

**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
November 12, 2017
Service of the Word**

**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.

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.*

☑ Permission, Lord, to enter your house of worship?

☐ Permission granted in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

☐ War weary and battle tired from life, we come to you Lord of life worth living. Help us to be honest and open to your Holy Spirit. Search our memories and moments present for sin and eliminate anything that would separate us from you. Hear us, mighty friend and Savior.

(Time for silent confession and reflection)

P God of true peace we confess

C Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; you are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give. Amen.

(Prayer of Martin Luther)

P:The Lord hears. The Lord heals. The Lord forgives us in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

***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 *Come, We That Love the Lord* (ELW 625)**

***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.

PSALM OF PRAISE *Psalms 95:

A Give glory to God, our light and our life.

C Oh, come, let us worship and praise.

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.

For you, Lord, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.

The sea is yours, for you made it; and your hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

A Give glory to God, our light and our life.

C Oh, come, let us worship and praise.

***LITANY FOR VETERANS**

P God of love, peace and justice, it is your will for the world that we may live together in peace. You have promised through the prophet Isaiah that one day the swords will be beaten into ploughshares. Yet we live in a broken world, and there are times that war seems inevitable. Let us recognize with humility and sadness the tragic loss of life that comes in war. Even so, as we gather here free from persecution, we may give thanks for those that have served with courage and honor.

Please Rise: Those that are in our presence that are either in active duty or reserve duty, and the fathers, mothers, siblings, spouses and grandparents of those that are currently serving.

C God, we praise you for those that are willing to serve. Let all Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen serve with honor, pride, and compassion. Do not let their hearts be hardened by the actions they must take. Strengthen their families. Keep them surrounded in your love and peace.

P Please Rise: Those who are in our presence that have served in the military in the past.

☩ God, we praise you for those that have served in the military. We thank you for those that put the welfare of others ahead of their own safety. Let us all be inspired by their self-sacrifice in service to those who needed protection.

☩ Please Rise: Those who are in our presence who have lost a loved one in war.

☩ God, we praise you for those that have made the ultimate sacrifice. We ask that you comfort those that still feel the pain of their loss. Keep us mindful that you have promised to comfort those that mourn.

☩ Please Rise: Those who have gathered in your name in safety because of the sacrifices of others.

☩ God, we praise you for granting us these freedoms. Let us honor those who have served by working for peace. Let us never forget those that have served, and let us never let go of your promise of peace. Amen.

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WORD

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(Please stand.)*

☩ Long ago God spoke to our ancestors
in many and various ways by the prophets,

☩ but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.

*** GOSPEL: LUKE 21:5-19**

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

☩ The holy gospel according to St. Luke

☩ Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and, “The time is near!” Do not go after them.

⁹“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.

☩ The gospel of the Lord.

☩ Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*
(ELW 597)

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

After each petition the congregation will respond:

☩ Let us pray.

(A brief silence for prayer follows each petition.)

A Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn,
bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new.

Especially we thank you—

for the sustaining goodness of your creation . . .
for farmers and migrant worker who grow and harvest our
food....
for the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and
forgiveness . . .
for the gifts of relationship with others . . .
for the communion of faith in your church . . .
for all the saints who have gone before us, especially...

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of
all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ
Jesus, the living Lord.

Especially we pray—

for those who govern nations of the world . . .
for the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare . . .
for all veterans who served our country....
for all who work for peace and international harmony . . .
for all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and
destruction . . .
for the church of Jesus Christ in every land . . .
for all who are sick in mind or body, especially....

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we
cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through
perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage,
not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading
us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

C Amen.

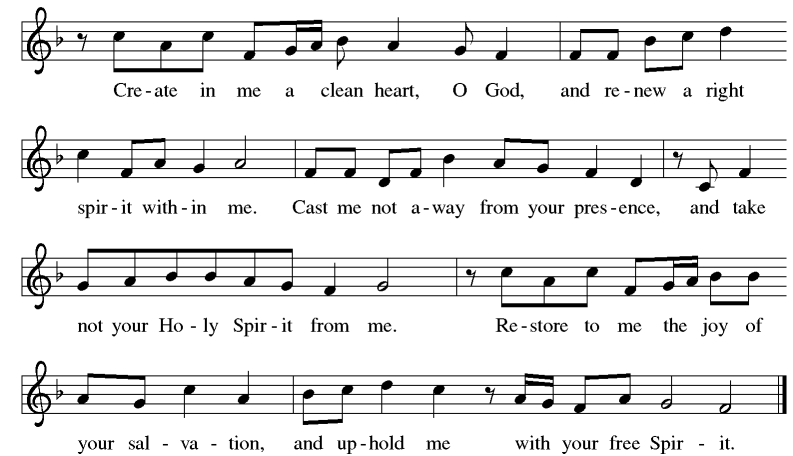
Please be seated.

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.

C 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 forever. Amen.

*LORD'S PRAYER

A 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

☞ Let us bless the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God.

☞ Almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless
and preserve us.

☞ Amen.

* SENDING SONG *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies* (ELW 888)

*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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The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are placed by
Al and Anta Bingman in honor of their 56th wedding anniversary.

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: Farmers, Orchard Growers, and Migrant Workers

College Students: Remember Madi Kreitz in your prayers!

GenNow Disciples: Hailey Sherman, Taylor Sherman, Kellan Stevens, Taylor Kuhs, and Darius Kuhs

– UPCOMING EVENTS –

LUNCH BUNCH goes out on Sundays after worship for lunch (except on Sundays when we have Coffee & Conversation). Join us next Sunday at China Maple. You are invited to come! Let's get to know one another better!!



We invite all to remain for **Coffee & Conversation** in the social room following worship today.

