

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday
September 6, 2015
8:30

Love God,
Love our neighbors,
Serve the World

*You are invited to stand if able

Welcome

*Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose name is majestic in all the earth, who rescues and heals in every time of trouble, who does all things well. **Amen.**

Let us come before God, seeking forgiveness and life.

Steadfast and saving God,

have mercy on us. We confess to you all the ways we turn from you and harm one another. In your compassion, forgive our sins and heal our hurts. Bring forth from us a harvest of righteousness, the fruits of gentleness and peacemaking, the sheaves of wisdom and justice; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

In the name of Jesus, the Son of God, receive mercy and find grace in your time of need. Your transgressions are forgiven; God's love is healing balm for your wounds. Rejoice, for God raises you up to new life in Christ.

Amen.

***Gathering Hymn**

"Earth and all Stars!"

#731

***Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***Hymn**

“Gather Us In”

#532

***Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord Amen.

(Please be seated.)

First Reading: Isaiah 35: 4-7a

These verses are a word of hope to the exiles in Babylon. Chapter 34 portrays God’s vengeance on Edom, Israel’s age-old enemy, which makes the path from Babylon to Zion safe for the exiles’ return. The desert itself will flow with water to give drink to the returning exiles.

⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.” ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ^{7a} the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 146

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² **I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

³ Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴ **When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;⁶

who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;

⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸ **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹ The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰ **The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading: James 2: 1-17

Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip-service to God's will. Instead, a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.

¹ My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ² For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³ and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷ Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸ You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."⁹ But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹ For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹² So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³ For judgment will be

without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you?¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food,¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclama-**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***Gospel:** The holy gospel according to Mark, the 7th chapter.

In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.

²⁴ [Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.²⁷ He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.”²⁸ But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.”²⁹ Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.”³⁰ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.³² They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him.³³ He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue.³⁴ Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him,

“Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.”³⁵ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.³⁶ Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.³⁷ They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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

(Please be seated.)

Sermon

Pastor Erik Feig

Hymn of the Day

“You Are Mine”

#581

***Prayers of Intercession**

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

***Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(Please extend a greeting of peace to those around you.)

(Please be seated.)

Offering

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

***Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

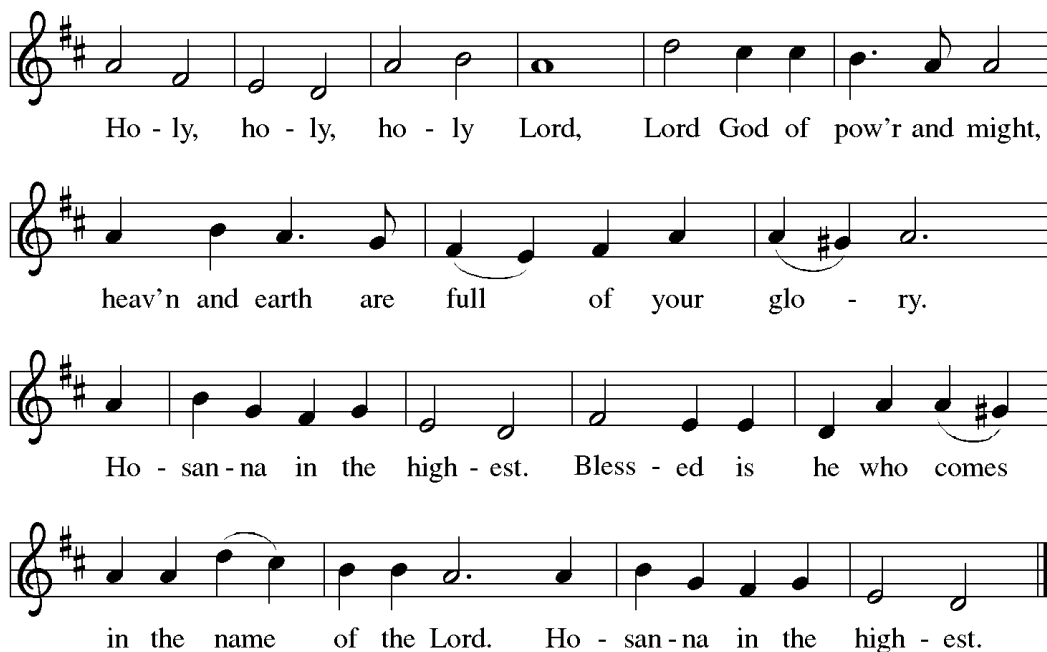
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***Preface**

***Holy, Holy, Holy**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***Words of Institution**

***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

Communion Distribution

All who believe that Christ is truly present in this meal and are baptized are welcome to commune today. Communion today is served by intinction which simply means to come forward to the server to receive the wafer, hold on to it, then dip it into either wine or grape juice and consume the elements.

