

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

**God doesn't  
call us to **go**  
to church ...**

**God calls  
us to **be**  
the church.**



**Sunday, September 9, 2018  
16th Sunday after Pentecost**

# *Welcome to Trinity!*

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## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME**

**GATHERING HYMN: *Word of God, Come Down on Earth* (ELW 510)**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.*

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

**Amen.**

Many people brought their greatest needs to Jesus, certain that he would help them. With that same confidence, let us confess our failings and seek forgiveness.

Almighty and compassionate God,  
**every day, in our desire to attain our wants, avoid discomfort, and shun those we do not know or love, we show ourselves to be unworthy of your gifts of life. Of this we are sorely aware, and we ask your power to renew us in body and spirit, that we will be able, through your help, to walk in the way you intend for us. Forgive us and lead us, in Jesus' name.**

**Amen.**

Just as Jesus made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak, our merciful God lifts our burdens from us, removes the failures of our past, and turns us to new life. You are forgiven in the name of Jesus ✚ Christ!

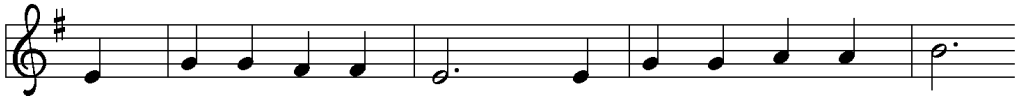
**Thanks be to God!**

## **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



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

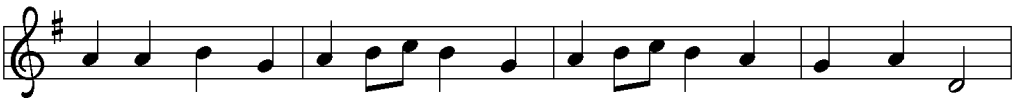
## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray together.

**Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.  
Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THE NEW CONFIRMANDS

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

<sup>7a</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM: Psalm 146

*The psalm is spoken responsively.*

<sup>1</sup>Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your | trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there | is no help.

<sup>4</sup>**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,  
and in that day | their thoughts perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,  
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;  
who keeps promis- | es forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.  
The LORD sets the | captive free.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down;  
the LORD | loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares | for the stranger;  
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD shall | reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!**

## **SECOND READING: James 2:1-10, 14-17**

A reading from James.

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

<sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. <sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## GOSPEL: Mark 7:24-37

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,<sup>25</sup> but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## SERMON

# HYMN OF THE DAY: *O Christ the Same* (WOV 778)



1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es—  
2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing  
3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing



our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;  
our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide;  
our lives and loves, our days and years re - main;



e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,  
still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing  
our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,



un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:  
the marks of love in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:  
our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:



O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,  
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en—  
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,



who spread the skies and set the stars a - blaze;  
O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power;  
for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;



O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,  
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en:  
O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,



we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.  
we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.  
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

## 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

Freed by God in Christ to live and love and serve, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's beloved creation.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, you call your church to proclaim the love of Christ to a needy world. Embolden us to be your risen body by welcoming strangers and serving our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Creative God, small sprouts and tall trees proclaim your majesty. Give us clear eyes to see nature's beauty and wise minds to protect our home, this earth, from misuse and harm. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, you draw order from chaos. Watch over the nations of the world. Bless citizens and leaders who strive toward the beloved community for which you long. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you give us all that we need. When your children suffer from hunger, poverty, loneliness, persecution, injury, or illness, send generous helpers and companions. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**



Welcoming God, you set a table for us. Embolden this congregation to seek new ways of inviting others to the feast of all creation. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

You bless us with throngs of saints who witness to your compassion. With gratitude, we recall the lives and deeds of those who proclaim lovingkindness to a needy world. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Into your wide embrace, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of the Lord 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 our offerings provide towards the church's mission.*

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY HYMN: *Let the Vineyards be Fruitful* (ELW 182)**

*The assembly stands for the presentation of the gifts.*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

**Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, 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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

#### LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

#### 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.

## **DISTRIBUTION MUSIC**

*Reflective music provided for Communion contemplation*

## **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 God's grace.  
**Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray together.

