



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

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Masks are welcomed,
but no longer required.
Vaccinations are highly
recommended.

Please maintain
appropriate distancing
between households and
use hand sanitizer.

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All are invited to join us at
the Lord's table for Holy
Communion.

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Our AED machine is
mounted on the wall in
the stairway near the
baptismal font.

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Please silence your
cell phone.



Trinity Lutheran Church
is recognized by
Reconciling Works as a
"Reconciling in Christ"
Congregation which
welcomes all LGBTQ+
persons into all facets of
congregational life.

LECTIONARY 13/PENTECOST 3 THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 AM JUNE 26, 2022

We have no good apart from God. That makes Jesus' call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the path of life.

Congregational words are in bold print.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*Partita on "Wie Schön Leuchtet"
Introduction and Variation III*

Jan Bender

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen
our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those
in need, we have too often passed by on the other side.
Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves
and free us to love our neighbors. Amen**

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our
sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

Amen

GATHERING HYMN - O Holy Spirit, Enter In



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, and in our hearts your
2 Left to our - selves, we sure - ly stray; oh, lead us on the
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your good Word in



work be - gin, and make our hearts your dwell - ing. Sun of the soul,
nar - row way, with wis - est coun - sel guide us; and give us stead -
doubt and strife be in us strong - ly burn - ing, that we be faith -



O Light di - vine, a - round and in us bright - ly shine, your strength
fast - ness, that we may fol - low you for - ev - er free, no mat -
ful un - to death and live in love and ho - ly faith, from you



in us up - well - ing. In your ra - diance life from heav - en now is
ter who de - rides us. Gent - ly heal those hearts now bro - ken; give some
true wis - dom learn - ing. Lord, your mer - cy on us show - er; by your



giv - en o - ver - flow - ing, gift of gifts be - yond all know - ing.
to - ken you are near us, whom we trust to light and cheer us.
pow - er Christ con - fess - ing, we will cher - ish all your bless - ing.

Text: Michael Schirmer, 1606–1673; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.
Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Be seated.

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

In the story preceding today's reading, the prophet Elijah flees for his life to the security of God's mountain.

There God reveals to Elijah that there are still other faithful people in Israel and commissions him to anoint new leaders, including his own successor, Elisha.

After the reading:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16 (from *the Psalter*)

Higher Voices Lower Voices

Protect me God, I turn to you for help. I profess, "You are my Lord, my greatest good."

I once put faith in false god, the idols of the land. Now I make no offering to them, nor invoke their names. Those who chase after them add grief upon grief.

Lord, you measure out my portion, the shape of my future;
you mark off the best place for me to enjoy my inheritance.

I bless God who teaches me, who schools my heart even at night. I am sure God is here, right beside me. I cannot be shaken.

So my heart rejoices, my body thrills with life, my whole being rests secure.

You will not abandon me to Sheol, nor send your faithful one to earth.

You show me the road to life: boundless joy at your side for ever!

SECOND READING: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ's Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit.

After the reading:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

TEACHING TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 9:51-62

Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY - Beloved, God's Chosen



1 Be - lov - ed, God's cho - sen, put on as a gar - ment
2 With - in, call forth Wis - dom, to dwell in you rich - ly;
3 Be - lov - ed, God's cho - sen, put on as a gar - ment



com - pas - sion, for - give - ness, and good - ness of heart.
let peace rule your hearts and that peace be of Christ.
com - pas - sion, for - give - ness, and good - ness of heart.



A - bove all, be - fore all, let love be your rai - ment
And from the heart's cham - ber, be - lov - ed and ho - ly,
A - bove all, be - fore all, let love be your rai - ment



that binds in - to one ev - 'ry dis - so - nant part.
let sing - ing thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er rise.
that binds in - to one ev - 'ry dis - so - nant part.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953
Music: ANDREW'S SONG, Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962
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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 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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

After a brief silence each petition concludes:

God, of grace,
hear our prayer.

After the final petition:

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit,
we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.
Amen

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Please greet one another from a distance and then remain standing.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance:

you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus,
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.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

O God triune, how majestic...we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:

The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you took on our flesh...we mortals sing our song:

The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

We praise you for the heart of Jesus,...we your children unite in this song:

The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you create the worlds,...to praise you again:

The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

Amen, and amen.

Amen, and amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

Be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

Following the direction of the usher, approach the altar, maintaining a safe distance between households. Please ask your server if you need a gluten-free wafer or prefer grape juice. As you return to your seat, place your empty glass in the corner basket. Those not partaking of communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you are unable to approach the altar for communion, inform the usher and the sacrament will be brought to you.

