

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 8, 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.

*In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a parable of the vineyard, an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread, that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.*

**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, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

☞ Amen.

☞ Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

*(Time for silent confession and reflection)*

Source of all life,

**C** we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

**P** God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, † God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**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 *All Are Welcom* (ELW 641)

### \*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 *Awesome God*

Our God is an awesome God,  
He reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom, power and love  
Our God is an awesome God!  
(repeat)

Our God is an awesome God!  
Our God is an awesome God!

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

### WORD

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

*The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "wild grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.*

**L** A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>Let me sing for my beloved  
my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.

<sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
he expected it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes.

<sup>3</sup>And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and people of Judah,  
judge between me  
and my vineyard.

<sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard  
that I have not done in it?  
When I expected it to yield grapes,  
why did it yield wild grapes?

<sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you  
what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge,  
and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall,  
and it shall be trampled down.  
<sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;  
I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.

<sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts  
is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah  
are his pleasant planting;  
he expected justice,  
but saw bloodshed;  
righteousness,  
but heard a cry!

☞ Word of God, word of life.

☑ Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM: Psalm 80:7-15

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.  
<sup>8</sup>**You have brought a vine out of Egypt;  
you cast out the nations and planted it.**  
<sup>9</sup>You cleared the ground for it;  
it took root and filled the land.  
<sup>10</sup>**The mountains were covered by its shadow  
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**  
<sup>11</sup>You stretched out its tendrils to the sea  
and its branches to the river.  
<sup>12</sup>**Why have you broken down its wall,  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**  
<sup>13</sup>The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,  
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.  
<sup>14</sup>**Turn now, O God of hosts,  
look down from heaven;**  
<sup>15</sup>behold and tend this vine;  
preserve what your right hand has planted.

#### SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

*Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.*

☞ A reading from Philippians..

<sup>2</sup>[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

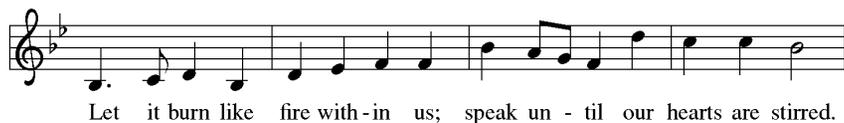
<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus

☞ Word of God, word of life.

☑ Thanks be to God.

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





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 21:33-46**

*Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.*

**P** The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

**G** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the people:] <sup>33</sup>“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup>Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup>They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes?”

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.

<sup>44</sup>The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they

realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY *Rise Up, O Saints of God!* (ELW 669)**

**\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*After each petition the congregation will respond:*

**G** **hear our prayer.**

*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.

**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.**

**C** 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

**P** God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,

**C** Amen.

\* SENDING SONG *Son of God, Eternal Savior* (ELW 655)

## \*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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The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are placed by Richard and Sally Berklite in celebration of their anniversary.

The sanctuary lamp candles for October are placed by Teresa Papoutsis to the glory of God and in honor of all her family members with birthdays in October.



**THANK YOU** to everyone who assisted in any way with our Pets & Blessings last Sunday. Your efforts were greatly appreciated. Check our Facebook page for pictures of the activities.

## 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:** Fire Fighters, EMTs, and Paramedics

**College Students:** Remember Madi Kreitz in your prayers!

**GenNow Disciples:** Hailey, Taylor, and Kellan

### – UPCOMING EVENTS –

**COFFEE & CONVERSATION** is on hold until the kitchen renovation is completed! Consider going out with the **Lunch Bunch** today!!

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



**SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING:** on **October 15**. Please stay for a special Congregational Meeting after worship. We have received an estimate for replacing the front doors and the parking lot doors that needs a congregational vote to approve the expense. Your voice counts, so please plan to be here!!

**DINNER AT MONTEREY PASS PUB AND EATERY** is on Friday, October 13, at 6 p.m. Come and join us for fellowship and fun!

**WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE** will meet Monday, October 9, at 7 p.m. Additional members are always welcome.

All items for the **OCTOBER 15 BULLETIN** are due at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, October 10. The bulletins will be printed on Wednesday, October 11.

