Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



Sunday, September 2, 2018 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Trinity!

PRELUDE: God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN: Earth and All Stars (ELW 731)

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.**

Let us confess our sins to God who is just and will cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

God of grace,

we are workers just like you. But we confess that our actions do not always affirm and honor each other. Our work is not always done in a spirit that is pleasing to you. We admit that we have failed to end an unjust system in which some workers have jobs that provide good wages and benefits and working conditions while others may have no job, or one that provides little pay and benefits and an unsafe working environment. We come before you to seek your forgiveness, even as we pray for your justice. Be with us this day, Lord. Clean our lips, clothe us in love, and touch our hearts that we may be faithful witnesses and effective voices for justice.

Amen.

You are salt that still has its taste. You are lamps on a lampstand. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus + Christ, giving thanks to God the Father through him who forgives you of your sins.

Thanks be to God!

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



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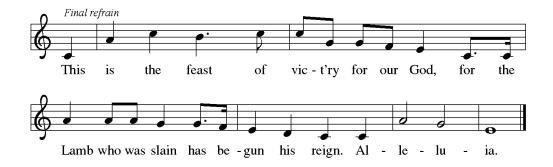
pray to the Lord.

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let us

CANTICLE OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray together.

Lord God, we pray for all who work in business and industry, who work in homemaking, who work in medicine, who work in education, who work in agriculture, who work in government, who work in technology, who work in service to others, who are beginning a new career, who struggle in their work, who are seeking new or different jobs, who are retired or anticipating retirement, who are unemployed or underemployed. Give us joy in our work, and in using our gifts and talents we receive from you. Give us joy in doing all our work to your honor and glory. Equip us to labor in ways that promote justice and peace. Equip us to be ministers of your peace in a world that cries for peace.

The assembly is seated.

SPECIAL MUSIC: *This Little Light of Mine* (Ernie Rettino and Debby Kerner Rettino)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8

A reading from Isaiah.

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the LORD sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;

the whole earth is full of his glory."

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then I heard the voice

of the LORD saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:12-17

A reading from Colossians.

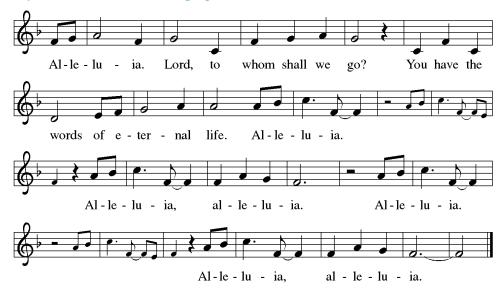
¹²As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord (ELW 580)

AFFIRMATION AND BLESSING OF VOCATION

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: *Thy Word* (Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith)

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 together.

Loving God, we give thanks for all you have given us and praise you for your astounding goodness. Receive the dedication of our hearts, minds, and bodies for the ministry of your church. Bless our offering for the work of your kingdom, and give us wisdom for the right use of all you have provided, through Christ our 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

EUCHARISTIC 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.

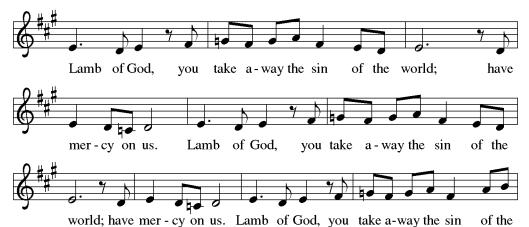
For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

LAMB OF GOD





COMMUNION

White grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available. 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.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

Will You Come and Follow Me (ELW 798)
I Love to Tell the Story (ELW 661)
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (ELW 807)

POST COMMUNION 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 together.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, keep you in his light and truth and love now and forever.

Amen.

Amen.

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

DISMISSAL

Whom shall God send, and who shall go for us?

Here we are — send us!

