



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 20/PENTECOST 10 THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 AM AUGUST 14, 2022

The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great "cloud of witnesses." In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

Congregational words are in bold print.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Adagio in D

Pietro Nardini

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who creates, redeems and sustains us and all creation.

Amen

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

To you, O God,

all hearts are open, to you all desires known.

We come to you, confessing our sins.

Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love.

Show us your ways; teach us your paths;

and lead us in justice and truth,

for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you new birth,

and through the death and resurrection of ✝ Jesus Christ,

God forgives you all your sins.

The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life.

Amen

GATHERING HYMN - Lead On, O King Eternal

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
 for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
 for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums,
 Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
 but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
 the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862-1917
 Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879

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. O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Be seated.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.

After the reading:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 82 (from *The Message Bible*)

Higher Voices **Lower Voices**

God calls the judges into his courtroom, he puts all the judges in the dock.

"Enough! You've corrupted justice long enough, you've let the wicked get away with murder.

You're here to defend the defenseless, to make sure that underdogs get a fair break;

Your job is to stand up for the powerless, and prosecute all those who exploit them."

Ignorant judges! Head-in-the-sand judges! They haven't a clue to what's going on.

And now everything's falling apart, the world's coming unglued.

"I commissioned you judges, each one of you, deputies of the High God,

But you've betrayed your commission and now you're stripped of your rank, busted."

O God, give them their just deserts! You've got the whole world in your hands!

HYMN OF THE DAY - How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;
4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind
whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,
in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

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

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

After a brief silence each petition concludes:

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

After the final petition:

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love;
through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.
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

Let us pray. Holy God:
gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation.
Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care;
and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

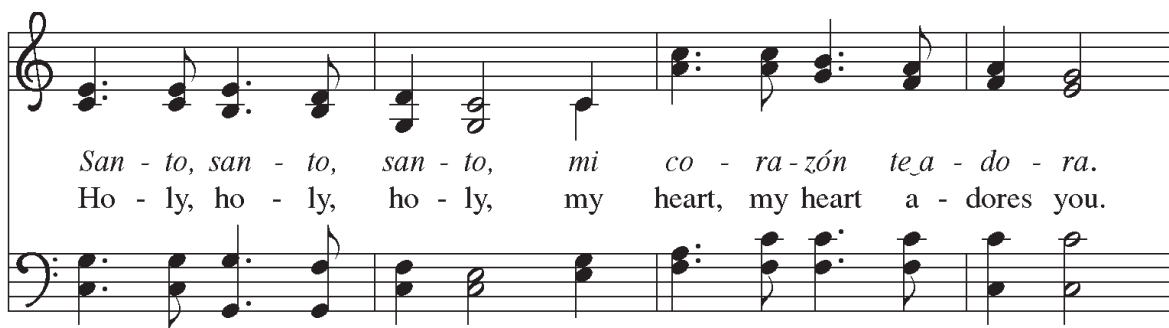
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

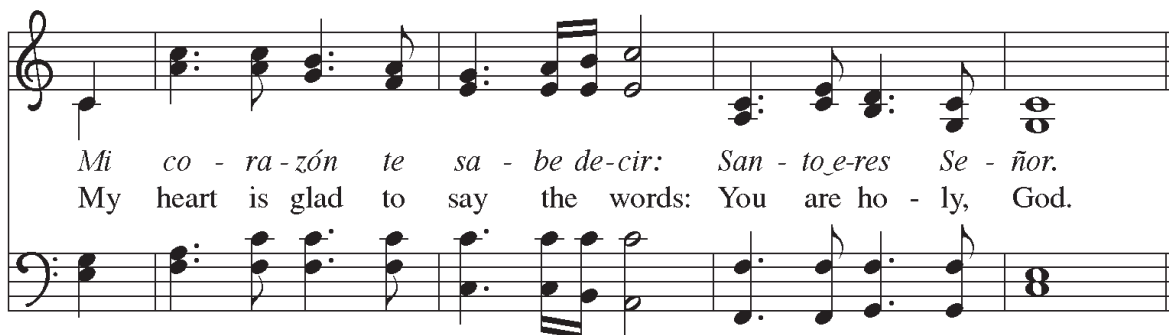
It is indeed right, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Sing once in Spanish and once again in English.