### **NEW WORSHIP SERVICE TO BEGIN ON OCTOBER 15!!!**

God is doing something new!!! At 5 p.m. on October 15, we will have a worship service called: **All God's Creatures**. It is open to all pets who would like to bring their human families along. All God's Creatures worship will be held on the third Sunday of the month. Come see what it is all about! No pet? That's ok. Come anyway



**Trunk and Treat!!!** Come out on October 26 and bring all your **Boos and Ghouls!** How will you decorate your trunk this year? We are ready to accept donations of candy and non-candy treats like individually bagged pretzels or chips. No peanuts please!! Sign up is posted on the Trinity News Bulletin Board!

### – TELC MISSION WORK FOR NEAR AND FAR –

**“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!

### – FAITH FORMATION –

**ADULT FORUM** Join us in our study of **MOSES *In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet***, by Adam Hamilton. It is not too late to join in!!! Grab your coffee or tea and come on Sunday morning at 9:30.

**BIBLE SCHOLARS:** Hey Kids! This is for you! How would you like to be a Bible Scholar (a person who knows a whole lot about the Bible)? Here's how you can play. Every month there will be a challenge. When you can meet the challenge let Pastor Pam know and then show her. There will be prizes!! **The October Challenge: Learn the Lord's Prayer!** You can say it, sing it, create a rap song for it, karate kick it, jump rope it, dance it, beat it out on your drum. Be creative.

**GenNow DISCIPLES** is a program for students in grades 6 and up. We have 3 young people from TLC who will begin this course of study and exploration of God's story and our faith. I am going to be contacting individuals in the congregation to find a **mentor** for each of our students. 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. In addition, I am also going to ask folks in the congregation to volunteer to be a part of each student's "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 will be on the Trinity News Bulletin Board for our Cloud of Witnesses. It is not too late for a young person to sign up for GenNow Disciples!!!! Contact Pastor Pam if you have any questions or know someone who is interested in participating!!

**- 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.**



**- October 8-14 -**

Today.....12:15 p.m. - Lunch Bunch at Waynesboro Diner  
 Monday.....7:00 p.m. - Worship & Music Committee  
 Tuesday.....9:00 a.m. - October 15 Bulletin Items Due  
 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. - Dinner at Monterey Pass Pub & Eatery

**- October 15-21 -**

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  
 Sunday.....5:00 p.m. - All God's Creatures Worship  
 Tuesday.....9:00 a.m. - Breakfast at Parlor House  
 Wednesday.....1:00-3:00 p.m. - Wednesday in the Subway  
 Wednesday.....7:00 p.m. - Creative Christian Ladies



**- Our Stewardship -**

	Current Fund
Last Week	\$513
Year to Date	\$31,474
Attendance Last Sunday - 34	
Does Not Include E-Giving Offerings	

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

Income	\$139,697
Expenses	\$83,672
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  
Earl Duffey ..... Assisting Minister  
Hailey Sherman ..... Lector  
Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice ..... Musicians  
Joanne Crider ..... Usher  
June Ecker ..... Usher  
Marie Seidel ..... Usher  
Linda Weddle ..... Usher  
Carolyn and Earl Duffey ..... Altar Care  
Jon Fleagle ..... After Church Lock-up  
Sally Berklite & June Ecker ..... Offering Tellers

**- OCTOBER 15-21 -**

Pastor Pam Illick ..... Presiding Minister  
Ruth Strausbaugh ..... Assisting Minister  
Ruth Strausbaugh ..... Lector  
Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice ..... Musicians  
Joanne Crider ..... Usher  
June Ecker ..... Usher  
Marie Seidel ..... Usher  
Linda Weddle ..... Usher  
Carolyn and Earl Duffey ..... Altar Care  
Jon Fleagle ..... After Church Lock-up  
Earl Duffey & Rusty Kreitz ..... Offering Tellers

**Six Marks of Discipleship**

- Daily Prayer
- Weekly Worship
- Bible Reading
- Service
- Spiritual Friendships
- Giving

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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.