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Sunday, September 15, 2024 Seventeenth 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: Earth and All Stars!

No. 731

CREATION



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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, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow 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: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

Psalm 116:1-9

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

²for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴Then I called upon the name of the LORD:
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."
⁵Gracious is the LORD and righteous;

our God is full of compassion.

⁶The Lord watches over the innocent;

I was brought low, and God saved me.

⁷Turn again to your rest, O my soul.

for the LORD has dealt well with you.

- ⁸For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;
- ⁹I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the land of the living.

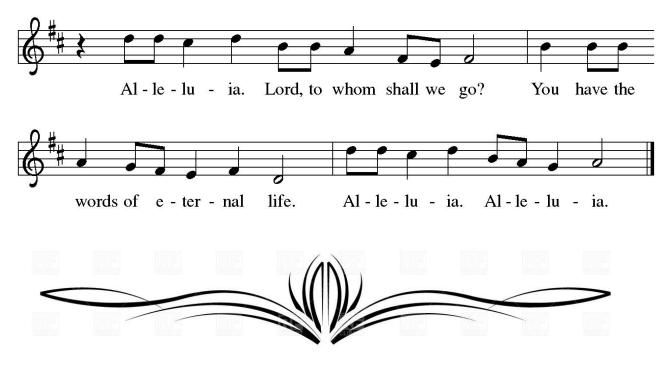
Second Reading: James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

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

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

Children's Message

Sermon

Pastor Jen Herrmann

Hymn of the Day: Lift High the Cross

No. 660





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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.

Prayers of Intercession

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.

We pray for the church throughout the world. Form us into communities of forgiveness and grace. Help us to notice where you are calling us into new relationships, and give us courage to embrace the uncomfortable and unfamiliar. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the earth and all its inhabitants. Protect lands at risk of wildfire and heal dying forests. Where fire brings destruction, raise up new growth. Guide us in tending precarious ecosystems. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those who govern nations, tribes, and cities. Open them to the cries of people in need. Direct them in shaping policies that prioritize the health and well-being of all who struggle with hunger and housing insecurity. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all who are ill, all who are lonely or anxious, and all who grieve (*especially*). Draw them close to you and soothe them with the promise of your enduring love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for teachers, professors, librarians, school administrators, staff, and all who support the education of young people. Sustain them as they shape learning communities, rooted in equity and authenticity. We pray for children of all ages in their learning. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We remember our beloved dead (*especially*), who with the great cloud of witnesses bear witness to your saving grace. Accompany us in our pilgrimage of faith, that we too place our hope and trust in you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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





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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

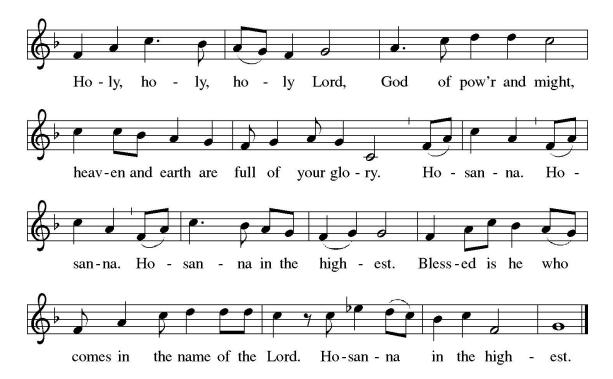
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave,

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,

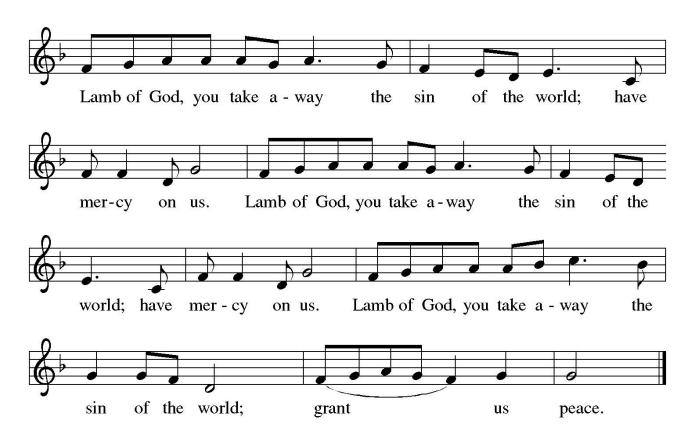
his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.
Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.
Through him all glory and 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 No. 523



