

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

August 14th, 2022

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



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."

- PRELUDE
- WELCOME
- ANNOUNCEMENTS
- PRAYER REQUESTS

*For sections with an *, please stand as you are able*

***Confession and Forgiveness**

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

ALL: Amen.

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

Merciful God,

**ALL: 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.

L: 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.

ALL: Amen.

***OPENING HYMN: Thy Strong Word (verses 1-4)**

Thy Strong Word



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speaking it was done. For cre - at - ed light we
 night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -
 thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward
 forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.
 beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,
 tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
 throats that shout the hope that fills us,
 mouths to speak thy holy name.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 May the light which thou dost send
 fill our songs with alleluias,
 alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
 to thee laud and honor be.
 To thee, Light of Light begotten,
 praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 glory, glory be to thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 praise the holy Trinity!

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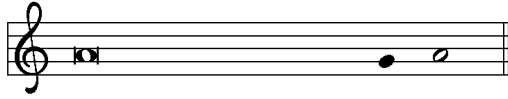
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***GREETING**

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

ALL: And also with you.

***KYRIE**



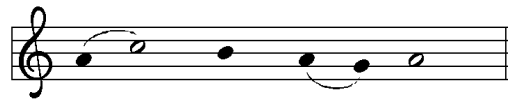
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



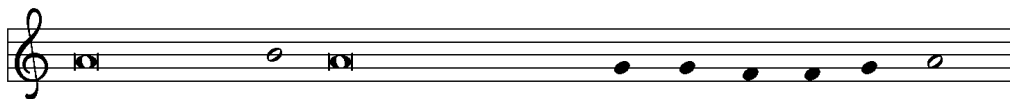
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



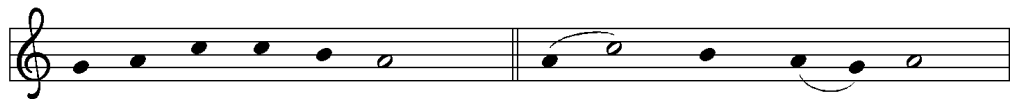
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

L: 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.

ALL: Amen.

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.

L: ²³Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

L: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 82

Arise, O God, and rule the earth. (Ps. 82:8)

L: ¹God stands to charge the divine council assembled,
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

**ALL: ²"How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favor to the wicked?"**

L: ³Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;

ALL: ⁴rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the power of the wicked.

L: ⁵They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

ALL: ⁶Now I say to you, 'You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High;

L: ⁷nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince.' ”

ALL: ⁸Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations or your own.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29--12:2

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this “cloud of witnesses,” we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

L: ²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy

that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

L: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

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

***GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56**

Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: [Jesus said:] ⁴⁹“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!

⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three;

⁵³they will be divided:

father against son

and son against father,

mother against daughter

and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

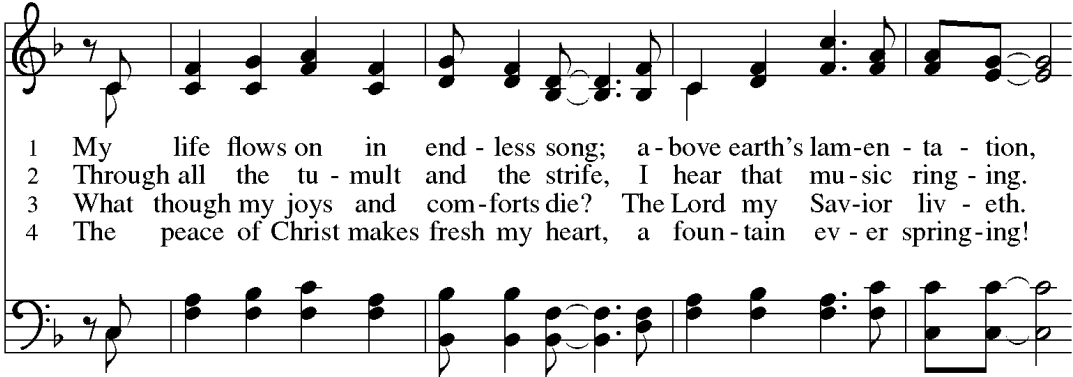
L: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

