

# Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord

September 26, 2021 9:30 AM – 18th Sunday after Pentecost





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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: Contemporary Worship 10:30 AM: Fellowship

Worship Assistants				
	9:30 Traditional Service			
Musician(s)	Jonathan Bock & Jon Koelker			
Lector	Dave Arrington			
Greeters	Peter & Lynda Johnson			
Fellowship Host(s)	TBD			
Counters	TBD			
Sound System/Live Stream	Franklyn Vosburg & Mark Donahue			

This Week At Holy Trinity					
Day	Date	Start	Event		
Tuesday	9/21	04:00 PM	Dover Friendly Kitchen		
		06:30 PM	Tuesday Evening Worship		
Wednesday	9/22	09:30 AM	Bible Study		
Thursday	9/23	08:30 AM	Property Team		
Sunday	9/24	09:30 AM	9:30 Sunday Worship		

Last Week at Holy Trinity					
<u>Date</u>	<b>Worship Attendance</b>	<b>Offering</b>			
Wednesday, September 8	8	\$10,007.90			
Sunday, September 19	<b>100</b> (In-Person) + <b>13</b> (online) = <b>113</b>	\$10,007.50			

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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:** Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 19:7-14; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50; Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22; Psalm 124

**Next week:** Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16; Job 1:1-1; 2:1-10; Psalm 26

### Notes on today's services

Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

#### **Pop-Up Pantry**

Every month, the Pop-Up Pantry at Holy Trinity is requesting a different item for us to put outside on Wednesdays with the normal bags of food that we give out. This month's item is... *Chunky Soups!* 

Please drop off your donations with the Church Office, in the cardboard bin in the Narthex, or outside the building in the plastic bins. Thank you so much for your generous donations!



#### **Announcements**

**Faith Formation** will immediately follow worship. The schedule for September and early October follows.

- Sept. 26 Age-Appropriate Faith Formation (Adult Forum topic: What is an Evangelical, and am I one?)
- Oct. 3 Octoberfest! Church picnic! No beer, but maybe brats!
- Oct. 10 Intergenerational Activity Bingo! Bingo! Prizes to be awarded!

**Dover Friendly Kitchen** is looking for volunteers to serve in the kitchen on September 28 at 5:00 PM. We're also looking for a couple dozen cookies to serve as dessert. Please contact Bonnie Sanders if you can help serve on the 28th, or if you'd like to bake cookies.

**Church Picnic:** On Sunday, October 3, Holy Trinity will be celebrating Oktoberfest, with Bratwurst and other German food. We're asking everyone who wishes to join us for the picnic to please bring a dish as a potluck. German dishes preferred, but not required - your dish can be anything.

We're looking for help to setup and cleanup, as well as getting a head count so we buy enough Bratwurst for everyone. Please use the Sign Up Genius in the Tidings to help with Setup, Cleanup, or simply tell us you'll be there! Or, let Mark in the Church Office know you'd like to help or attend the picnic.

**Tuesday Evening Worship at 6:30 PM**: These nights we will worship outdoors, under the tent, and hear the grand narrative of the Bible throughout to learn how all of the Bible stories we know relate and connect to one another. Jon Koelker and Jonathan Bock will lead us in music and the sermon will be more of an explanation than a proclamation. We will also pray and have communion each week. After our 30-minute worship, we will stay for dessert!

God's Work Our Hands: This year HTELC will be assisting Ending 68 Hours of Hunger (E68HH) as our large project. For many children who receive free meals at school, the weekends are a time when meals become scarce. E68HH sends home packs of food on Fridays so that approximately 180 local children are sustained until they return to school on Mondays. Unfortunately, the COVID pandemic continues to affect us all, and many of these families are also lacking the means to obtain supplies to keep themselves clean and healthy. We will be collecting hand sanitizer, hand soap, disinfecting wipes, and masks at HTELC until Sunday, October 17.

