

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Lord, how often  
should I forgive?

MATTHEW 18:21

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017  
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

# Sunday, September 17, 2017

## Service of Holy Eucharist—Setting 8

To all who join in worship, we are grateful that you are here today!

- We invite all believers in Christ to receive the Sacrament with us. White grape juice is available. Gluten-free wafers are also available. If you would like us to bring the bread and wine to you, please notify one of the ushers.
- Nursery attendants are available during worship just off the South Lobby area for children ages 5 years and younger. If you arrive and no one is in the nursery, please notify one of the ushers to get the attendant. A changing table is available in the nursery.
- Pew Pads are located at the end of each pew. Please sign in and pass them down to the end of the row so we can note that you attended worship with us today. If you or someone you know would like a visit from one of our staff, please inform the Pastor.
- Prayer request cards are in the pew racks. Please hand to an usher during the hymn following the sermon.

**WELCOME...** We pray this worship time is enriching for your spiritual life.

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### **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost:**

*In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.*

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## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

In the name of the Father,

and of the ✝ Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

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

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of **+** Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN: *Take My Life, That I May Be* (ELW 583)**

## **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

*Refrain*



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for  
hun-gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam-i-ly; for  
wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

*Refrain*



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.



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



peo-ple of God. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and



hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his. *Refrain* This is the feast of



vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. 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, hon-or,



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

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21

*After Jacob's death, the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.*

A reading from Genesis.

<sup>15</sup>Realizing 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?" <sup>16</sup>So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup>'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. <sup>18</sup>Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>Even 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. <sup>21</sup>So 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 103:1-7

*The psalm for the day is spoken responsively.*

<sup>1</sup>Bless the Lord, | O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God's | holy name.

<sup>2</sup>**Bless the Lord, | O my soul,  
and forget not | all God's benefits—**

<sup>3</sup>who forgives | all your sins  
and heals all | your diseases;

<sup>4</sup>**who redeems your life | from the grave  
and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy;**

<sup>5</sup>who satisfies your desires | with good things  
so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.

**<sup>6</sup>O Lord, you provide | vindication  
and justice for all who | are oppressed.**

<sup>7</sup>You made known your | ways to Moses  
and your works to the chil- | dren of Israel.

## **SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12**

*This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.*

A reading from Romans.

<sup>1</sup>Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions.

<sup>2</sup>Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

<sup>5</sup>Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup>Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

<sup>7</sup>We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

<sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. <sup>11</sup>For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

<sup>12</sup>So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

*When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup>“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and



reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **SERMON**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY: *I Come with Joy* (ELW 482)**

## **APOSTLES’ CREED**

*The assembly stands to proclaim the 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**

Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God’s creation.

*A brief silence.*

Good and gracious God, we pray for the church. Bless the ministries of congregations in our community. Unite us in the proclamation of your life-giving gospel. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Creator God, you spoke light into being, you separated the waters, you formed the dry land. Protect and enliven the creation you so love, and make us willing partners in its care. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of the nations, you love all tribes, peoples, and languages. We pray for all who govern. Give them wise and generous hearts for those they serve. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Divine Healer, calm the anxiety of those who are wrongly accused, who suffer under crushing debt, or who are in prison. Reassure those who are lonely, impatient, brokenhearted, homebound, hospitalized, or ill, especially Eleanore, Rachel, Kylie, and Brooke. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly; for our guests and visitors, for newcomers to this community, for those who are certain and those who doubt, and for all who seek you in this place. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We remember and give thanks for the faithful of every age who did not live to themselves but lived to you. Raise us with them on the last day. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Brief announcements will be made by the Pastor and thanks given for what your offerings provide towards the church's mission.*

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY HYMN: *Come to the Table* (ELW 481)**

*The assembly stands and sings the offertory hymn as the gifts are brought forward.*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**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.**