**O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

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

**Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN: *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (ELW 886)**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

**READING  
THE  
BIBLE**

**STARTING  
TODAY @ 10:15  
CHOIR ROOM**

**[WWW.TELCLARAMIE.COM/READING-THE-BIBLE](http://WWW.TELCLARAMIE.COM/READING-THE-BIBLE)**



# Trinity Happenings

Sunday, September 9	9:00 am	Worship
	10:15 am	Fellowship — Gruver Room
	10:15 am	Reading the Bible — Choir Room
	10:15 am	Sunday School — Downstairs
	6:15 pm	Youth Group
Tuesday, September 11	7:00 pm	Church Council
Wednesday, September 12	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir
Thursday, September 13	12 noon	MUGG @ Turtle Rock
Sunday, September 16	9:00 am	Worship
	10:15 am	Fellowship
	10:15 am	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](mailto: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.

**COFFEE MUGS:** The coffee mugs from the Gruver Room have been taken down and put on a table in the north narthex. Please take your mug home so it doesn't get damaged during construction!

**CONFERENCE BETTER TOGETHER SUMMIT:** The Wyoming Conference Better Together Summit will be held at Grace Lutheran in Casper on Saturday, October 13, from noon to 4 pm. If you are interested in attending, please talk to Pastor Nate.

## **Readings for Next Sunday, September 16, 2018 — 17th Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 116:1-9; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

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



# COMING ATTRACTIONS

**Sunday School** — age 3 through 5th grade

Starts **TODAY** @ 10:15 am after worship

Talk to Becky Dill for more info

**Reading the Bible** — High school and up

Starts **TODAY** @ 10:15 am after worship in the Choir Room downstairs

Meets twice a month

More info at [www.telclaramie.com/reading-the-bible](http://www.telclaramie.com/reading-the-bible)

**Youth Group** — 6th-12th grade

Starts **TODAY** @ 6:15 pm

Talk to Becky Dill for more info

**Women's Bible Study**

Starts on Weds., Sept. 12 @ 10 am in the Fellowship Hall downstairs

"Life Lessons From Acts" available in the church office for \$10

**MUGG — Moments Under God's Grace** — Campus Ministry

Starts Thursday, Sept. 13 @ 12 noon at Turtle Rock

Talk to Pastor Nate for more info

**Let's celebrate the beginning of the program year!** Sunday school, youth group, confirmation, choir, women's Bible study, Reading the Bible, and more ... all kicking off! Come on over to the Gruver Room after worship this morning for fellowship and

**Sunday  
Sunday  
SUNDAES!**



**Trinity Youth** kicks off **TODAY — 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!

**The Big Event** is **October 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. We would like **4 people to serve as food servers and runners from 11:30-1:00**, and **6 people from 1:00-3:00 for food servers, runners, and clean-up!** As part of this, Trinity is able to host an info table, and we would like **2 people to host that table**. Don't forget to wear your "God's Work, Our Hands" t-shirts if you have one!



# Moments Under God's Grace

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



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# Serving the Church

**THIS WEEK — September 9, 2018**

**NEXT WEEK — September 16, 2018**

**Lector:** Thom Edgar  
**Ushers and Greeters:** Mike Nutter  
Rory Telander  
Iris Brunett  
**Nursery:** **OPEN**  
**Stewards:** Lindsay Conyers  
Martin Greller  
**Altar Guild:** Al & Bobbie Schimek  
**Fellowship:** Ice cream sundaes  
**Flowers:** **OPEN**

**Lector:** Martin Greller  
**Ushers and Greeters:** The Zenor Family  
Janet Talbott  
**Nursery:** **OPEN**  
**Stewards:** Lindsay Conyers  
Martin Greller  
**Altar Guild:** Al & Bobbie Schimek  
**Fellowship:** **OPEN**  
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