



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
1186 Jason Drive, Greencastle, PA

TLC Renewals



We want to be a congregation who continues:
Trusting God
Loving and Connecting with God and one another
Reaching out to all God's children

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 1, 2024 10:15 AM

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Ministers to the World – Congregation of Trinity Lutheran
Mission – *To Share Christ in Word and Deed*
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WE WELCOME ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE THIS DAY!

- If you are visiting with us, we are honored by your presence. If you are seeking a church home, please contact the Pastor.
- Holy Communion is celebrated in this morning's worship. All are welcome to the table. Young children should follow the practice of their home congregation.
- The Worship Service will be available on You Tube and the Website after the service.
- Congregational responses are in bold.
- * *Please stand*

Welcome, Announcements, Opening Prayer

GATHERING

Prelude

Ancient Words (CCLI #2823825)

1 Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart

Chorus
Ancient words ever true
Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart

2 Words of life words of hope
Give us strength help us cope
In this world where'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home
Chorus

3 Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice
O heed the faithful words of Christ

4 Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart
Chorus 2 times

5 We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart

Lynn DeShazo
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***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.

In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves.

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn**

How Firm a Foundation (ELW #796)

***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.**

***Prayer of the Day:** We pray together: **O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Lesson – Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of

the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15 (Read responsively)

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**²Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

**⁴In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear
the LORD.**

They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Second Lesson – James 1:17-27

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**

Hallelujah! Words of Life!

A Gospel Acclamation

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are: "Hal-le - lu - jah! Where else would we _ go? Hal-le - lu - jah! Words of life! Hal-le - lu - jah! Where else would we _ go? Hal-le - lu - jah! Words of life! Hal - le - lu - jah! Words of life!" Chord markings E, A, B, and C#m are placed above the notes.

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***The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the seventh chapter.
 Glory to you, O Lord.**

***Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing

the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;

⁷in vain do they worship me,

teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

²¹“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Time of Silence: *At our best Trinity is passionate about God. We respond to God's love becoming still, closing our eyes and opening our heart spaces to*

***Hymn**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (ELW #674)

***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 power of 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 Church** - *(Each petition ends with "Merciful God,". The Congregation responds "receive our prayer.)*

***Sign of Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.** *(If you are joining us on Facebook, please share Christ's peace with one another in the comments.)*

MEAL *You are invited to come forward for the traditional distribution of Communion or if you prefer, take a prepackaged kit available from the Usher and remain seated. The Pastor will give instructions to you prior to communing the Assistants.*

***Offertory**

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

***Dialogue**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***Preface**

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:

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.

*Words of Institution

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, Jesus 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.

*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.

Invitation to Communion

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

Pew Communion: *Those who wish to commune from their seats using the prepackaged kits please open them now. Take and eat and drink, the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.*

Assistants Commune

Communion

The body of Christ given for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

Communion Music:

Change My Heart, O God (ELW #801)

The Power of the Cross (CCLI #2823825)

1 Oh to see the dawn of the darkest
day
Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten
then
Nailed to a cross of wood

Chorus

This the pow'r of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame, bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross

2 Oh to see the pain written on Your
face
Bearing the awesome weight of sin
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow
Chorus

3 Now the daylight flees, now the
ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to
life
Finished the vict'ry cry
Chorus

4 Oh to see my name written in the
wounds
For through Your suff'ring I am free
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to
live
Won through Your selfless love
Chorus

5 This the pow'r of the cross
Son of God slain for us
What a love what a cost
We stand forgiven at the cross

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Open My Eyes (CCLI #2823825)

1 Open my eyes Lord
I want to see Jesus
To reach out and touch Him
And say that I love Him
Open my ears Lord
And help me to listen
Open my eyes Lord
I want to see Jesus

2 Soften my heart Lord
Melt me and mold me
Make me a vessel
To pour out Your Spirit
To bring joy and gladness
To those who have sorrow
Open my eyes Lord
I want to see Jesus

***Table Blessing**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

***Post Communion Prayer**

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

***Benediction**

God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn**

O Jesus I Have Promised (ELW #810)

***Sending for Service**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

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SERVING TRINITY TODAY

Director of Music – Sandra Wingert

Assisting Minister – Dave Wolfe

Communion Assistants – Sue Wunderlich and Donna Wolfe

Communion Cups – Josie Thomas

Singer – Wendy Hall

Usher – Alan Shank

Greeter – Sally Funk

IT Ministry – IT Team

Communion Preparers – Donna Wolfe and Sue Wunderlich

TODAY WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Gust Barbuzanes, Marie Dean, Sue Deardorff, Terry and Laura Ellis, Mason Ervin, Shirley Freeman, Charles and Nancy Freshman, Sally Funk, Sue Gardenhour, Erma Horn, Jake Johns, Roger Johns, Tracy Loucks, Pastor Blaine Lougheed, Gary Louder, Cheryl Luger, Doug McCullough, Beth Miller, Alan Shank, Don Swart, Bud and Donna Wolfe. *The prayer list will be purged at the end of the month. If you wish a name to be retained (other than homebound members) please call or email the office – 717-597-9348/ tlcsecoffice@gmail.com.*

Each week we also remember four members and friends of our congregation: Alan and Sandra Shank; Mary Shatzer; Tom, Carson and Brandon Sidoli; Kippy and Karla Smith.