After all have received Communion, please stand as you are able.

TABLE BLESSING

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

Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Life-giving God,
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy.
Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger,
that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

Amen

BLESSING

The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life
this day and always.

Amen

SENDING HYMN - O, Jesus, I Have Promised - see page 10

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Partita on "Wie Schön Leuchtet"
Variation IV

Jan Bender

SENDING HYMN - O, Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.
Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

Leaders in Today's Liturgy: June 26, 2022 -Lectionary 13/Pentecost 3

Preaching and Presiding: Pr. Jennifer Dee

Assisting Minister: Dcs. Deborah Graf

Organist: Sandra Sittler

Lector: Mary Ann Farnsworth

Greeter: Annie Harlin

Ushers: David & Sue Shellong

Communion Assistant: Annie Harlin

Altar Guild: Michael Faust, Linda Grim, Erica Hofmann, Darryl Jeffries, Doris Strobel

Today's altar flowers are sponsored by Tony, Sherri, Ali & Meg Sacco, celebrating the life of June Klahr, Sherri's mother

We thank Sandra Sittler for planning today's worship



Immediate prayer requests: Karin Flatt, Norah Wolfe-Blatt, JT Motley, Al Beadencup, David Strobel, Kelley Crozier, and Tom Shultz

Ongoing prayer requests: Ruth Adam (friend of Graf family), Celia Cosentino (friend of Jane Zobian), Doris (friend of Pat McMahan), Dick Evans, Ed Harlin, Dick Hartman, Nathan Hudson (son-in-law of Anita Dolak), Darryl Jeffries, Tina Koch (friend of Jenn Smith), Nancy Nagle, Betty Rickenbach (Karen Nein's mother), Luther Routt , the Sawyer family, Walter Schur, Dar Unger, and David Unruh (brother of Ralph Unruh)

Trinity households: David, Pamela, Sophia & William VanFossen; Gerald & Joann Wagner; Jeff, Pam, Andrew & Lauren Wasmuth; Paul Watkins, Jr.; Rebecca Watkins; and Christopher Kissinger

Prepare for Worship July 3: Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 66:1-9; Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Psalm, Psalm, Psalm-er Time!

This summer during worship, we will be praying Psalms in many ways. Keep your eyes peeled for various translations (the King James Version, first published in 1611; the Hebrew Bible, translated by Robert Alter, 2019; the Psalter, translation by the International Commission on English in the Liturgy, 1994; The Message Bible, by Eugene Peterson, 2002.) It is our hope that by praying familiar Psalms with different words, we may encounter God's Word in fresh ways. When you worship, see how the translations compare with the NRSV in the hymnal or with your own Bible translation at home.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, June 26: Lectionary 13/Pentecost 3

10:00 AM: Worship (Nave)

2:00 PM: Common Ground Worship and
Meal Takeaway

Tuesday, June 28

9:30 AM: Full Staff Meeting

Sunday, July 3, 2022: Lectionary 14/Pentecost 4

10:00 AM: Worship (Nave)

2:00 PM: Common Ground Worship and
Meal Takeaway

Monday, July 4

Church office closed for the holiday

Broadcast Schedule for June

All of our programs listed below can be watched on Comcast Channel 190, Reading Hospital Channel 80, online at www.trinityreading.org, on our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/trinitylutheranchurch. Trinity's Sunday morning worship is also live streamed via Facebook and YouTube. You may log on to either platform on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM and worship at the same time as the in-person congregation.

Sundays

6:00 PM First Friday: Hinduism

6:30 PM Music From Trinity:

Christa Beveridge, soprano

7:00 PM Trinity Worship Service

Wednesdays

4:00 PM Trinity Worship Service

5:00 PM Music From Trinity:

Christa Beveridge, soprano

5:30 PM First Friday: Hinduism

Congregational questionnaires due June 30

In early June, Trinity's Vestry shared an in-depth questionnaire with Trinity households to enrich our search for a new pastor. As Vestry President Jen Mazur wrote in the cover letter, we are interested in what you think Trinity's greatest needs are and what you consider to be Trinity's primary strengths and weaknesses.

We ask that you return your questionnaire by June 30. Copies are available in the narthex. You may return them to the collection box in the narthex that will be available through Sunday, July 3. You may also mail it to the church office. If you have any questions, please speak with Jen Mazur or other member of Vestry.

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