

Trinity Lutheran Church



September 17, 2023
Pentecost 16

Welcome to Trinity

We're glad you're here!

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN:

My God, How Wonderful Thou Art (ELW 863)



- 1 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thy maj - es - ty how bright!
- 2 How won - der - ful, how beau - ti - ful the sight of thee must be—
- 3 No earth - ly fa - ther loves like thee; no moth - er, e'er so mild,
- 4 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, al - might - y as thou art,
- 5 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thou ev - er - last - ing friend!



How beau - ti - ful thy mer - cy seat in depths of burn - ing light!
thine end - less wis - dom, bound - less pow'r, and awe - some pu - ri - ty!
bears and for - bears as thou hast done with me, thy sin - ful child.
for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.
On thee I stay my trust - ing heart till faith in vi - sion end.



CALL TO CONFESSION

Amid the countless things
that human beings cannot fully comprehend about God,
there stands this:
God so loves us
as to bathe us with grace
and feed us with mercy
and forgive us our sins.
Confident in the love of God,
let us pray together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God,
while we were still slaves to sin,
you died for our salvation.
Yet we still worship the false gods of the world,
forgetting that you are Lord.
Loving worldly wealth,
we have not loved you with our whole heart
nor loved our neighbors as ourselves.
Trusting worldly strength,
we have not trusted your word
nor followed the Word-made-flesh.
Forgiving by worldly norms,
we have not shown mercy to others
as you have shown mercy to us.
Forgive us yet again, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

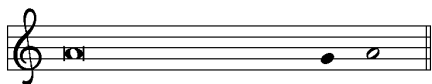
DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel:
Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ. And Christ died for us; Christ rose for us;
Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us.
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



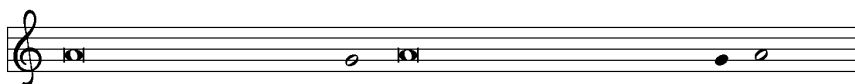
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



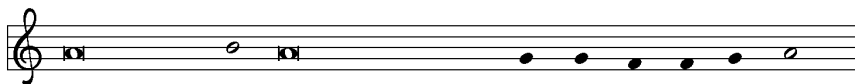
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together.

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 103:8-13

⁸LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;

⁹**you will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger forever.**

¹⁰You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.

¹¹**For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.**

¹²As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.

¹³**As a father has compassion for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.**

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?"

They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."

²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.

APOSTLE'S 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

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

As the reader closes each petition:

Merciful God,

The people respond:

receive our prayer.

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our hearts, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Please place offering in one of the Bulletin Stand offering plates at the end of worship as you leave the church.

OFFERTORY:

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Carol & Lisa Porter)

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**God of power, God of plenty,
all things belong to you.**

**We bring your gifts to the table,
that all might be fed.**

**Form us into the body of your Beloved,
Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

THE 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us 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.

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

White grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN: *How Great Thou Art* (ELW 856)



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

**Blessed be your name, O God,
for we have feasted on your Word,
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.
Strengthened by this food,
send us to gather the world to your banquet,
where none are left out and all are satisfied.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

BLESSING

The God of glory,

✝ Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the Spirit who lives in you,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Serving in Worship

TODAY — September 17, 2023

Altar: Al Schimek

Reader: Lisa Guarnieri

Communion Assistant: Stuart Guarnieri

Fellowship: Rohr Revelries!

NEXT SUNDAY — September 24, 2023

Altar: OPEN

Reader: OPEN

Communion Assistant: OPEN

Fellowship: OPEN

1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain

On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,

hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

**SENDING HYMN: *On Our Way Rejoicing* (ELW 537)
DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Preaching Today

Ryan Barnhouse, recently returned from a year of service with the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program, and now working for ELCA Young Adult Ministries as a Short-Term Recruiter sharing all the great opportunities the ELCA has for young adults. Ryan has a BS and an MS from Western Colorado University, and still calls Colorado home, trail running in the trees there.

Trinity Happenings:

Sun, Sep 17:	9:00am 10:15am	Worship Service w/ ELCA YAGM Rohr Hall Revelries
Wed, Sep 20:	11:45am 6:00pm 6:30pm	MUGG Campus Lunch @ Rendezvous Café Wednesday Supper in Gruver Rm Wednesday Worship in Gruver Rm
Thu, Sep 21:	10:00am	Women's Study in Gruver Rm
Sun, Sep 24:	9:00am 10:15am	Worship Service w/ S. Barrett Fellowship in Gruver Rm
Wed, Sep 27:	11:45am 6:00pm 6:30pm	MUGG Campus Lunch @ Rendezvous Café Wednesday Supper in Gruver Rm Wednesday Worship in Gruver Rm
Thu, Sep 28:	10:00am	Women's Study in Gruver Rm
Sun, Oct 1:	9:00am 10:15am	Worship Service w/ Band Fellowship in Gruver Rm

FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS
STARTING SEPTEMBER 20

Wednesday
WORSHIP

6PM MEAL
6:30PM WORSHIP
GRUVER RM




IS THIS YOUR MINISTRY?

