

healing



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 30, 2017
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Pam Illick, Pastor



Welcome to all – especially visitors!!! **It is no accident that you are here today!** You are an answer to our prayer. We have been praying for you, and believe that God has brought you here because God wants to touch your life.

If you need some help to make your worship with us more accessible, please see an usher for assistance. A transport chair and large print bulletins are available if you have need for them.

As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

GREETINGS - Take a moment to check in on Facebook!
Feel free to share your worship experience via social media, too.

PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION

GATHERING

**Please stand as you are able.*

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

☞ Amen.

☞ Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Eternal God our creator,

☞ in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God ☩ forgives you all your sins.

C Amen.

***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.

*** GATHERING SONG *Gather Us In* (ELW 532)**

***GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE *Shout to the Lord* (ELW 821)

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray.

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

PSALM: Psalm 119:129-136

¹²⁹Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with all my heart.

¹³⁰**When your word is opened it gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.**

¹³¹I open my mouth and pant
because I long for your commandments.

¹³²**Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as you always do to those who love your name.**

¹³³Order my footsteps in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

¹³⁴**Rescue me from those who oppress me,
and I will keep your commandments.**

¹³⁵Let your face shine upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.

¹³⁶**My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your teaching.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Assembly stands.*)**



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: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

Throughout Matthew’s gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that “the kingdom of heaven is near!” Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people’s lives.

P The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

³³He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like

yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

⁴⁴“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

☞ The gospel of the Lord.

☞ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Be Thou My Vision* (ELW 793)

* INTRODUCTION TO SERVICE OF HEALING

☞ Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition the congregation will respond:

☞ **hear our prayer.**

*LAYING ON OF HANDS

☞ Sisters and brothers, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

The assembly is seated.

Those who wish to receive laying on of hands and anointing approach and, as conditions permit, kneel.

☞ Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, send your Holy Spirit upon your servant; drive away all sickness of body and spirit; make whole that which is broken; deliver *her/him* from the power of evil; and preserve *her/him* in true faith, to share in the power of Christ's resurrection and to serve you with all the saints now and evermore.

☞ **Amen.**

After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands, and the presiding minister continues.

*☞ Let us pray.

Living God, through the laying on of hands and anointing, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

☞ **Amen.**

*BLESSING: HEALING

☞ Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your sure defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

☞ **Amen.**

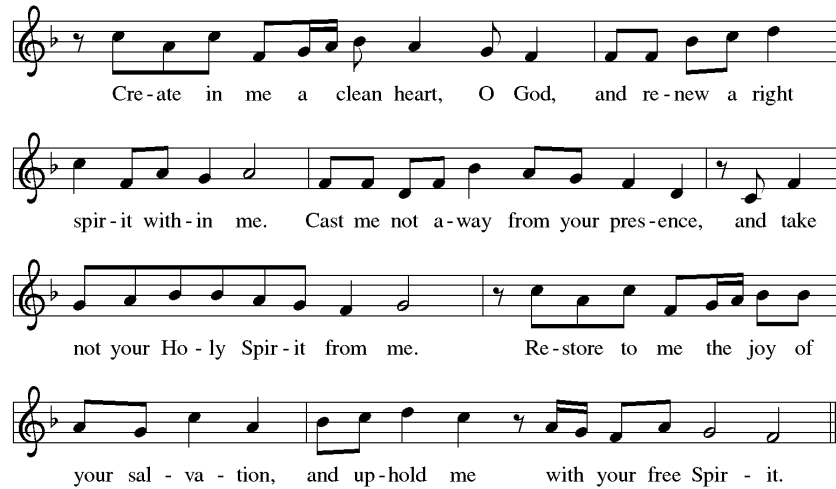
The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

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

THANK AND TELL

*OFFERTORY



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

A 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

C Amen.

*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.**

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

P May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, H Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

*** SENDING SONG *Abide With Me* (ELW 629)**

*DISMISSAL

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

C 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: Children, counselors, and staff at church camps

College Students: Remember Madi Kreitz in your prayers!