As part of God's Work, Our Hands, HTELC is scheduled to volunteer to help clean an area beach on Sunday, October 10 at 12:00 noon. We will be partnering with blueocean.org. They will notify us as to the location and will provide the necessary supplies for the effort. This is the ultimate example of "many hands making light work," in addition to being a fun time for everyone.

The Faith Formation team is very excited to begin in person faith formation activities at Holy Trinity. Our first in-person, all ages Faith Formation time will be after worship on September 26th. We are happy to be able to offer Sunday School for children 6th grade and under during this time. We have also been busy making plans for the next National Youth Gathering which will take place in Minneapolis, MN, July 24th-28th 2022. If you or someone you know are in 8th through 12th grade this year, we would love for you to join us. Please reach out to Pastor Tim or Faith Bygd, the Faith Formation coordinator, for more details!

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## **Gathering Song**

#### **ELW 857**



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## **Confession and Forgiveness**

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.
  - —A brief silence—
- P: God our comforter:
- C: like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

- P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in 

  ☐ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.
- 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: Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of 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 Psalm 19:7-14
- L: <sup>7</sup>The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
- C: 8The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- L: <sup>9</sup>The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- C: <sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- L: <sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.
- C: <sup>12</sup>Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.
- L: <sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

C: <sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

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

## Gospel

- P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark, Chapter 9:38-50
- C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup>"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup>"For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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

### Sermon

## **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 and its ministry. Bless the newly baptized and encourage them in their journey of faith. Sustain all members of the body of Christ in lives of prayer, service, and worship. Lord, in your mercy,

#### C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for natural wonders of your creation. Restore damaged forests, waterways and natural habitats and lead us to be good stewards of what you have provided. Lord, in your mercy,

#### C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for those in authority. Give them wise minds and compassionate hearts. Strengthen in them a desire to protect the vulnerable and care for those underserved. Lord, in your mercy,

### C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for those who are struggling with cancer, dementia, or any other disease. Provide them with peace and resilience for the days ahead. Sustain caregivers with energy and patience. 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 greeters' table, at the Sanctuary entrance, or give online at htelc.com

## **Offertory Prayer**

- P: Together, let us pray.
- C: 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.

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. These cups are available at the greeters table, or someone should be around to give you a communion cup if you don't have one.

## **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 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**

The assembly may be seated. Communion elements can be found on the Greeters' table. If you forgot to pick up your pre-packaged Communion Cup, someone will be around with the basket.

## **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.

#### **SENDING**

## **Communion Blessing**

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

C: Amen.

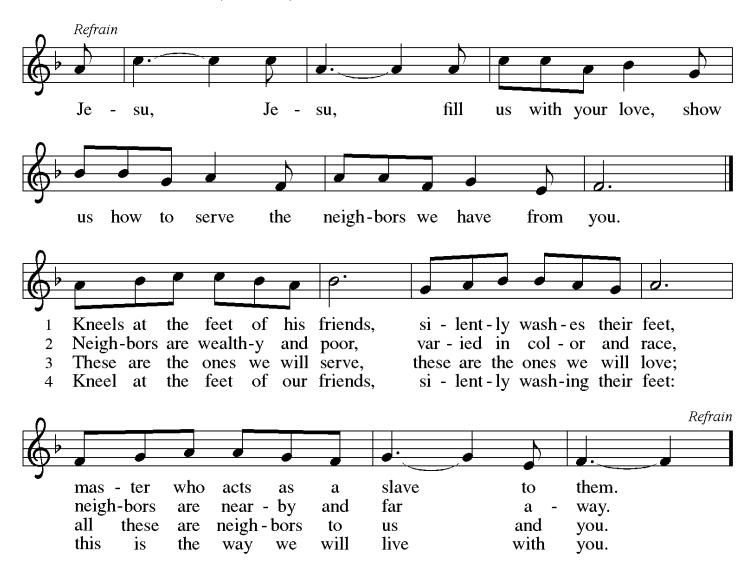
## **Rites of Passage and Announcements**

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 708**

# Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love



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Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin
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## **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.