– FAITH FORMATION –

Adult Forum completed its study of Moses. Its next study will be **Faithful - Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph** by Adam Hamilton. We will begin the study on November 26 with Chapter 1. Further sessions will be Chapter 2 on December 3, Chapter 3 on December 10 and Chapter 4 on December 17. The book may be ordered through Amazon.com. There will be no Adult Forum on December 24 and December 31. Adult Forum meets Sunday mornings at 9:30. All are invited to join in the discussion.

GenNow DISCIPLES is a program for students in grades 6 and up. We have 5 young people from TLC who will begin this course of study and exploration of God's story and our faith.

Help Needed for GenNow! Mentors are needed for GenNow Disciples. I need 3 female mentors and 2 male mentors. Please prayerfully consider this important role in the lives of our youth as they learn what faith is and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. You don't have to communicate via computer; you can use the phone to give them a call. Would like for you to have intentional contact with your student a minimum of once per month. Call Pastor Pam if you feel a call to serve.

GenNow also needs people to be a "Cloud of Witnesses." In this role you will pray for one of our GenNow Disciples as (s)he begins their walk with Jesus. A sign-up sheet is on the Trinity News Bulletin Board for our Cloud of Witnesses.

- TELC MISSION WORK FOR NEAR AND FAR -

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER will be held on Thanksgiving Day, November 23 at Evangelical Lutheran Church, 43 South Church Street from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Anyone who will be alone Thanksgiving Day or who is unable to prepare a meal themselves is invited to attend.

Bakers in Trinity congregation are asked to donate homemade pies, cakes and sweet breads for the dinner. Baked goods should be delivered to the church on Wednesday, November 22 between 1 and 3 p.m. or on Thursday, November 23 by 10 a.m. Any food that is left over will be donated to the New Hope Shelter.

"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!

MEANDERING MARTIN has been on his first adventure and is more than ready to travel again. Are you planning to go somewhere you think Martin would enjoy? He is waiting patiently in the narthex. Choose either the paper Martin or the wooden Martin, follow the simple instructions, take along a Martin Luther biography to get to know him better, and show our monk the beauties of God's world. He will not protest.

- STEWARDSHIP -

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



Kitchen Renovation Fund: Help us fill up the pot!! Our goal is \$8,000 for the renovation of the kitchen. Watch the progress on the "coffee pot chart" at the rear of the sanctuary. The current total is approximately \$3,000.

Building Fund envelopes are available on the windowsill near the sanctuary entrance. Please use them to make your Kitchen Renovation Donation! Mark your envelope for the **Kitchen.**

Agnus Day by James Wetstein



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- November 12-18 -

Today 11:45 am. - Coffee & Conversation -
 Tuesday.....2:00 p.m. - Educational Ministry Committee
 Tuesday.....6:30 p.m. - Finance Committee
 Wednesday .. 1:00-3:00 p.m. - Wednesday in the Subway
 Wednesday 7:00 p.m. - Creative Christian Ladies
 Thursday 6:30 p.m. - Congregation Council
 Friday 6:00 p.m. - Junior Scout Troop

- November 19-25 -

Sunday 9:30 a.m. - Youth Class & Adult Forum
 Sunday 10:45 a.m. - Holy Communion
 Sunday 12:15 p.m. - Lunch Bunch at China Maple
 Monday.....9:00 p.m. - December Newsletter Items Due
 Tuesday..... 7:00 p.m. - Community Thanksgiving Service



- Our Stewardship -

	Current Fund
Last Week	\$428
Year to Date	\$35,004
Attendance Last Sunday - 33	
Does Not Include E-Giving Offerings	

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

Income	\$144,006
Expenses	\$94,227
Above reflects \$100,000 bequest and e-giving offerings.	

- SERVING THIS MORNING -

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

Pastor Pam Illick Presiding Minister
 Hailey Sherman Assisting Minister
 Rusty Kreitz Lector
 Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice Musicians
 Richard Berklite..... Usher
 Al Bingman Usher
 Adrian Kuhs..... Usher
 Melissa Leaper Usher
 Sherri Kayhoe..... Altar Care
 Eric Leaper..... After-Church Lock-up
 Teresa Papoutsis & Ruth Strausbaugh..... Offering Tellers

- NOVEMBER 19 -

Pastor Pam Illick Presiding Minister
 Ruth Strausbaugh..... Assisting Minister
 Joanne Crider..... Lector
 Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice Musicians
 Amy Dennis Usher
 Linda Fleagle..... Usher
 Judi Rice..... Usher
 Sherri Kayhoe..... Altar Care
 Eric Leaper..... After-Church Lock-up
 Marie Seidel & Linda Weddle..... Offering Tellers

Six Marks of Discipleship

Daily Prayer
 Weekly Worship
 Bible Reading
 Service
 Spiritual Friendships
 Giving

Poinsettia Display



Again this year we invite you to participate in our Christmas Poinsettia Display. The cost per plant is \$9.50. Please complete the following and return in an envelope with the correct payment. Give all orders to Carolyn Duffey no later than **November 19**. You may mail the form and payment to the church at Box 240,

Rouzerville PA 17250-0240. Mail orders must be received no later than November 18. Make checks payable to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Name _____

Phone _____

I/We wish to sponsor poinsettias as follows:

_____ Red	@ 9.50	\$ _____
_____ White	@ 9.50	\$ _____
_____ Pink	@ 9.50	\$ _____
_____ Burgundy	@ 9.50	\$ _____
_____ Marble (Red & White)	@ 9.50	\$ _____
TOTAL		\$ _____

Plants are placed in memory of / in honor of *(please indicate)*...

by

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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.