Jon Fleagle thanks the members of Trinity congregation for their prayers, cards, calls and other expressions of concern following his recent surgery...

– UPCOMING EVENTS –



Our annual **Church Picnic** will be held at Pine Hill Recreation Area, Pavilion B, on August 6. Our theme is "Barnyard Picnic," so wear your plaid shirts, overalls, bandanas, straw hats, or whatever you can think of related to farming. This year **our 10:45 worship service will be at the park** also.

Picnic registration will be at noon and the meal at 12:40. We will provide fried chicken and drinks. We ask you to bring a favorite dish to share. In addition to our games, we are fortunate again to have the auction for The Gift Box beach house in Rodanthe, NC donated by Trudy Gift. If you plan to attend, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the hallway off the narthex. If there are questions, contact June Ecker at 794-2013.



This summer, Lunch Bunch is disbanded in favor of **Breakfast Bunch**. We invite all to join us at 9 a.m. each Sunday morning at Waynesboro Diner for breakfast fellowship before worship.

– FAITH FORMATION –

Children's Sunday School and Adult Forum are on summer break until September 10. Everyone is invited to join us for breakfast at the Waynesboro Diner Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. Please invite someone to come with you to breakfast!! There is plenty of room at the table.

– TELC MISSION WORK FOR NEAR AND FAR –

Wednesday in the Subway at Walmart is now every Wednesday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:00. Pastor Pam is available to anyone who is seeking prayer or someone to talk to. The invitation extends to our people here at TELC to stop by too. Please pray that this ministry will help TELC to take the gospel of Jesus Christ into the world.

"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!

- STEWARDSHIP –

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

Because these envelopes are not found in this year's offering envelope packet, **Building Fund envelopes** are available on the windowsill near the sanctuary entrance.

Sundays are still available on the **flower, bulletin and candle sponsor charts** on the bulletin board in the hallway off the narthex. Check today for available Sundays.

Don't forget to drop off your **Box Tops for Education** as well as your **all-occasion cards** for St. Jude's' recycled card program, in the appropriate container at the back of our worship area.



- July 30–August 5 -

Wednesday .. 1:30-3:00 p.m. - Wednesday in the Subway

- August 6-12 -

Sunday 10:45 a.m. - Service at Pine Hill
 Sunday 12:00 p.m. - Picnic
 Monday..... 6:30 p.m. - Evangelism Committee
 Wednesday .. 1:30-3:00 p.m. - Wednesday in the Subway
 Thursday 10:00 a.m. - Parlor Talk at Parlor House
 Thursday 6:30 p.m. - Congregation Council
 Friday..... 6:00 p.m. - Dinner at Monterey Pass Pub & Eatery



- Our Stewardship -

	Current Fund
Last Week	\$1,157
Year to Date	\$24,252
*Attendance Last Sunday - 26	
Does Not Include E-Giving Offerings	

**- Current Income/Expenses -
To June 30**

Income	\$130,505
Expenses	\$62,226
Above reflects \$100,000 bequest and e-giving offerings.	



The floral arrangement is dedicated to the glory of God and is placed by Earl and Carolyn Duffey in honor of their daughter, Barbara Kinsey, on her birthday.

- SERVING THIS MORNING -

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

Pastor Pam Illick Presiding Minister
 Teresa Papoutsis Assisting Minister
 Ruth Strausbaugh Lecturer
 Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice Musicians
 Amy Dennis Usher
 Linda Fleagle..... Usher
 Judi Rice..... Usher
 Pam Lobley & Linda Weddle Altar Care
 Eric Leaper..... After Church Lock-up
 Sally Berklite & June Ecker Offering Tellers

- SERVING AUGUST 6 -

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 Earl Duffey & Rusty Kreitz..... Offering Tellers

Seven Faith Practices

**Pray
 Study
 Worship
 Invite
 Encourage
 Serve
 Give**

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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.