

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord

August 29, 2021 9:30 AM – 14th Sunday after Pentecost



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A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

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Worship Information

A Warm Welcome as you worship with us today! Whether you are here for the first time or a long time member, know that you are welcomed in Christ's Name, joined to be with us, Christ's Body the Church, as we worship God. Your presence at worship is a gift! Take a moment to introduce yourself to someone near you. To our visitors, we offer a special welcome and invite you to sign the visitor's sheet near the entrance. Please allow us to get to know you by staying for refreshments and fellowship.

Children: We love having children worship with us! During worship over the summer, our Nursery is not staffed. You may find Children's bulletins and activities on tables inside the sanctuary.

Communion: It is our privilege to welcome you to the Lord's Table! We welcome all who are baptized and wish to receive the promise offered in the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Christ, to come and share in receiving Holy Communion. As you come to the Lord's Table, know that it is Christ who invites you to receive the bread and wine, the body and blood. *Communion elements are found in a basket on the Greeters table, as we are continuing to social distancing.*

Prayer Requests: Prayer Request Cards are available indoors on the Usher's Table. Simply fill one out and hand it to the Pastor, or place it in the Offering Basket.

Worship Photos & Videos may be taken for the purpose of posting in the media of our congregation. The photographer's credit will be provided and any image will be removed upon request. Parents are asked to fill out a release form concerning images of minors and no minor's pictures will be used without consent.

Missed Last Week's Service? Our Sunday worship service is now live-streamed on htelc.com. Watch anytime! Visit us on YouTube at youtube.com/HolyTrinityEvangelicalLutheranChurch.

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Reconciling in Christ

At Holy Trinity, we welcome and affirm everyone—because God welcomes and affirms everyone—

regardless of age, race, ability, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or other life circumstance.

You are welcome. Your family, children, friends, spouses, and partners are welcome.

You are welcome, whether you are a believer, a doubter, or a seeker.

Your diversity and uniqueness are welcomed and affirmed into the full life of Holy Trinity.



You are wanted here.

Today at Holy Trinity

9:30 AM: Traditional Worship 10:30 AM: Fellowship

Worship Assistants				
	9:30 Traditional Service			
Musicians	Jonathan Bock			
Greeters	Jo Whiting and Russ Hilliard			
Fellowship Host(s)	Cristina Dolcino			
Counters	Anggiat Sihotang & Anggrin Sihombing			
Sound System/Live Stream	Mark Donahue & Franklyn Vosburg			

This Week At Holy Trinity					
Day	Date	Start	Event		
Wednesday	9/1	09:30 AM	Bible Study		
		06:00 PM	Wednesday Evening Worship		
Thursday	9/2	08:30 AM	Property Team		
Sunday	9/3	09:30 AM	9:30 Sunday Worship		

Last Week at Holy Trinity					
<u>Date</u>	Worship Attendance	<u>Offering</u>			
Wednesday, July 18	8	See Next Week's			
Sunday, July 22	75 (In-Person) + 32 (online) = 108	bulletin			

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Emergency Contact Information: Please call the church office at (603) 436-1704 and wait for the voicemail options. When instructed, press 6, and you will be immediately transferred to Pastor Krick's cellphone.

Prayer Concerns

Please include the following in your daily prayers:

Members & Attenders

Health Issues: Franklyn Vosburg, Jerry Schock, Pastor Linn Opderbecke, Alice Peterson. *Homebound:* Marie Edin, Carol Saufley, Edith Rowan, Barbara Werdelin. *Military:* Josh Bretz, Matthew Hanrahan, Brendan Podszus, Jacob Schankis, Jessica Chabot.

Friends

Lynn Geraci & Judi Thomson (Jill & Jerry Schock's friends), Martha Laperle (Betty King's friend), Pastor John H. Krahn (Dave & Joyce Rivoire's friend), Kathy Germain (Franklyn Vosburg's sister), Megan Zadig (David & Carol Arrington's daughter), Joseph & Julia Spataro (Dave & Joyce Rivoire's friends), Tammy Hickey (Tina Maiorino & Linda Sunderland's friend), Cinda DeWerff & Linda Aten (Rich Wilcox's sisters), Garnet D. Wilcox (Rich Wilcox's brother), Fred Keen (Rich Wilcox's brother-in-law), Bonnie Beatty (Rich Wilcox's niece), Floyd Richards (Claire Radke's neighbor), Susan Rogers (Linda Edwards' cousin), Mary Roberts (Heidi Morrison's sister-in-law), Dave Bly (Sue Althof's brother), Sharon Connors (Bonnie & Larry Sanders' daughter), Karla Roth (Bonnie & Larry Sanders' sister-in-law), Bill Hazard (Jill & Jerry Schock's friend), Stephanie & Chuck Pelesky (Jill & Jerry Schock's friend).

Prayers will be listed for 6 weeks unless told otherwise. If you would like a prayer concern listed in the bulletin, please fill out a Prayer Request at the Usher's table or contact the Church Office at office@htelc.com.

