

**IF 2 OF YOU  
AGREE  
ON EARTH  
ABOUT ANYTHING YOU  
ASK,**  
IT WILL BE DONE FOR YOU  
**BY MY  
FATHER  
IN  
HEAVEN.**  
MATTHEW 18:19, NRSV

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 10, 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.

*Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.*

**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**

**P** Blessed be the † holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

**C** Amen.

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

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.

☞ 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.

☞ **Amen.**

**\*PEACE**

☞ The peace of Christ be with you always.

☞ **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: *Let's Get a Little Crazy***

(Verse)

Yeah, we're all in this together,  
And we're havin' fun,  
We're here to spread the love of God  
To everyone.  
Gonna get a little crazy  
And a little wild.  
Here we go now,  
Come give it a try.

(Chorus)

Move it to the left now,  
Move it to the right.  
Find someone you don't know  
And give 'em a high five.  
Stomp your feet louder.  
Wave your hands up high,  
Find somebody else now  
And give 'em a high five.  
Oh, oh, oh-oh. Oh, oh.  
Oh, oh, oh-oh. Oh, oh.

(Repeat entire song.)

**\*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 *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**

☞ Let us pray.

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☞ **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**WORD**

**COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING OF TEACHERS**

*A reading from First Corinthians.* Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Cor. 12:4-7)

☞: Sisters, you have volunteered your time, your energy, and your gifts to the children and youth of this congregation. Will you offer your giftedness to this ministry of teaching in the confidence that it comes from God?

☞ I will, and I ask God to help me.

*A reading from Proverbs.* Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. (Prov. 3:5-6)

**P:** Will you carry out this ministry of teaching centered in Christ's call, striving to trust God as your guide and inspiration?

**R:** I will, and I ask God to help me.

*A reading from Ephesians.* I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (*Eph. 3:16-19*)

**P:** Will you trust in God's care, seek to grow in love for those you teach and serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and honor the gospel with a faithful life?

**R:** I will, and I ask God to help me.

**P:** I now ask you, people of Trinity: Will you today renew your commitment to our youngest brothers and sisters, our children and youth who look to you for guidance, support, and examples of righteous living?

**C We will, and we ask God to help us.**

*Those being commissioned face the assembly.*

**P:** People of Trinity: Will you claim these gifted people as those called by God to help carry out our congregation's ministry of teaching to children and youth? Will you support them and enthusiastically celebrate the work they do?

**C We will, and we ask God to help us.**

**P:** Will you pray for these leaders and the young people they serve, celebrating our children and youth as the ones Jesus blessed and welcomed?

**C We will, and we ask God to help us.**

**P:** Let us pray. Gracious God, for Jesus' sake, empower these ministers to care for the young ones in our family of faith. Help them to teach faithfully, lead patiently, and guide confidently. Stir up in these servants the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*People in the assembly may raise their hands in blessing as the presiding minister continues.*

**Almighty God, who has given you the gifts and the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them. Amen.**

**P:** On behalf of Trinity Lutheran Church, we now commission you for ministry, grateful for your gifts and your willingness to serve.

*The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.*

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***Made for This***

(Chorus)

I was made for this:  
I live for this.  
God has a reason,  
Reason for my life.  
I'm gonna shout it out,  
Without a doubt.  
I was born for this,  
Built for a purpose.  
Oh oh oh, oh oh oh oh oh oh.

(Verse)

There is a God who made it all.  
Everything we see.  
He built the mountains,  
Filled the oceans,  
And he built me.

He is with me.  
He is for me.  
I am not alone.  
He is with me.  
He is for me.  
And I know, I know that

(Repeat chorus)

He is with me.  
He is for me.  
I am not alone.  
He is with me.  
He is for me.  
I am not alone.  
He is with me.  
He is for me.  
I am not alone.  
He is with me.  
He is for me.  
I am not alone.  
He is with me.  
He is for me.  
And I know, I know, I know, I know, I know, I know that

(Repeat chorus)

**\* GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20**

*At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.*

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

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.

<sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

<sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

<sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.

<sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SERMON

#### HYMN OF THE DAY *He Knows My Name*

I have a Maker.  
He formed my heart.  
Before even time began  
My life was in his hands.  
He knows my name.  
He knows my every thought.  
He sees each tear that falls  
And hears me when I call.

