

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**1186 Jason Drive, Greencastle, PA**

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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

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**September 8, 2024 10:15 AM**

**Rev. Denise Horn – Interim Pastor**  
**Ministers to the World – Congregation of Trinity Lutheran**  
**Mission – *To Share Christ in Word and Deed***  
**Office Phone – 717-597-9348**

## 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

*Ah Lord God (CCLI #2823825)*

1 Ah Lord God  
Thou hast made the heavens  
And the earth by Thy great power  
Ah Lord God  
Thou hast made the heavens  
And the earth by Thine outstretched  
arm

2 Nothing is too difficult for Thee  
Nothing is too difficult for Thee  
Great and mighty God  
Great in counsel and mighty in deed  
Nothing nothing absolutely nothing  
Nothing is too difficult for Thee

*Kay Chance © 1976 Chance, Kay*

### \*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**

*God is Here (ELW #526)*

**\*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: **Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.**

**First Lesson – Isaiah 35:4-7a**

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
    “Be strong, do not fear!  
Here is your God.  
    He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.  
    He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
    and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
<sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
    and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
    and streams in the desert;  
<sup>7a</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
    and the thirsty ground springs of water.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 146** (Read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I've my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in rulers, ha

in mortals in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup>**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,  
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,  
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;  
who keeps promises forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.  
The LORD sets the captive free.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are  
bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the  
wicked.

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD shall reign forever,**

**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

**Second Lesson – James 2:1-17**

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

<sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. <sup>11</sup>For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. <sup>12</sup>So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup>For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: E, A, E, B, E, A, A, B, C#m, E, B, E. 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!

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

**\*Gospel: Mark 7:24-37**

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,<sup>25</sup>but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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

*My Savior, My God (CCLI #2823825)*

1 I am not skilled to understand  
What God has willed what God has  
planned  
I only know at His right hand  
Stands One who is my Savior

2 I take Him at His word and deed  
Christ died to save me this I read  
And in my heart I find a need  
Of Him to be my Savior

3 That He would leave His place on high  
And come for sinful man to die  
You count it strange so once did I  
Before I knew my Savior

4 My Savior loves my Savior lives  
My Savior's always there for me  
My God He was my God He is  
My God is always gonna be  
(REPEAT)

5 Yes living dying let me bring  
My strength my solace from this spring  
That He who lives to be my King  
Once died to be my Savior  
(REPEAT 3)  
(REPEAT 4)

6 My Savior lives my Savior loves  
My Savior lives my Savior loves my  
Savior lives

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### **\*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.

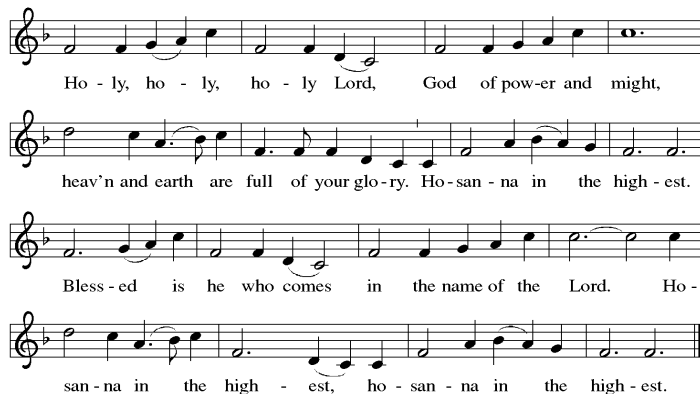
**We lift them to the Lord.**

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:

*There is None Like You (CCLI #2823825)*

There is none like You  
No one else can touch  
My heart like You do  
I could search  
For all eternity long and find  
There is none like You

*Lenny LeBlanc © 1991 Integrity's Hosanna! Music*

## *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  
*(continues on next page)*

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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### *Awesome God (CCLI #2823825)*

Our God is an awesome God  
He reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom pow'r and love  
Our God is an awesome God

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#### **\*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**

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives* (ELW #619) vs. 1-6

**\*Sending for Service**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**SERVING TRINITY TODAY**

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Communion Cups – Josie Thomas

Singer – Hannah Ford

Usher – Charlie Ford

Greeter – Shirley Freeman

IT Ministry – IT Team

Communion Preparers – Charlie and Beth Ford

**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: Melvin Snyder; Ron and Sue Snyder; Matt, Megan, Thatcher, Bergen and Bella Stevens; Micah, Rachel, Thaddeus, Sojourner and Whitaker Stevenson.

