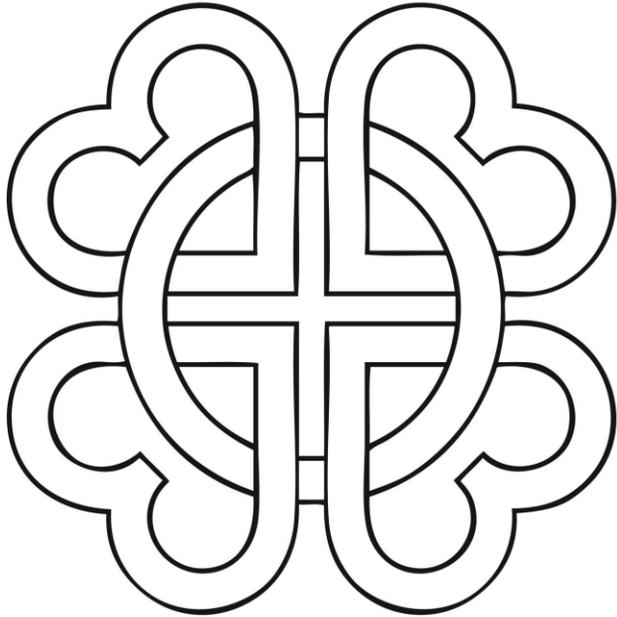


Let mutual love continue.



HEBREWS 13:1, NRSV

**Fifteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
August 28, 2016
Service of the Word**

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Pam Illick, Pastor**



Psalm 81:1 (ESV) invites us, “Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob!” And so we will. Welcome to worship! If you are a visitor, please sign the guest register at the rear of the sanctuary and please join us for worship again. We have a transport chair available to members and guests when needed. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God’s grace in holy baptism we have a place at the banquet table of the Lord. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION

GATHERING

The assembly stands and faces the font (if you are able).

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, \ddagger one God, abounding in steadfast love toward us, healing the sick and raising the dead, showering us with every good gift.

C Amen.

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

(Time for personal reflection and confession.)

P Just and gracious God,

C we come to you for healing and life. Our sins hurt others and diminish us; we confess them to you. Our lives bear the scars of sin; we bring these also to you. Show us your mercy, O God. Bind up our wounds, forgive us our sins, and free us to love, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

☐ The apostle Paul assures us: “When we were dead in our trespasses, God made us alive together with Christ, nailing the record of our sins to the cross.” Jesus says to you, ☩ “Your sins are forgiven.” Be at peace, and tell everyone how much God has done for you.

☑ Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* (insert)

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
2 “Wor - thy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “to be ex - alt - ed thus!”
3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re-ceive hon - or and pow’r di - vine;
4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
“Wor - thy the Lamb,” our lips re - ply, “for he was slain for us!”
and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ Let us pray.

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6-7

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel’s leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today’s reading is about humility.

☐ A reading from Proverbs.

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king’s presence
or stand in the place of the great;
⁷for it is better to be told, “Come up here,”
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

☐ Word of God, word of life.

☑ Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 112

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God’s commandments!
²**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
³Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.
⁴**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.
⁶**For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**
⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
⁸**Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**
⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands
fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.
¹⁰**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their
teeth and pine away;
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

L A reading from Hebrews.

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

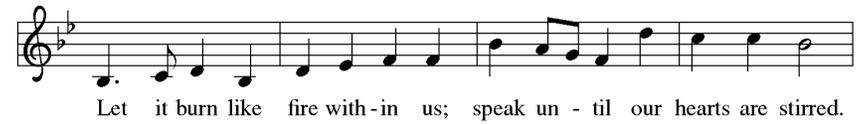
⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

L Word of God, word of life.

G Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Assembly stands.*)



GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to mimic God's gracious hospitality to the poor and the broken.

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the

poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

The assembly remains seated for the Hymn of the Day.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* (ELW 708)

The assembly stands.

CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C 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

After each petition the congregation will respond:

C hear our prayer.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C 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.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

THANK AND TELL

OFFERTORY *(The assembly stands.)*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

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OFFERING PRAYER

☩ O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory

☩ Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

☩ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and ☩ give you peace.

☩ Amen.

SENDING SONG *Lead On, O King Eternal!* (ELW 805)

DISMISSAL

☩ Go in peace. Share God's message of love through your words and actions with others

☩ We will. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Worship is ended: our service begins.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- PRAYER AND SUPPORT -

Remember to write the name(s) of persons for whom prayer is needed on the pad in the rear of the church! The names will be included in the Intercessory Prayers this morning. If you forget to put someone's name on the list, there is an opportunity to say the name during the prayers.