(Repeat from the beginning.)

He knows my name.  
He knows my every thought.  
He sees each tear that falls  
And hears me when I call.  
And hears me when I call.  
He hears me when I call.

### \*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*After each petition the congregation will respond:*

**G** hear our prayer.

*Please be seated.*

## THANKSGIVING

### BLESSING OF THE HANDS AND CRAFTS

*Never give up. Eagerly follow the Holy Spirit and serve the Lord. Let your hope make you glad. Be patient in time of trouble and never stop praying. Take care of God's needy people and welcome strangers into your home. Romans 12:11-13*

**L** I invite you to come forward and receive a blessing and then to lay hands on some of the crafted items as we bless them.

**L** Blessed are the works of your hands and hearts. May the talents, time, and resources given to you by the Holy Spirit, that are used

create these gifts, bring love, support, and comfort in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord to those who receive them. We give thanks to God for you and the loving care with which you create these gifts. May God renew your spirit and bless you this day and always. Amen.

- ℒ Without even knowing who would receive it, these gifts were made specifically for the person who will receive it.
- ☑ **May they see the intricate love and care given to this gift, mirroring the intricate love and care that God bestows upon all people.**
- ℒ These gifts were made to bring warmth to someone who feels a chill.
- ☑ **May they feel the warm breath of the Holy Spirit as they wrap themselves with it.**
- ℒ These gifts were made to bring comfort to someone who feels alone.
- ☑ **May they feel comfort in knowing that someone prayed for them as the gift was knit or crocheted together.**
- ℒ These gifts were made to bring peace to someone in need of prayer.
- ☑ **May they feel God's peace given in response to our prayers.**
- ℒ These gifts were made to remind the recipient that they are part of this community.
- ☑ **May they feel the love of Jesus Christ and ours as they use these gifts of love and hope in their lives.**

### PRAYER OF BLESSING

- ℒ Creator God, you sent your Son to heal our brokenness with your love. We give you thanks for those inspired by that love to create these gifts of caring for those in need. We offer these shawls, hats, lap robes, baby items and blankets, filled with the prayers and hopes of those who have made them, for our brothers and sisters

who need to be reminded of and surrounded by your love. We ask you to bless these beautiful items with your love and healing grace, so they may bring comfort, healing, joy, and hope to those who receive them as signs of your presence in their lives and ours. We ask all of this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit continue to love and sustain all of us.

### ☑ Amen!

### OFFERING

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

### SPECIAL MUSIC

#### \*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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#### \* THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

- Ⓐ 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. 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

☞ May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, ☩ and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

☞ Amen.

### \* SENDING SONG *God is For Me*

(Verse)

Looking out, it's a great big world.  
Where do I go?  
How do I fit in?  
Gotta keep this one thing on my mind:  
Maker of all the universe is on my side.

(Chorus)

And if God is for me,  
Who can be,  
Who can be against me?  
God is for me,

Who can be,  
Who can be against me?  
He is my strength;  
He is my friend forever.  
God is for me,  
Who can be,  
Who can be against me?

(Repeat verse)

(Repeat Chorus)

When I just don't understand,  
God is for me.  
When life doesn't go the way I planned,  
God is for me.  
When I just don't understand,  
God is for me.  
When life doesn't go the way I planned,  
God is for me.

(Repeat Chorus)

God is for me,  
Who can be,  
Who can be against me?

### \*DISMISSAL

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

☞ We will. Thanks be to God!

**Please be seated for our Congregational Meeting.**

## 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:** Everyone who is “going back to school”

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

### – UPCOMING EVENTS –

**September is Soap Month!** Throughout the month of September TLC will be collecting individually wrapped bars of soap! We appreciate your donation of soap that will be sent to Lutheran World Relief.

**Lunch Bunch** goes out on Sundays after worship for lunch (except on Sundays when we have Coffee & Conversation). Join us on **September 17** at **Applebee's**. You are invited to come! Let's get to know one another better!!



**SAVE THE DATE!!!!** October 1 is Pets & Blessings!!!! Get ready for the fun happening between 2 and 5 p.m. at Red Run Park! Something new this year: a special memorial service for pets begins at 4:30pm. Sign up for Volunteers is posted on

the “Trinity News” bulletin board! Get the whole family involved!! Sign up today or contact Sondra Musser to let her know how you would like to help!!

