



**Eighteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
September 18, 2016
Holy Communion**

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



Family of God, welcome to worship, Christian education and fellowship on this autumn day! 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.

As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recall that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.

As Lutherans, we believe that the bread and wine of Holy Communion are signs given by God that Christ is fully present among us. We invite you to participate in receiving this miraculous presence. If you are unable to receive either the bread or the wine, be assured that even in the words, Christ is present to you. You are welcome to come to the Table to be fed and nurtured with us.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION

GATHERING

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the only Sovereign, who dwells in light; Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners; the Holy Spirit, who lives within us.

☞ Amen

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

(Time for personal reflection and confession.)

☞ God of overflowing grace,

☞ **we come to you with repentant hearts. Forgive us for shallow thankfulness. Forgive us for passing by the ones in need. Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures. Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness. Bring us home from the wilderness of sin, and strengthen us to serve you in all that we do and say; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

☞ There is joy in heaven over every sinner who repents.

By the grace of God in ☩ Christ Jesus, who gave himself up for us all, your sins are forgiven and you are made free. Rejoice with the angels and with one another! We are home in God's mercy, now and forever.

☞ **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* (ELW 771)

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.

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☞ **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7

Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.

☞ A reading from Amos.

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;
and the sabbath,

so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,
⁶buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

☞ Word of God, word of life.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 113

¹Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD;
praise the name of the LORD.

²**Let the name of the LORD be blessed,
from this time forth forevermore.**

³From the rising of the sun to its going down
let the name of the LORD be praised.

⁴**The LORD is high above all nations;
God's glory above the heavens.**

⁵Who is like the LORD our God,
who sits enthroned on high,

⁶**but stoops to behold
the heavens and the earth?**

⁷The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

⁸**enthroning them with the rulers,
with the rulers of the people.**

⁹The LORD makes the woman of a childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

The Pastoral Epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.

📖 A reading from 1 Timothy.

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶who gave himself a ransom for all
—this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

📖 Word of God, word of life.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

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: Luke 16:1-13

Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest man who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

📖 The holy gospel according to Luke.

🙏 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than

are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

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 *Let Justice Flow like Streams* (ELW 717)

The assembly stands.

CREED

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.

Greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

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.)*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



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OFFERING PRAYER

A Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

C Amen.

DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

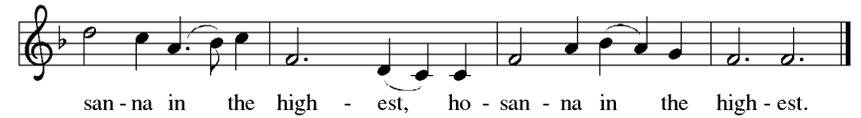
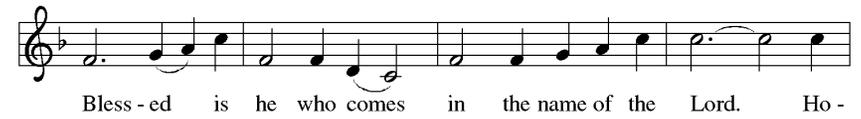
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
 his life given for us
 and his rising from the grave,
 we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting
 feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:
 strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,
 and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

C Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Take hold of the life that really is life.
Come, take your place at the table.

The assembly is seated.

COMMUNION

Communicants will proceed up the center aisle at the direction of the ushers. If you wish to receive the wine from the pouring chalice, please pick up an individual cup from the table at the head of the aisle. After receiving the bread from the pastor, proceed to the pouring chalice or the common cup to receive the wine.

Return to your seat by the side aisle.

If you prefer to receive a blessing, come forward with your arms crossed over your chest. If you would like to have communion brought to your seat, please indicate your wish to one of the ushers, and the pastor come to you.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond
Amen.

COMMUNION SONG



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

TABLE BLESSING *(The assembly stands.)*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve us in eternal life.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A We come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life.
The hand of God protect you;
the holy angels accompany you;
and the blessing of almighty God,

the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you now and forever.

☩ Amen.

SENDING SONG *On Our Way Rejoicing* (ELW 537)

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: Doctors, Nurses, and all Medical Personnel

College Students: Remember Madi Kreitz in your prayers!

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 –

Today join the **Lunch Bunch** at Rolling Mill Restaurant. Lunch Bunch goes out on Sundays after worship for lunch (except on Sundays when we have Coffee & Conversation). We invite all to be with us for this time of fellowship as we enjoy a meal together.



Our next **Church Breakfast** will be on Tuesday, September 20, 9 a.m. at Parlor House Restaurant. Join us for the fellowship as we enjoy breakfast together. There is no need to sing up; just join us at the restaurant.

All items for the **October newsletter** are due by 9 p.m. on Monday, September 19. Please place items in the newsletter tray in the office or send to admin@trinityrouzerville.org.

– FAITH FORMATION –

Adult Forum: We are studying the book of Exodus. This is a 6 week course that is designed in such a way that if you have to miss a Sunday you will still be able to pick up at the next lesson with no problem.

Holy Moly!! Children between Kindergarten and 5th grade are invited to come to **Holy Moly** on Sunday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The group will be meeting in the Social Hall so that they will have plenty of room to do fun activities, watch the Holy Moly Bible story and learn! If you know children in your extended family or neighborhood, please pass on the information. The fun begins on September 11!!