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

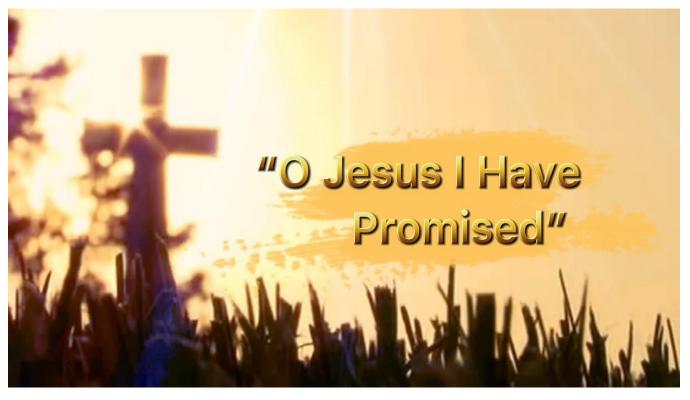
Prayer after Communion

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: O Jesus, I have Promised

No. 810





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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 Sally Warner Guy Miller Justin Stierhoff & Rex Stierhoff Mya Smith
At 10:30	
Pastor: Lectors: Communion Assistant: Usher: Acolyte:	Pastor Jen Herrmann Gayle Thompson Jim Bertsch Charles Howard & Gary Lieb Natalie Thompson
September Altar Care:	Sally Warner & Bonnie Lieb

PRAYER CONCERNS

Chet & Penny Solem; Chet had a stroke and is working on his recovery; 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, Mary Ann Neidler; Bishop Daniel Beaudoin and the staff of our Northwestern Ohio Synod; The participants in the Narcotics Anonymous and Nar-Anon groups that meet at Trinity.

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 Don & Kathy Parker in memory of John & Mary Parker's September birthdays and Marilyn & Jerry Bowers birthdays.

THE MEMORIAL FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Fred Wobser in loving memory of Kevin's birthday on September 11.

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 Current Expenses Fund. **LOOSE CHECKS** will support our Current Expenses Fund unless designated otherwise on the check memo line.

ATTENDANCE

September 8: 40 + 29 = 69

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS

September 8 General Fund – \$14,764.00 Building Improvements – \$2,230.00

This Week at Trinity

TODAY	Communion Service Sunday School Jam Session	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:15 am 9:30 am
WEDNESDAY	AA/NA Women Only Crossroads Meal "We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	9:00 am 1:00 pm 7:00 pm
THURSDAY	Council Meeting	7:00 pm
SATURDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	11:00 am
SUNDAY	Service of Word & Prayer Sunday School	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:15 am

THE TOWNSEND RURITAN CLUB will have their Pancake & Sausage brunch on October 27 from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm at the Vickery Fire Station.

WITH YOUR DONATIONS TRINITY put together 120 Personal Care Kits on Sunday, September 8 during GWOH's day. Thanks to all who donated and helped assemble the kits.

EACH PERSONAL CARE Kit costs Trinity \$2.65 for shipping/handling and the addition of toothpaste to each kit. If you would like to donate towards this cost, it would be greatly appreciated.

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

IT'S THE TIME OF YEAR when the schedules for Communion assistants, Lectors, Acolytes, and Ushers need to be completed. If you would like to change your status or serve in one of these areas, please call the church office to let us know. Thank you.

NEED YOUR HELP. Jean Cline is in need of Sympathy, Thinking of You, and Get-Well cards. If you have extra of these cards Jean would appreciate it if you could bring them to church and leave them in a collection box in the office hallway. She sends these out to our members as needed throughout the year.

September word search

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Scare crows	Halloween	Football	Hayrides
Sweaters	Pumpkin	S'mores	Apples
Leaves	Orange	Spices	Spooky
Yellow	Fall	Warm	Red