletters. Please let Carol know if you have any corrections.



MONTHLY FREE COMMUNITY DINNER at Grace Lutheran Church in Castalia on September 11 from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm (or until gone). Menu includes Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans and Dessert. See the bulletin board for more information.

JUST A REMINDER that the offering plate is not passed during the service. You can find the offering plates at the front of the sanctuary as you come in from the hall on the table or at the back of the church on the table. Thank you for your donations.

TIME TO CONSIDER WHERE MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND AND CHARITY FUND PROCEEDS SHOULD GO

We'll soon have a second-quarter report on the status of Trinity's Mission Endowment and Charity Funds. And, next month, our Stewardship and Finance Team will begin to consider possible destinations for the money the funds have earned through investment.

The Stewardship and Finance Team will make a recommendation to the Congregation Council, and, in turn, the Council will place its recommendation before the congregation at its annual meeting in October.

Now is the time for you to consider making a recommendation as to where some of our proceeds should go for the sake of our Lord's mission to our area and beyond. Is there work being done for the good of others that would be an appropriate destination for some of our fund earnings?

Think on it; talk with others. And, communicate your idea to president Carrie Wiedenheft, Jim Bertsch, or the church office. Thanks!

Here are some past recipients of these proceeds:

- Support Annual Thanksgiving Meal at Holy Angels Church
- Special gift to Care and Share
- Support Meals on Wheels Program
- ELCA Leader's for Seminary Students
- Second Harvest
- Cancer Services towards fuel for travel