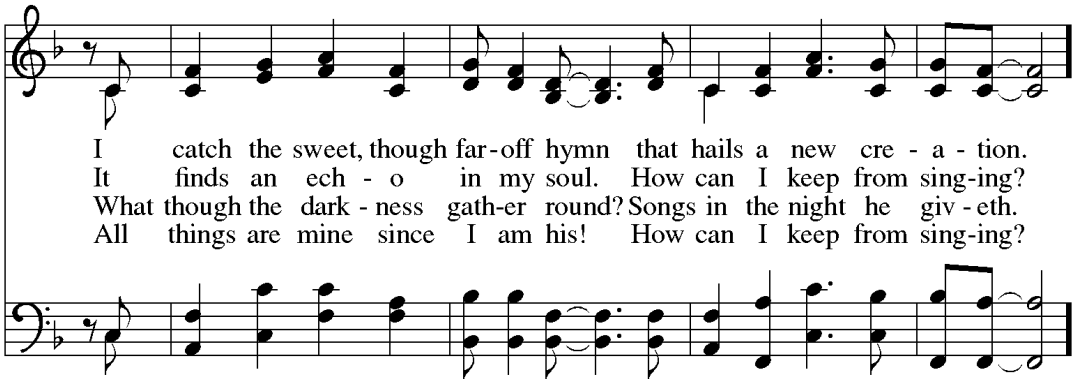
SERMON: Pastor Charlie Greene

***HYMN OF THE DAY: My Life Flows on in Endless Song**

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

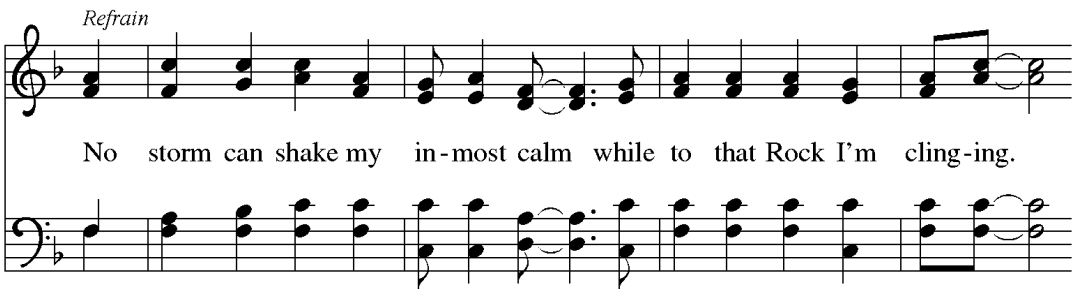


1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion,
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
3 What though my joys and com - forts die? The Lord my Sav - ior liv - eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing!



I catch the sweet, though far - off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing - ing?
What though the dark - ness gath - er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing - ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in - most calm while to that Rock I'm cling - ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav - en and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

APOSTLE'S CREED

L: Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith together using the words of the Apostle's Creed...

**ALL: 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

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

Each prayer ends with these words:

L: Merciful God,
All: Receive our prayer.

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

All: Amen.

*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of the LORD be with you always.
ALL: And also with you.

**Please greet one another creatively – being mindful of physical distancing, with a sign of Christ's peace from where you are seated.*

*OFFERING PRAYER

Any financial gifts you wish to give towards the ministry of Trinity may be placed in the offering plate at the rear of the worship space. We give thanks for your sharing of your offerings this and every day.

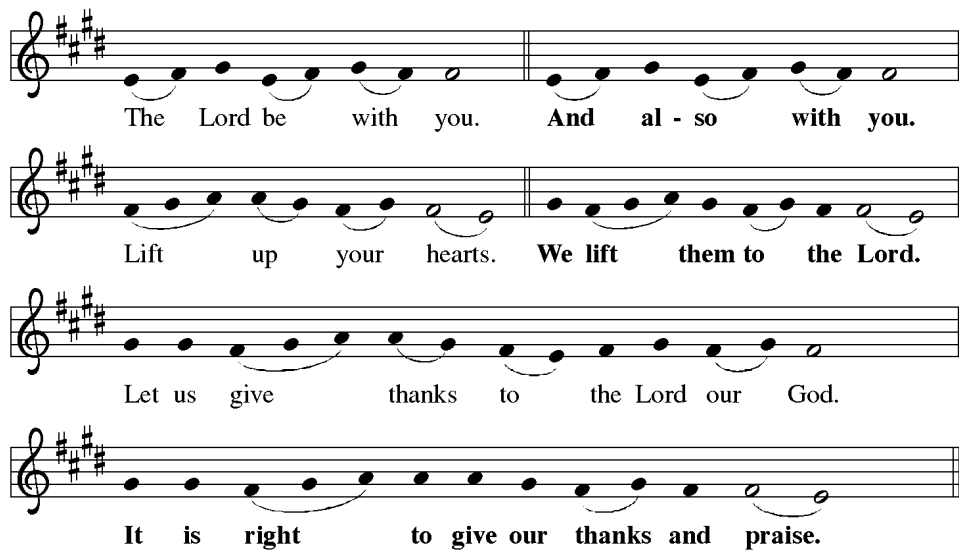
L: God of abundance:

ALL: 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.**

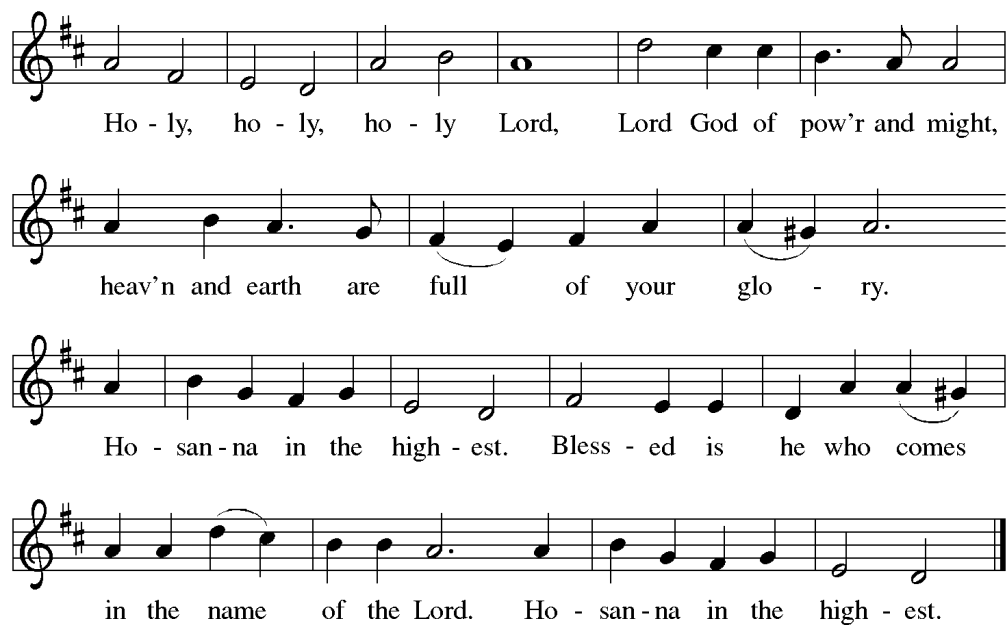
Amen.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

L: 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:



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.

L: 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.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

ALL: 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.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

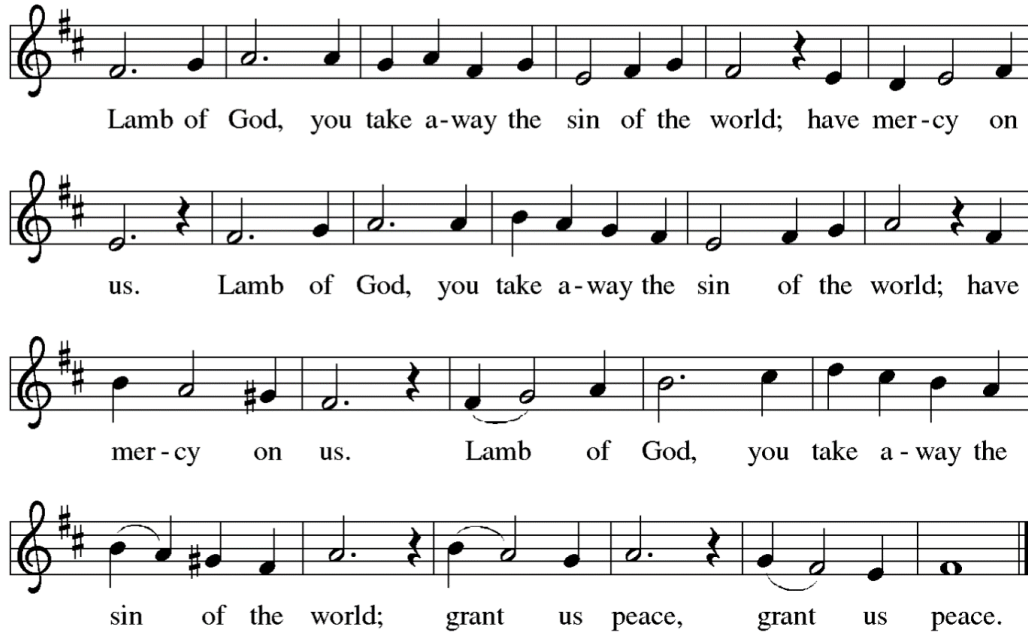
L: In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.