Special prayers for: Teachers, Students, School Bus Drivers, School Personnel

Please let the church office know when the special needs for those on the prayer list are resolved so that we can keep our list updated.

THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!! If you or a family member is admitted to the hospital, please let the office or Pastor Pam know. If you must leave a message on the voicemail, **please** make sure to leave the room number of the person hospitalized. The hospital will tell Pastor the person is not in the hospital if her name is not on the list of people who are allowed to get room assignment information. Thank you.

Pastor Pam will be in the church office Tuesday and Wednesday, 1-4 p.m. Days off will be Friday and Saturday. Since Pastor will be out in the community much of the time, if you would like to meet with her, please call her at 443-876-4736 (her cell phone) to set an appointment. If she does not answer, please leave a message with the day and time of your call and your name.

- UPCOMING EVENTS -

Join the **Lunch Bunch** Sundays after worship for lunch out (except on Sundays when we have Coffee & Conversation). Today we meet at Café del Sol. We invite all to be with us for this time of fellowship as we enjoy a meal together.



Dinner at the Ridge will be held at noon at the Fleck Center on Wednesday, September 14. The cost is \$6.75. The menu for September is: creamed lettuce, baked lasagna, California blend vegetables, garlic bread stick, variety of desserts and beverages. Please call 264-3212 to make your reservation. Deadline for reservations is noon on Friday, September 9.

Meet us at Monterey Pass Restaurant on Friday evening, September 9 at 6:p.m. for dinner. We will enjoy a time of fellowship as we strengthen our relationship with one another and perhaps meet new people. Maybe even a little “Beer and Bible!” Ask a friend – or 2 - to come along!!

- STEWARDSHIP -

Sharing the abundance of God's gifts to us of time, talents and wealth with others

Donation envelopes for the **Air Conditioning Fund** are available on the windowsill at the rear of the sanctuary.

Flower, Bulletin and Candle Sponsor Charts: Are you thinking of a way to honor a loved one's birthday, anniversary, accomplishment, baptismal anniversary, or to just say, “I love you?” Is there a special person whose life you would like to memorialize? Sponsoring flowers, bulletins and/or candles is a great way to do that! Check out the bulletin board in the hallway off the narthex for more information.

Bountiful Blessings, a joint ministry with the Rouzerville Church of the Brethren, continues throughout the year on the first and third Saturdays of each month starting at 9 a.m. See the back of the sanctuary for a list of needed products for its clients. Please note that the program does not collect food items or previously used personal care items.

On September 11 we will celebrate **"God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday** during our morning worship. We are asking each family to bring in a pack of paper towels or toilet tissue to donate to Bountiful Blessings. Our church has been working with the Church of the brethren with this ministry for the past several years. Members of the community who need extra support are able to come and take needed items at no cost. Please help us provide a sizable donation of these paper products to this worthy cause. Thank you!

Thank you to all who helped make last Sunday's church picnic such a success. Your efforts were greatly appreciated.

Make sure you check the September newsletter for information about Trinity's **e-giving program**. Assistance with signing up will be available after worship on September 11.

- COMMUNITY MINISTRY NEAR AND FAR -

We continue to collect greeting cards for the **St. Jude's Ranch for Children Recycled Card Program**. Only the front of the card is used and must not contain writing. We cannot accept cards from Hallmark, Disney, and American Greetings. There is a collection box at the back of the sanctuary. We collect all year long. Save your cards.

Don't forget—when someone new moves into your neighborhood, **“New Neighbor Baskets”** are now available for pickup at the church any Sunday morning. All you need to do is pick up the basket, deliver it, and have good conversation with your new neighbor. God is sending us out to do a new thing—help us reach out to our community!

Trinity's Encourager Ministry provides encouragement and outreach to our faith community. If you know of someone who could use a card, phone call, etc., let one of the members of the Evangelism Committee know. Contacts are made for special occasions/accomplishments in our lives such as an anniversary, new baby, baptism, first communion, confirmation, get well, graduation, retirement, sympathy, thinking of you, volunteer, wedding, etc. Members are Earl Duffey, Charlotte Kuhs, Sondra Musser, Judi Rice, and Donna Swauger.