## **PREFACE**

## **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,**

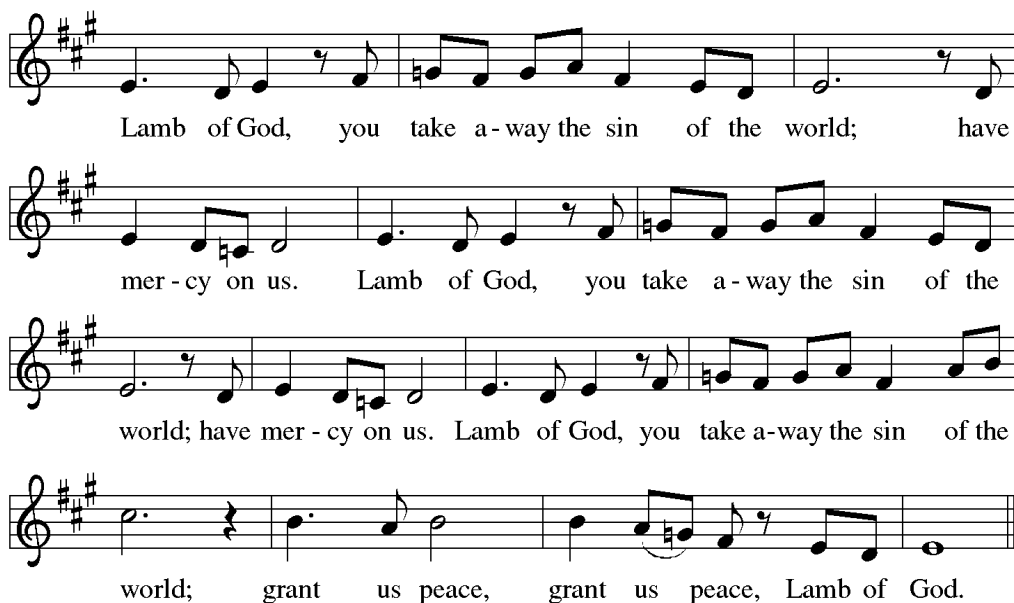
**but deliver us from evil.**

**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, Lamb of God.

## COMMUNION

*During distribution, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond*

Amen.

*The assembly is seated.*

## DISTRIBUTION MUSIC:

*Let Us Break Bread Together (ELW 471)*

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly (ELW 461)*

*Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal (ELW 464)*

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

*The assembly stands to receive the 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, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* (ELW 543)**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

**Readings for Next Sunday, September 24, 2017**

Jonah 3:10-4:11; Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

**\*\*\*Find the weekly lectionary readings and more at [www.textweek.com](http://www.textweek.com)**

# Trinity Happenings

Sunday, September 17	9:00 am	Worship
	10:15 am	Coffee and Fellowship
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	6:00 pm	FUMC/TELC Youth Bowling
Wednesday, Sept. 20	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study – "A Woman Overwhelmed"
	5:30 pm	Trinity Fall Picnic
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir
Friday, September 22	8:00 am	October Newsletter Deadline
Sunday, September 24	9:00 am	Worship
	10:15 am	Coffee and Fellowship
	10:15 am	Sunday School
Wednesday, Sept. 27	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study – "A Woman Overwhelmed"
	7:00 pm	Confirmation – Human Condition
Saturday, September 30	1:00 pm	Youth Group—Murder Mystery

**CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Larry Oolman (9/17); Laura Buckner (9/22); Al Nachtigal (9/22).

**THOSE NEEDING OUR PRAYERS:** Please keep the following members in your prayers this week: Ed Dolan, Joan Dana, Bob Thymian, Jane Kidwell, Addie Hopper, Marilyn Moen, Daniel Travsky, Dick Babcock, and JoAnn Merrill. If you know of someone that could use a visit from Pastor Nate, just let him know, or if there is someone you would like added to the Trinity Prayer Chain, please inform Jennie Lawrence by email at missjennae@yahoo.com.

**TRUMPET DEADLINE:** Please submit any items for the weekly Trinity Trumpet *in writing* by 9 am on Wednesday. The Trumpet is emailed at noon each Wednesday.

**FALL CHURCH PICNIC:** Join us **this Wednesday, September 20, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm** for Trinity's fall picnic! The grill will be on! Please bring your favorite meat to grill and a side as we enjoy a picnic our north lawn. See you soon!

**OFFICES CLOSED THIS WEEK:** The church offices will be closed on Monday through Wednesday this week. Pastor Nate and Andrea will be attending the Rocky Mountain Synod Theological Conference in Colorado Springs, CO.



At Trinity Lutheran we will be celebrating 500 years of Reformation over five Sundays as together we preach, sing, reflect, and grow through the five Solas of the Reformation.

**October 22**     *Sola Scriptura* “Scripture alone”

The Bible alone is our highest authority.  
Martin Luther will be sharing his story with us.

**October 29**     *Sola Gratia* “Grace alone”

We are saved by the grace of God alone.  
A festival service of Holy Communion to mark the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation

**November 5**     *Soli Deo Gloria* “To the glory of God alone”

We live for the glory of God alone.  
A hymn festival, highlighting a number of Reformation-era hymns from Martin Luther and his contemporaries

**November 12**     *Sola Fide* “Faith alone”

We are saved through faith alone in Jesus Christ.  
Katie Luther will be sharing her story with us.

**November 15**     *From Conflict to Communion*

Joint worship celebration at St. Paul’s Newman Center

**November 19**     *Solus Christus* “Christ alone”

Jesus Christ alone is our Lord, Savior, and King.  
“From Conflict to Communion”

# Serving the Church

*NEXT WEEK—September 17, 2017*

**Lector:** Debbe Conyers  
**Ushers:** The Buckner Family  
**Greeters:** Debbe, Lindsay, and Lily Conyers  
**Nursery:** MacKenzie Muhsman  
**Stewards:** Janet Talbott  
Kris Oolman  
**Altar Guild:** Al and Bobbie Schimek  
**Coffee Fellowship:**  
Denise Greller  
**Flowers:** OPEN

*NEXT WEEK—September 24, 2017*

**Lector:** Judi Weatherwax  
**Ushers:** Maia Anderson and Barb Rouse  
**Greeters:** Mike Nutter  
Brenda Winter and Carl Noack  
**Nursery:** Madie Jablin  
**Stewards:** Janet Talbott  
Kris Oolman  
**Altar Guild:** Al and Bobbie Schimek  
**Coffee Fellowship:**  
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**Flowers:** OPEN

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