Lectionary (Readings)

This week: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23; Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9

Next week: Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17; Mark 7:24-37; Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125

Notes on today's services

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

Walk The Walk 2021

As of August 23, 2021, Team Holy Trinity has a total of 49 members walking to fundraise for Calumet. Together, Team Holy Trinity has walked a total of

7,643 MILES!

That's **3.82%** of the total number of miles Calumet needs to reach their final goal. Every week, we will update this number for the congregation to see. Calumet has a total of **174,277** miles from ALL congregations and teams towards their goal of 200,000 miles, as of August 22.

Announcements

Portals of Prayer (October-December 2021) is available to be picked up in the Gathering Area. Christ in Our Home is expected to arrive shortly.

Pop Up Pantry is in need of bread! Drop off a loaf of bread on Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday, and we will put out the bread on Wednesday for our Pop-Up Pantry.

The Tidings

If space in our bulletin occurs, we will feature excerpts from one or two articles from our weekly email newsletter in the bulletin. To subscribe to our weekly newsletter, please speak to the Church Office.

Pastor Tim's Article

What can I do? As we watch the news over the last few of days, "What can I do?" is a question we all are asking ourselves.

We want to do something tangible. We want to do something where we see an immediate and direct impact. We want to do something that matters. We are tempted to collect items. We think about going through our closet or basement and want to donate things that are in good shape and we aren't using anymore. Those are good thoughts supported by good intentions, but that is not what is needed immediately. I believe the best thing we can do right now, besides pray, is to give money. There are organizations that are already "on the ground" working in tragic and disastrous situations around the world and who will need extra resources to deal with these new situations.

Three which are affiliated with the Lutheran church, and are highly respected while doing great work are Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services and Ascentria Care Alliance.

Vicky and I have already donated \$300 total to these organizations and we ask that you take a few minutes and learn about each charity and decide how you might financially support them also. You may not be in a position to give at that amount, but even though it sounds cliché, but every little bit helps. Here are their websites.

Lutheran World Relief - www.lwr.org

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services - www.lirs.org

Ascentria Care Alliance - www.ascentria.org

You will notice, each organization has a link easily found on their homepage that will guide you through the giving process.

Take a moment, learn about what each charity does, discern how you might be able to give and then click on the "DONATE" button on the organizations website that you choose.

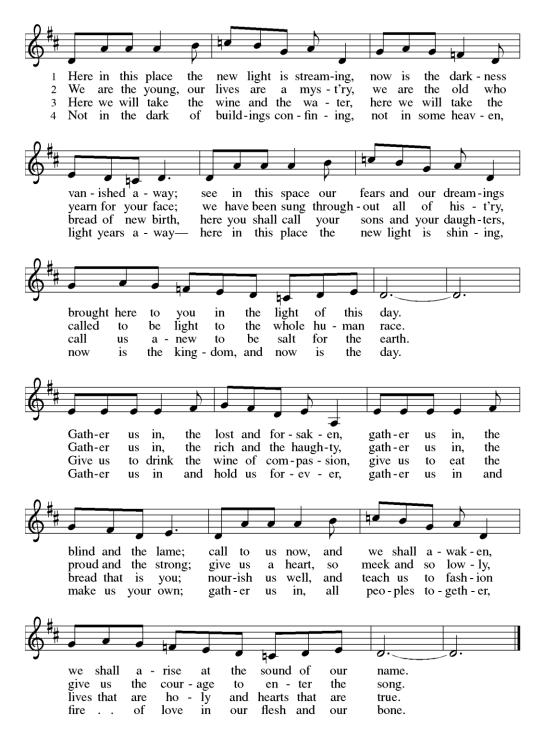
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Gathering Song

ELW 532

Gather Us In



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Confession and Forgiveness

- C: Amen.
- P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

—A brief silence—

- P: God, our provider,
- C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

- C: Amen.

Greeting

- P: May the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- P: Let us pray.
- C: O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Children's Message

The children are invited to come forward to join the Pastor at the Chancel for a message.

WORD

The remaining lessons appointed for use on this Sunday are located in the announcements of this worship booklet. You are invited to read them during the collection of offerings or Communion. You are also invited to take this booklet home with you and read the lessons and prayers as part of family worship or individual devotions.