Communion Hymns: 522, 465, 471

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, O God, that you welcome us to your table and satisfy our deepest hunger and thirst. By your gifts of word and holy meal, strengthen us to take up the cross as we go about our callings in this world, following after Jesus Christ, our servant Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

***Blessing**

Like children in the arms of Jesus, receive blessing: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn**

"Take My Life, That I May Be"

#583

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship

News & Announcements

September 12 and 13: Kick Off to a new Worship Season!

At the 8:30 service, wear your favorite team jersey and enjoy music provided by the Soul Sistas! After the 8:30 service enjoy fellowship with a “tailgate” party beginning in the Narthex and moving to the lawn (please bring your own lawn chair, if you’d like). Hot dogs, chips, cookies and beverages will be provided. No need for you to bring anything!

Service

News & Announcements

From the Heart Food Pantry food of the month for September is **Canned meals/meat**. Donations can be dropped in the box in the narthex to help with the needs. For more info call Sandy at 608-792-9339. Come on any Monday and see what God is doing around here. Monday Meals is 5-6pm and From the Heart Food Pantry is 5:30-7:30pm.

Small Groups

News & Announcements

Children & Youth

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Confirmation

There will be an informational confirmation meeting for parents and students of 8th and 9th grades on September 9th at 6:45pm in the fellowship hall. Regular classes will begin September 16th.

C.I.A.

C.I.A. (Christ in Action-formally known as Sunday school) is changing!! Instead of having our normal time on Sunday mornings we will be meeting on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:00. This change will hopefully allow for families that are gone often on the weekends to be able to join us! C.I.A. will begin Wednesday September 16th. Please meet in the Nelson Faith Center at 6:15. This is for all PK-7th. If you have questions please contact Laurie Noelke at laurienoeke@gmail.com

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August Giving
\$20,044

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August Budgeted
\$25,008

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Year to Date
Giving: \$145,261

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Budgeted giving
through Sept; \$233,191

Memorials

In memory of Charlene Eggum, given by Sharon Olson

The bulletin for the 8:30 radio worship service and the monthly newsletter are available on our website:
trinitylutheranlax.org

Etc.

News & Announcements

Trinity's Chicken Q (organized by the Social Ministry Committee) will be held on Thursday, September 17, 2015 from 3:30-7:00 in the church parking lot. Rooster Andy will be cooking and the cost is \$8 each.

We are looking for people to help serve the food. Please contact Pam Mueller (784-1651 or cny34288@centurytel.net) if you are able to help. There will be 2 shifts ... 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm and 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. If you are unable to work a full shift, we would appreciate any amount of time. Also, we looking for people to sell tickets, which you can pick up after the 8:30 services (or from Laurie in the church office.) Tickets will be for sale from any Social Ministry Committee member or after 8:30 Sunday services (or in the church office.)

Sunday Brunch is Back

Fall is almost here and that brings to mind those wonderful smells of chili, stew, soups and bakery cooking in the kitchen as the cooler weather arrives, and that also brings back the Sunday Brunch at Trinity. Our first one for the season will be Sunday, September 20th! Please try to drop food items off before 8:30 service ends so we can get the serving tables set up.

The list below has suggestions for food items you might bring based on the first letter of your last name. You may bring that item but if you prefer to bring something else, feel free to do so.

- A-H Muffins, rolls, bagels, bread, coffeecake
- I-N Fresh or canned fruit, fruit salad, etc.
- O-S Milk, chocolate milk, juice
- T-Z Egg Bake, Breakfast casserole, breakfast meat

The Congregational Life Ministry hopes you will join us in fellowship over morning brunch. Visitors and Guests are welcome! Looking forward to seeing you!

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Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 8:30-4:30

Bulletin deadline: Noon at Wednesday

Service Times

Saturdays 5:30pm

Sundays 8:30

10:30 service on Aug 9

This Week at Trinity

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

LABOR DAY

5-6p Monday Meals

5:30-7:30p From the Heart Food Pantry

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

5:30p Social Ministry Meeting

7p Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

6:45 Confirmation info meeting

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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