Used books are needed for the Used Book Sale at Trinity Lutheran, Greencastle. The sale benefits Habitat for Humanity and other area charitable organizations. Books may be dropped off at Food Lion, Rouzerville, and the office of Charles Strausbaugh, 45 Walnut Street, Waynesboro. The sale cannot accept Reader's Digest books, encyclopedias, or books that smell musty or smoky. The sale will be September 22-24.

Pastor Pam is having **"office hours" at Subway** at Walmart each Thursday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:00. I will be available to anyone who is seeking prayer or someone to talk to. I would like to extend an invitation to our people here at TELC. It is our prayer that this ministry will help us to take Jesus into the world.

September 11, 2016 marks the 15th anniversary of the events of 9/11 that changed our nation. Please plan to join the community of Rouzerville at the 9/11 Memorial in Red Run Park at 4 p.m. Pastor Pam, in partnership with the Washington Township Office and local organizations, will be offering a **Service of Remembrance and Prayer** for the victims of the 9/11 attack and for all who have been killed by terrorist actions since.

Assistance needed at the October 2 **Pets and Blessings** at Red Run Park include:

1. Need three people to set up & man the registration area
2. Need three judges for the cat and dog contest
3. Need three or more folks to organize feeding our volunteers some soup, bread, and drinks at Trinity in our Social Room. This will be our debriefing session after the pet event is finished.

4. May need three people to help with free craft for children (not yet sure)

Supplies needed (at the present time)

1. Need jars of peanut butter
2. Wild bird seed

Contact Sondra Musser if you can help. You may leave a message at Trinity – 717 762-1228.

On Sunday, September 11, during morning worship, the year's work of **Creative Christian Ladies** will be on display. During the service, the items will be blessed and later given to others near and far. Come and see what this very active ministry is doing—they are doing God's work using their hands and hearts.

Don't forget—the Evangelism Committee is collecting full-size cakes of soap for **Lutheran World Relief** during the month of September. There is a collection box at the back of the worship area. If you wish to contribute to the shipping fund, envelopes are on Trinity's bulletin board.



Agnus Day by James Wetstein



- August 28–September 3 -

Sunday.....12:15 p.m. - Lunch Bunch at Café del Sol
 Tuesday... ..7:00 p.m. - Faith Study: “Growing Disciples”

- September 4-10 -

Sunday..... 9:30 a.m. - Adult Forum
 Sunday.....10:45 a.m. - Holy Communion
 Sunday.....12:15 p.m. - Lunch Bunch at Applebee's



The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and placed by Judi Rice in loving memory of her mother, Gerry Sell, on her birthday.

The floral arrangement is placed to the glory of God and in memory of Robert Kayhoe, Sr., beloved grandfather and great-grandfather, by Sherri Kayhoe.

The bulletins are provided to the glory of God and in honor of her daughter Laura Paddack on her birthday by Teresa Papoutsis.

The sanctuary lamp candles are placed by Teresa Papoutsis to the glory of God and in honor of all the special days in August than many of her family members will be enjoying.



- Our Stewardship -

	Current Fund
Last Week	\$1,330
Year to Date	\$36,308
Attendance Last Sunday -21	

**- Current Income/Expenses -
To July 31**

Income	\$32,969
Expenses	\$47,009
Deficit	\$14,040

**- Air Conditioning Fund -
To August 21**

Estimated Cost	\$10,000
Received to Date	\$5,570
Balance Needed	\$4,430

- SERVING THIS MORNING -

Ministers The Disciples of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
(1 Peter 2:4-10)

Pastor Pam Illick Presiding Minister
Terry Eberly Assisting Minister
June Ecker Lector
Katherine Dennis Crucifer
Linda Weddle Nursery
Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice Musicians
Richard Berklite Usher
Al Bingman Usher
Adrian Kuhs Usher
Melissa Leaper Usher
Judi Rice Altar Care
Sherri Kayhoe & Carol Snyder Offering Tellers

- SERVING SEPTEMBER 4 -

Pastor Pam Illick Presiding Minister
Teresa Papoutsis Assisting Minister
Linda Bennett Lector
Katherine Dennis Crucifer
Linda Weddle Nursery
Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice Musicians
Amy Dennis Usher
Linda Fleagle Usher
Judi Rice Usher
June Ecker Altar Care
Teresa Papoutsis & Ruth Strausbaugh Offering Tellers

Seven Faith Practices
Pray
Study
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Invite
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- Our Mission -

The mission of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Rouzerville, Pennsylvania is to build, strengthen, and increase our faith community to better love and serve God – and the world community – with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.



- Our Vision -

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is a flourishing, Spirit-filled, Christ-centered home for all.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.