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to e - res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Argentine traditional
Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal...Power of the Most High, now and forever.

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

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

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. O God,
in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence,
nourished us with words of mercy, and fed at your table.
Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart,
serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made;
through Christ our Lord.

Amen

BLESSING

The holy Three, the holy One
increase your hope, strengthen your faith,
deepen your love, and ✠ grant you peace.

Amen

SENDING HYMN - Eternal Father, Strong to Save - see page 10

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

Antonio Vivaldi

SENDING HYMN - Eternal Father, Strong to Save

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1825-1878, alt.
 Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

Leaders in Today's Liturgy: August 14, 2022 -Lectionary 20/Pentecost 10

Preaching and Presiding: Pr. Fred Opalinski

Assisting Minister: Dcs. Deborah Graf

Organist: Sandra Sittler

Lector: Annie Harlin

Greeter: Erica Hofmann

Ushers: Robin Oberholtzer and Erica & Steve Hofmann

Communion Assistant: Annie Harlin

Altar Guild: Anita Dolak, David Himes, Amy Reinsel, Amy Stewart-Himes and Raye Watson

Today's altar flowers and broadcast are dedicated to the glory of God

We thank Amy, William & Grace Norton-Ritz and William & Charlene Norton for planning today's worship



Immediate prayer requests: Darryl Jeffries, Ben Motley, John Kirby, Grady and Nayanna

Ongoing prayer requests: Walter Maier, Norah Wolfe-Blatt (premie baby daughter of Pastor Lauren and Hannah Wolfe-Blatt, now home), JT Motley, David Strobel, Ruth Adam (friend of Graf family), Celia Cosentino (friend of Jane Zobian), Doris (friend of Pat McMahan), Dick Evans, Ed Harlin, Nathan Hudson (son-in-law of Anita Dolak), 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 in prayer: Virginia Deem; Melissa, Erik, Katherine & Robert DeMotta; Ronald Derr; Blair & Courtney Dewalt; and Tate Dewalt & Rachel Himes-Dewalt

Prepare for Worship August 21: Isaiah 58: 9b-14; Psalm 103:1-8; Hebrews 12:18-29; and Luke 13:10-17

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Emma Care graduated with high honors from Wyomissing High School and will be attending the Smeal School of Business at Penn State in the fall. She was accepted into the Sapphire Leadership Academic Program and plans to pursue a degree in international business.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, August 14: Lectionary 20/Pentecost 10

9:00 AM: Second Sunday Forum:

“Peace or Division?”

10:00 AM: Worship (Nave)

2:00 PM: Common Ground Worship and
Meal Takeaway

Tuesday, August 16

9:30 AM: Full Staff Meeting

Sunday, August 21: Lectionary 21/Pentecost 11

10:00 AM: Worship (Nave)

2:00 PM: Common Ground Worship and
Meal Takeaway

Broadcast Schedule for August

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: Daily Talmud Study

6:30 PM Music From Trinity:

Anna & Erik Meyer, flute & organ

7:00 PM Trinity Worship Service

Wednesdays

4:00 PM Trinity Worship Service

5:00 PM Music From Trinity:

Anna & Erik Meyer, flute & organ

5:30 PM First Friday: Daily Talmud Study

August Mission Project – School Supplies: Opportunity House

Please have all donations in by August 15

You can help support students at Opportunity House Programs. We are invited to collect school supplies: Book bags, Notebooks, Pencils, Pens, Pencil cases, Dividers, Crayons, Markers, Erasers, Hand sanitizer, and Small tissues. Donations can be dropped off in the bins in the Narthex, or in the Bard House during office hours (Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM -3:00 PM).

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