Faith Study: Beginning September 20, join us at 7 p.m. for a study called "Heaven on Earth" (a study of the beginning of Matthew). The dates for the class are: Sept. 20; Oct. 4, 18; and Nov. 1, 15, 29. Then we will take a break for Advent. There is a sign-up sheet on the "Trinity News" Bulletin Board!

If anyone is interested in a daytime study, please let Pastor Pam know. It looks like Wednesday from 11:30-12:30 may work. This study will be a “brown bag” study. Bring your lunch and enjoy discussion and study while we munch! Details are still in the works so your input is important.

– STEWARDSHIP –

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

September Soap: 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 the “Stewardship” bulletin board.

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.

Help Wanted: The Home Communion Team is in need of volunteers who enjoy going out in teams of 2 once a month to visit and take communion to people who are unable to attend church. Training is provided. The benefits far exceed anything you can imagine on earth. Is this a ministry that God is calling you to do?

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

– TELC MISSION WORK FOR NEAR AND FAR –

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

1. a small stack of old newspapers
2. three disposable plastic table cloths
3. empty paper towel rolls
4. jars of peanut butter

Place all contributions in the box labeled "Pets & Blessings" at the back of the worship area.

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!

"Office hours" at Subway at Walmart every Thursday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:00. 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. Please pray that this ministry will help TELC to take Jesus into the world.

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.

– COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES TELC SUPPORTS –

Everyone is invited to the annual **Celebration Day Flea Market** on the campus of The Village at Luther Ridge on Saturday, September 24 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be activities and entertainment for children and adults as well as many flea market tables, craft vendors and of course delicious homemade food under the tent! Come and bring your friends for a day of fun as we celebrate the arrival of fall. This special day is sponsored by the Spirit Trust Lutheran™ Chambersburg Auxiliary and all proceeds benefit programs in Franklin and Fulton counties.

The annual **Book Sale** which benefits Habitat for Humanity and other area charitable organizations will take place this week at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1186 Jason Drive, Greencastle. Book sale will be Thursday September 22 (10 a.m.–7 p.m.), Friday September 23 (10 a.m.–6 p.m.) and Saturday September 24th (8:30 a.m.–noon). Over 9,000 books are available. They have been sorted by category and include fiction, nonfiction, novels, mystery, cooking, romance, biographies, history, do-it-yourself, health, religious, sports, Christian writers and others. There also are 1,500 children's books.

PETS & BLESSINGS BY TELC



WHAT? SPEND AN AUTUMN AFTERNOON IN THE PARK
COME EXPERIENCE "A NEW THING" IN OUR AREA

WHERE? RED RUN PARK
ROUZERVILLE, PA

WHEN? OCTOBER 2 FROM 2 - 4 P.M.

DETAILS: PETS MUST BE LEASHED OR CAGED
AND UNDER CONTROL OF OWNERS AT ALL TIMES
CAGE CHECK-IN AVAILABLE WHILE YOU VISIT THE PARK

ACTIVITIES: PET BLESSINGS

TRAIN RIDES - Donations accepted to support the train

BLUE RIDGE K-9 DEMONSTRATION

FREE CRAFT

ANTIETAM HUMANE SOCIETY

Donations accepted especially bleach, stamps, & HE laundry detergent

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- September 18-24 -

Today.....12:15 p.m. - Lunch Bunch at Rolling Mill Restaurant
Monday.....9:00 p.m. - October Newsletter Items Due
Tuesday.....9:00 a.m. - Breakfast at Parlor House
Tuesday.....7:00 p.m. - Faith Study
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m. - Creative Christian Ladies
Saturday .. 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. - Celebration Day at Luther Ridge

- September 25–October 1 -

Sunday.....9:30 a.m. - Holy Moly & Adult Forum
Sunday.....10:45 a.m. - Service of the Word
Sunday.....12:15 p.m. - Lunch Bunch at Café del Sol
Monday.....6:30 p.m. - Redevelopment Team
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m. - Creative Christian Ladies



The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are placed by Earl and Carolyn Duffey.



- Our Stewardship -

	Current Fund
Last Week	\$750
Year to Date	\$38,665
Attendance Last Sunday -23	
Does Not Include E-Giving Offerings	

- Current Income/Expenses - To August 31

Income	\$37,549
Expenses	\$58,133
Deficit	\$20,584

- Air Conditioning Fund - To September 11

Cost	\$9,284
Received to Date	\$6,750
Balance Needed	\$2,534

- SERVING THIS MORNING -

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

Pastor Pam Illick Presiding Minister
 Ruth Strausbaugh Assisting Minister
 Joanne Crider Lector
 Katherine Dennis Crucifer
 Judi Rice Nursery
 Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice Musicians
 Joanne Crider Usher
 June Ecker Usher
 Marie Seidel Usher
 Linda Weddle Usher
 June Ecker Altar Care
 Sally Berklite & June Ecker Offering Tellers

- SERVING SEPTEMBER 25 -

Pastor Pam Illick Presiding Minister
 Charles Strausbaugh Assisting Minister
 Rusty Kreitz Lector
 Katherine Dennis Crucifer
 Melissa Leaper Nursery
 Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice Musicians
 Joanne Crider Usher
 June Ecker Usher
 Marie Seidel Usher
 Linda Weddle Usher
 June Ecker Altar Care
 Earl Duffey & Rusty Kreitz Offering Tellers

<p><u>Seven Faith Practices</u> Pray Study Worship Invite Encourage Serve Give</p>
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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.