Please remember that we need donations of **individually bottled water** for Pets & Blessings.

**500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Reformation:** Sunday, September 24 at 3 p.m. our brothers and sisters at Salem Lutheran Church in Marion have invited our congregation to a service of celebration in observance of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. The service will include a hymn sing, and a light supper and fellowship will follow the service. This is a great opportunity for us to get to know folks from other Lutheran Churches in Franklin County. If anyone would like to go and needs a ride, let Pastor Pam know!

**HELP WANTED!** Our Girl Scouts are going to do a craft for Pets & Blessings that involves painting **rocks**. They are going to need lots of **rocks** that are about the size of a deck of cards (a little larger is good, but not bigger than a softball). So start saving/finding **rocks!** A box will be placed under the pew in the back of the church to collect the **rocks!!** Thanks for your help.

### – FAITH FORMATION –

**GenNow DISCIPLES a.k.a. Confirmation:** Information Meeting for all adults and students who are interested in learning more about GenNow Disciples. Please let Pastor Pam know if you are coming so arrangements for dinner can be made. We will begin at 7:00! Invite other youth in grade 6 and up even if they are not members of TLC!! Between now and through our meeting please hold these young people and their families in prayer.

**ADULT FORUM** This fall we will begin a study of People of the Bible. Our first person will be Moses. The book that will accompany this video-based course is called **MOSES In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet**, by Adam Hamilton. It is available through Amazon.com for \$13.56 for hardcopy or on Kindle for \$9.20. This course will start on Sunday, September 17.

**PARLOR TALK** – Come join us at the Parlor House on Thursday September 14 at 10 a.m. for brunch and 10:30 a.m, for Parlor Talk! The topic this week is: How Do we Prepare for Disaster to Hit?

**- 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!

**- STEWARDSHIP -**

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

Some 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** (for our Girl Scouts) and your **all-occasion cards** for St. Jude's recycled card program, in the appropriate container at the back of our worship area.



**Kitchen Renovation Fund:** Help us fill up the pot!! Our goal is \$8,000 for the renovation of the kitchen. To date we have received approximately \$1,300. Watch the progress on the “coffee pot chart” at the rear of the sanctuary.

**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**.



**- September 10-16 -**

Wednesday .. 1:00-3:00 p.m. - Wednesday in the Subway  
 Wednesday ..... 7:00 p.m. - Creative Christian Ladies  
 Thursday ..... 10:00 a.m. - Parlor Talks at Parlor House

**- September 17-23 -**

Sunday ..... 9:30 a.m. - Youth Class & Adult Forum  
 Sunday ..... 10:45 a.m. - Holy Communion  
 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  
 Thursday ..... 6:30 p.m. - Congregation Council



**- Our Stewardship -**

	Current Fund
Last Week	\$1,428
Year to Date	\$29,119
*Attendance Last Sunday - 31	
Does Not Include E-Giving Offerings	

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

Income	\$153,627
Expenses	\$73,002
Above reflects \$100,000 bequest and e-giving offerings.	



The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are placed by Kevin and Cindy Sherman in honor of their wedding anniversary.

**- SERVING THIS MORNING -**

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

Pastor Pam Illick ..... Presiding Minister  
Charles Strausbaugh .....Assisting Minister  
Joanne Crider .....Lector  
Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice ..... Musicians  
Richard Berklite..... Usher  
Al Bingman ..... Usher  
Adrian Kuhs..... Usher  
Melissa Leaper ..... Usher  
June Ecker ..... Altar Care  
Richard Berklite.....After Church Lock-up  
Amy Dennis & Linda Fleagle..... Offering Tellers

**- SERVING SEPTEMBER 17 -**

Pastor Pam Illick ..... Presiding Minister  
Ruth Strausbaugh .....Assisting Minister  
June Ecker .....Lector  
Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice ..... Musicians  
Richard Berklite..... Usher  
Al Bingman ..... Usher  
Adrian Kuhs..... Usher  
Melissa Leaper ..... Usher  
June Ecker ..... Altar Care  
Richard Berklite.....After Church Lock-up  
Sherri Kayhoe & Carol Snyder ..... 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.