First Reading

P: A reading from James 1:17-27

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

- L: Word of God, word of life.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark, Chapter 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,

but their hearts are far from me;

⁷in vain do they worship me,

teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." ¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

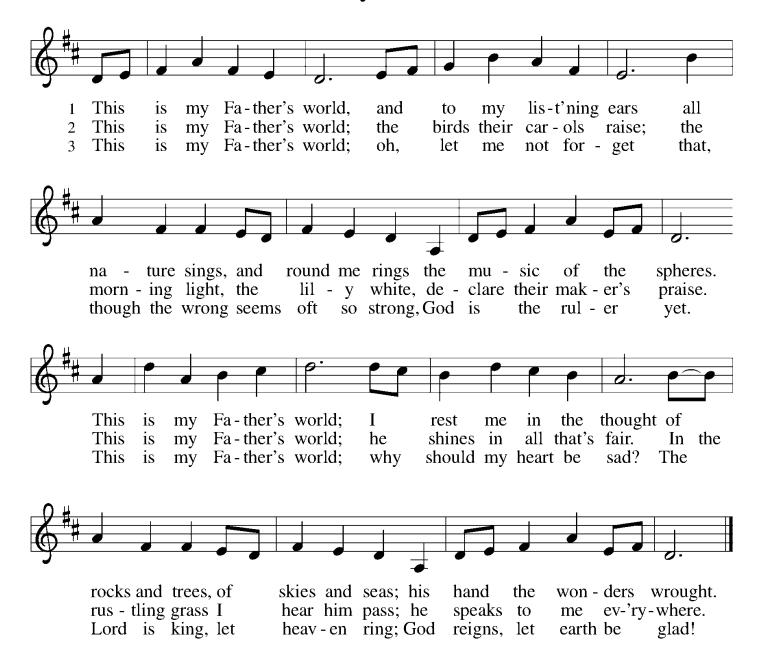
²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

- P: The gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

ELW 824

This Is My Father's World



Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858–1901 Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930, adapt.

Prayers of the People

P: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

-A brief silence-

P: We pray for the church, that it is a safe haven for all who seek your presence. Fill it with pastors, deacons, and leaders who echo your expansive and generous welcome. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for the whole of creation, that plants and animals have the habitat and resources to thrive and flourish. Inspire us to protect threatened habitats and ensure a sustainable future for generations to come. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for this congregation, especially those beginning a new school year. Empower teachers and school administrators. Guide students in their learning and development. Accompany parents, foster parents, and caregivers who provide encouragement and love. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for all who are in need. Support and encourage those who are unemployed, underemployed, or experiencing poverty. Bring food, shelter, clothes, and stability for daily life. We pray especially for those whose names we say out loud or silently. —A brief silence— Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for our partners in mission and ministry: Presiding Bishop
Elizabeth Eaton and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Bishop
James Hazelwood and the New England Synod, Pastor Livingstone

Msungu and the Isimani congregation in Tanzania, Fundaninos Orphanage in Guatemala, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and Imanuel Indonesian Lutheran Congregation, Ascentria Care Alliance and Camp Calumet. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

- P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. After the service, please make your offering at the entrance of the Sanctuary.

Offertory Prayer

- P: 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.
- C: Amen.

The Celebration of Holy Communion

As you come to the Lord's Table, know that it is Christ who invites you to receive the bread and wine, the body and blood. While we gather during the Pandemic, we will receive communion with a pre-filled communion cup and wafer. Communion cups can be found in the Narthex.

Dialogue

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

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Feel free to use the version of the Lord's Prayer you are most comfortable with.

P: Now, as our Lord taught us, we are bold to pray:

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

The assembly may be seated. Communion elements can be found on the Greeters' table.

Sending of Communion

- P: Gracious God, whose mercy endures from generation to generation: Bless those who go forth to carry your Word and sacrament to our sisters and brothers who are homebound. In your love and compassion, nourish and strengthen them with hope through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.

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Communion Blessing

- P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.
- C: Amen.

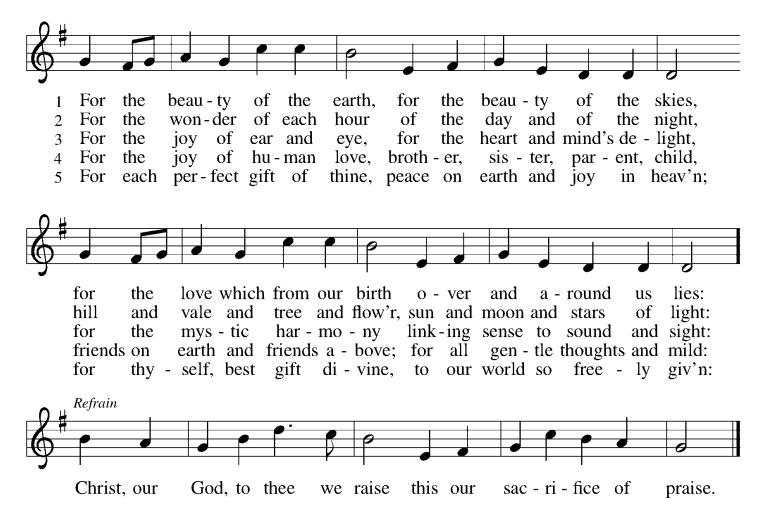
Rites of Passage and Announcements

The congregation is invited to share birthdays, anniversaries, and other significant events in the life of its members. Subsequently, brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the congregation's participation in God's mission in the world.

Sending Hymn

ELW 879

For the Beauty of the Earth



Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt. Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

Benediction

- P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you + peace.
- C: Amen.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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