Come to the banquet.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The minister will give instruction on the distribution of communion.

COMMUNION HYMN: Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN: Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God Blue Book: #783

To be sung on repeat during the distribution of communion - until distribution is complete

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in God's grace, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

L: Let us pray together:

**ALL: 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**

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

ALL: Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN: Lead On, O King Eternal!**

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

***DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Office hours

Pastor Rick: Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tracy: Thursdays 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

*Pastor is away through August 15th

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*God's love is powerful...powerful enough to wade through our doubts, fears, and challenges.
And, God's love is for YOU and ALL!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for:

Strength & Healing for:

Charles Schram, leukemia
Dan, going into long-term care
Alice, moving to Hospice care
Ken Pagels, starting chemo
Jen Lobur, healing
Dennis Cummings, now at Brother's of Mercy
Paul Chajka & his family – recovering from open heart surgery
Lois Wolf – cancer treatments
Claud – Bladder cancer
Levi Hall
Nancy Dean
Linda Finger – broken ankle and surgery
David Hofmeier's sister, Lois – Lymphoma
Diane Hurne's son, Jim – radiation & chemo



Patience, understanding & comfort for:

The Finger family
The Hofmeier family
Diane Hurne

Prayers are a powerful way to lift up people who are sick, injured or suffering for God's healing. Let us know of names you would like to have the church pray for, and we'll add them to the list here and in the Beacon. If you wish for names to remain anonymous, you can let Pastor Rick know privately and he'll pray for them silently. Names will remain in the bulletin and Beacon for around a month unless you let us know to extend their listing or remove them sooner. There is a list near the offering collection plate to write names down, or you can leave a message with the church office

Counters: August: Jennifer, September: Paula, October: Jennifer

A great big thank you to Pastor Charlie for leading us in worship today!

And thank you to our organist, Marilynn Horwood for filling in!

We have two pastors on call while Pastor Rick is away. If you have a pastoral emergency please call Pastor Rod Klinzing is available at 716-628-8241, or Pastor Craig Rhodenizer is available at 716-765-2017.

Thank You!

Thank you to Harold Gardner for the beautiful job painting our sign!
And a big thank you to Tony & Troy Kaminski for restoring the basketball backboard!

Trinity's Summer Book Challenge

Don't forget pick up your copy of *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*, by Robin Diangelo. Join us at Adult Forum on September 18th following worship as we have a conversation about this book.

Summer Campfires: August 17, 24 & 31

Our campfires will resume this Wednesday - join us at 7 pm!

We'll gather on **Wednesday evenings** from **7-8:30 pm** for great conversation, devotions, snacks and more around the campfire outdoors at church.

Dress for the weather, bring your own lawn chair, bug spray and a snack or drink to share. In case of inclement weather, campfire nights turn into indoor movie nights!

Worship in Russell Park 2022

Join us on **August 28** at 9:30 am! Bring a food item to share and stay for fellowship after.

Trinity T-Shirts

T-shirts will be back on August 21st!

They will be on sale in the rear of the sanctuary for \$10 each (cash or checks to Trinity Ev. Luth. Church with 't-shirts' in the memo line). Great to wear out and about!

Updated Church Directory

The directory is being updated with current phone numbers & addresses. In the narthex you'll find a draft copy of the new directory. Please take a moment to look through it and note any changes with the red pen and highlighter that you'll find there.

Game Night

Join us for Game Night in the fellowship hall on August 26th at 7pm. Stay for pizza, games and fellowship. If you are planning on attending, please add your name to the sign up sheet in the narthex so we know how much pizza we will need.

Prayer Pal Reveal

Plans are underway for the Secret Prayer Pal Reveal on Sunday, August 28th, at the home of Sue Kidder, at Noon. ALL LADIES OF THE CONGREGATION ARE INVITED WHETHER YOU PARTICIPATED IN THE PRAYER PAL GROUP OR NOT! We're hoping you will participate when the new season begins in September! Even if you have no inclination of being a prayer pal, please come! There will be Fun, Food, and Fellowship.... AND, most importantly, you will find out who your Secret Prayer Pal for this last year has been!

Hope to see you there!