Every Sunday Trinity needs someone to put out treats, make a second pot of coffee, and tidy up.

Fellowship

FELLOWSHIP AFTER WORSHIP IS OUR BEST OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE EACH OTHER!



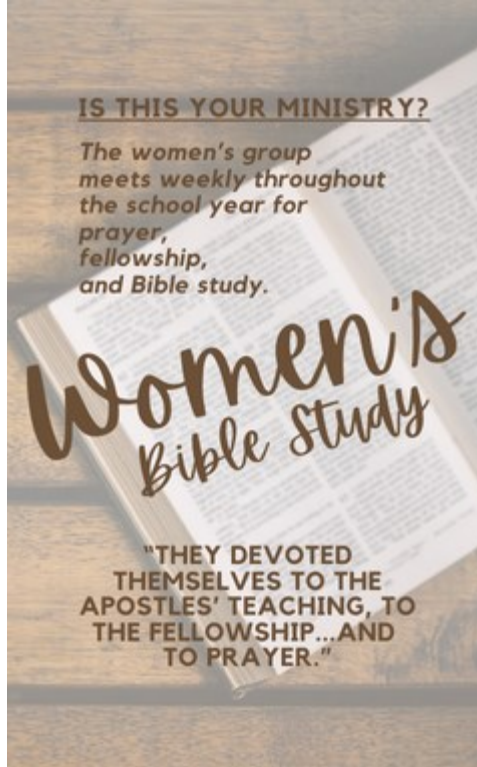
IS THIS YOUR MINISTRY? HOW WOULD IT LOOK?

Trinity has

- homebound that need Communion
- caregivers that need breaks
- folks that need help with handyman projects

Outreach

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS EVERYWHERE ARE GRAPPLING WITH AGING POPULATIONS!




IS THIS YOUR MINISTRY?

The women's group meets weekly throughout the school year for prayer, fellowship, and Bible study.

Women's Bible Study

"THEY DEVOTED THEMSELVES TO THE APOSTLES' TEACHING, TO THE FELLOWSHIP...AND TO PRAYER."



IS THIS YOUR MINISTRY?

Downstairs from the northwest entrance, our Campus Cabinet food pantry is equipped with a small refrigerator and a chest freezer.

Campus Cabinet

IF IT IS FULLY STOCKED ON A MONDAY MORNING, IT WILL BE ALMOST BARE BY THE END OF THE DAY!

IS THIS YOUR MINISTRY?

We need a Reader and a Communion Assistant every single Sunday!

Worship
Service

"LET THEM BRING ME
TO YOUR HOLY HILL
AND TO YOUR DWELLING.
...I WILL GO TO THE ALTAR OF GOD,
AND TO GOD MY EXCEEDING JOY."

IS THIS YOUR MINISTRY?

Thursday @ Rendezvous

- Moments
- Under
- God's
- Grace

Campus

Laramie
Univ. of Wyoming

WE BUY OUR STUDENTS
LUNCH EVERY WEEK!

IS THIS YOUR MINISTRY?

The Property Committee keeps a short-term hit list of our property's repair needs, and maintains a long-term plan for care and refurbishment.

Property
Committee

THE CHURCH IS NOT A
BUILDING...BUT WE DON'T
WANT THE STEEPLE
TO FALL DOWN!

IS THIS YOUR MINISTRY? HOW WOULD IT LOOK?

- something on a Sunday from 9am-Communion?
- a half hour on a Wednesday evening?
- something else?

K-5th

LET JENNIE LAWRENCE KNOW!
MISSJENNAE@YAHOO.COM

WEEKDAY YOUTH MINISTRY!

Sunflower Day School

Director Rachel Franz's kids saw more of the Rohr remodel than any of us!



QUESTIONS ABOUT GIVING? If you ever have any questions about your financial gifts to Trinity, please contact Trinity's financial secretary, Alison Shaver, at alebada@uwyo.edu. If you need an up-to-date statement of giving, please contact the church office.

2023 Year-To-Date as of August 31

Income - \$143,327.5

Expenses - \$140,860.69



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