POSTLUDE: Lean On Me (Bill Withers)

Trinity Happenings

Sunday, September 2	9:00 am 10:15 am	Worship Fellowship
Wednesday, September 5	7:00 pm	Confirmation
Thursday, September 6	12 noon	MUGG @ Turtle Rock
Saturday, September 8	10 am-noon	Gruver Room cleanup
Sunday, September 9	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:15 am 10:15 am 6:15 pm	Worship Fellowship Reading the Bible Sunday School Youth Group
Tuesday, September 11	7:00 pm	Church Council
Wednesday, September 12	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Sunday, September 16	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:15 am	Worship Fellowship Sunday School

THOSE NEEDING OUR PRAYERS: Please keep the following members in your prayers this week: Ed Dolan, Bob Thymian, Jane Kidwell, Addie Hopper, Marilyn Moen, JoAnn Merrill, and Gladys Crane. If there is someone that could be 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.

<u>Readings for Next Sunday, September 9, 2018 — 16th Sunday after Pentecost</u>

Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-17; Mark 7:24-37

***Find the weekly lectionary readings and more at www.textweek.com



Moments Under God's Grace

Join Pastor Nate each Thursday at Turtle Rock to connect, engage in relationships, and enjoy conversation.





Trinity Lutheran Church Campus Ministry www.facebook.com/LutheranUniversityMinistries



<u>Sunday School</u> — age 3 through 5th grade Starts on Sunday, September 9 @ 10:15 am — after worship Talk to Becky Dill for more info

<u>Confirmation</u> — 7th and 8th grade Starts on Wednesday, Sept. 5 @ 7 pm Talk to Pastor Nate for more info

Youth Group — 6th-12th grade Starts on Sunday, September 9 @ 6:15 pm Talk to Becky Dill for more info

Women's Bible Study

Starts on Weds., September 12 10 am in the Fellowship Hall

Reading the Bible — High school and up Starts on Sunday, September 9 @ 10:15 am — after worship Meets twice a month



Confirmation begins on **Wednesday**, **September 5**, **at 7 pm** in the Conference Room (between Pastor Nate and Andrea's offices). Confirmation is traditionally for 7th and 8th graders at Trinity, but if you are in high school, haven't been confirmed, and would like to join us, you are absolutely welcome! Please talk to Pastor Nate to register.

It's starting!!!

Come help clean up the Gruver Room, nursery, and chapel in preparation for the demolition work to begin on the remodel! We will get together on **Saturday, September 8, from 8 am to noon**. Be ready to get grubby, work hard, and take part in this next step in Trinity's history!





The Big Event is Oct. 13. This is an opportunity for UW students to thank Laramie for their support of the University.

In the afternoon, lunch is served downtown at the depot for the students. Last year, about 700 meals were served between 11:30 am and 2 pm! We could use some extra servers, 3 - 4 people to help with the food — don't forget to wear your "God's Work, Our Hands" t-shirts if you have one!





Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 9, at 10:15 am. All young ones from age 3 through 5th grade are invited to bring their parents to worship at 9 am, enjoy an ice cream sundae after worship, and come downstairs to meet their Sunday School teachers and helpers!

Trinity Youth kicks off on **Sunday**, **September 9**, **at 6:15 pm** with a welcome back night. We'll talk about what's coming up this year, and the Leadership Lab alumni will talk about their experience at Lab. All 6th-12th graders are invited to come — bring your friends too! Questions? Talk to Becky Dill for more info!



Serving the Church

THIS WEEK — September 2, 2018

NEXT WEEK — September 9, 2018

Lector: Diane Fiedler **Lector:** Thom Edgar

Ushers and Judi Weatherwax Ushers and Mike Nutter
Greeters: Mike Smith Greeters: Barb Rouse

Sharon Leder Iris Brunett

Nursery: OPEN Nursery: OPEN

Stewards: Lindsay Conyers **Stewards:** Lindsay Conyers

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Altar Guild: Al & Bobbie Schimek Altar Guild: Al & Bobbie Schimek

Fellowship: OPEN Fellowship: Ice cream sundaes

Flowers: OPEN Flowers: OPEN

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