



**“If any want to become
my followers, let them
deny themselves and
take up their cross
and follow me.”**

Matthew 16:24, NRSV

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 3, 2017
Holy Communion**

**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.

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering, yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

Lutherans 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.

(Communion record cards are available in the pew racks.)

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.

Source of all life,

☩ 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**

We greet one other with the peace of the risen Christ.

☩ The peace of Christ be with you always.

☩ And also with you.

*** GATHERING SONG *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* (ELW 656)**

***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 *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* (ELW 857)**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

☩ Let us pray.

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☩ Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Exodus 3:1-15

☩ A reading from Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. 3 Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." 4 When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." 5 Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." 6 He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

7 Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, 8 and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. 9 The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. 10 So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." 11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" 12 He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

13 But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" 14 God said to Moses, "I am who I am." [a] He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" 15 God also

said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord,[b] the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.

℣ Word of God, word of life.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 26:1-8

¹Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

²**Test me, O LORD, and try me;**
examine my heart and my mind.

³For your steadfast love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴**I have not sat with the worthless,**
nor do I consort with the deceitful.

⁵I have hated the company of evildoers;
I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶**I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,**
that I may go in procession round your altar,

⁷singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸**LORD, I love the house in which you dwell**
and the place where your glory abides.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

℣ A reading from Romans.

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;

¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

℣ Word of God, word of life.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



*** GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28**

After Peter confesses that Jesus is “the Messiah, the Son of the living God” (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a “rock.”

℣ The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

☩ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[²¹From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to

Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.

²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *If You But Trust in God to Guide You* (ELW 769)

*CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' 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 THE PEOPLE

After each petition the congregation will respond:

C hear our prayer.

MEAL

OFFERING

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

THANK & TELL

Please stand as you are able.

*OFFERTORY



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

pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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*OFFERING PRAYER

- A** God of life,
- C** you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san-na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- P** Holy God,
 our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,
 in the harmonious world of your creation,
 the plants and animals,
 the seas and stars
 were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world,
 you sent your Son to heal our ills
 and to form us again into one.

In the night in which he was handed over,
 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 acts of healing,
his body given up,
and his victory over death,
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, 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 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
Our Lord's body let us take together.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

- **To receive communion**, come up the center aisle at the direction of the ushers. We offer both common cup and individual cups which are filled from the pouring chalice. Cups are available on the table at the head of the aisle. After receiving the bread, 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 bulletin.
- **If you would like to have communion brought to your seat**, please indicate your wish to one of the ushers, and the pastor will 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.

Please stand as you are able.

*TABLE BLESSING

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.

☩ Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please be seated.)*

***BLESSING**

☩ 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, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

☩ Amen.

***SENDING SONG** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*
(ELW 545)

***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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Open to the Cross

From a young age, we are taught to hide the embarrassing parts of ourselves. Sometimes we learn that lesson the hard way when we are laughed at for being ourselves. Sometimes we pick up on it slowly from what others around us think is cool. We learn to cover up problems in our family, hurts we feel inside, or elements of our appearance. When those things become visible to another person, we can feel terribly exposed and open to rejection, like our life is over.

In today's gospel, Peter, too, is highly sensitive to such shame. When Jesus reveals his intention to go to Jerusalem at the cost of his own life, Peter objects strongly to this deeply vulnerable revelation. Yet Jesus remains firm in his desire to share his deepest pains and fears openly with his disciples. Here we catch a glimpse of the courage and integrity that Jesus will share with the whole world as he hangs naked from the cross to reveal the depth of God's love for us.

Martin Luther said that one of the signs of the true church is the presence of the cross. In Christian community we should find the same kind of openness to vulnerability that Jesus modeled. In our worship, we enact this through our willingness to confess our failings to one another, to be confronted with our weakness in the preached word, and to come in common need of grace to the table. When we follow Jesus into the space of vulnerability beneath his cross, we can encounter the God who is willing to embrace us fully with all our faults and problems.

Take a moment in worship or later at home to gaze at a cross and ponder the mystery of a God who chose to find us in our weakness, a God who meets us with radical love and mercy to create a new kind of life within us.

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: Teachers, Students, All School Personnel, Bus Drivers, Professors and all who are “going back to school”

College Students: Remember Madi Kreitz in your prayers!

– UPCOMING EVENTS –

SEPTEMBER 10 is going to be **a big day** at our church!!! We will have a Blessing of Hands and Gifts for the Creative Christian Ladies and we will install our Sunday School Teachers. Adult Forum and Christian Ed for Kids begins. We will have refreshments following the service for Coffee and Conversation.

Also on **September 10** there will be a special **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** immediately following the service. We will be discussing two very important pieces of business: adoption of the newly revised church constitution and our Kitchen Makeover Project. Please plan to stay for this brief meeting. Then come on down to the Social Hall for refreshments!!!

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!!



We invite all to join us for **Dinner at Monterey Pass Pub and Eatery** on Friday, September 8 at 6 p.m. It is not necessary to pre-register. Just show up on the 8th.

A Gospel Concert at The Rouzerville Church of the Brethren on Saturday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m. The program will feature the Cumberland Valley Quartet and Rev. Garnet and Katy Myers. A free will offering will be received. Following the concert all will be treated to an ice cream social. Everyone is invited!!



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.

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.

– TELC MISSION WORK FOR NEAR AND FAR –

Wednesday in the Subway at Walmart is every Wednesday afternoon from 1:00 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

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 us them to make your Kitchen Renovation Donation! Mark your envelope for the **Kitchen.**

- FAITH FORMATION -

Mark your calendars!!! Adult Forum and Christian Ed for Kids starts back up on September 10!

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. On September 10, come prepared to submit the name of a biblical figure you may be interested in studying.



- September 3-9 -

Tuesday.....6:30 p.m. - Evangelism Committee
 Wednesday..1:00-3:00 p.m. - Wednesday in the Subway
 Wednesday7:00 p.m. - Creative Christian Ladies
 Friday.....6:00 p.m. - Dinner at Monterey Pass Pub & Eatery

- September 10-16 -

Sunday9:30 a.m. - Youth Class & Adult Forum
 Sunday10:45 a.m. - Service of the Word
 Wednesday..1:00-3:00 p.m. - Wednesday in the Subway
 Wednesday7:00 p.m. - Creative Christian Ladies
 Thursday10:00 a.m. - Parlor Talks at Parlor House
 Thursday6:30 p.m. - Congregation Council



- Our Stewardship -

	Current Fund
Last Week	\$1,500
Year to Date	\$27,691
*Attendance Last Sunday - 37	
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 in honor of Katherine Dennis on her birthday by her parents, Amy and Paul Dennis.

- 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
Carol Snyder Lector
Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice Musicians
Sherri Kayhoe Usher
Carol Snyder Usher
Donna Swauger Usher
June Ecker Altar Care
Richard Berklite After Church Lock-up
Richard Berklite & Donna Swauger Offering Tellers


- SERVING SEPTEMBER 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

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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.