

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



July 14, 2024  
8th Sunday after Pentecost

**Good Morning and Welcome! We invite you to worship with us often, and ask if you need any assistance! If you are visiting us today, please sign the Guest Register in the Narthex, please include your address and phone number. Please place your offering envelope in the plate in the Narthex. Thank You!**

**Remember in your prayers:**

Lynn Wolfgang, Lorna Shaner, Ricky Farrington, Angie Smith, Erika Zaiser, Brandon Stauffer, Betty Moore, Barbara Stewart, Kathy Gamler, Bill Brensinger, Richard Eck, Becky Yescavage, Caleb Walsh, BillyRay Pearce, Sr., Linda Bewley, Kathy Sell, Dennis Brooke, Betty Hallman, Donna Day, Linda Allmendinger, Karen Essig, Elaine Dotterer, Jeff Reitnauer, Pete Schmoyer, Glenn Haas, Jerry Bryce, Eileen Heffner, Vicki Mest, Carole Mest, Deanna Heydt, Ralph Rothenberger, Carol Rothermel and LaRue Sheetz.

**Friends & Family:**

Michelle Hiriak, Donald Hays, Linda Stark, Martha Van Parys, Gene Zaiser, Pastor Greg Frey, Elmer and Anna Bechtel, Richard Garber, Joe DiCindio, Thomas Groves and Karl Stauffer.

**Families Of:**

Andrew Kuser and Jacob Hartline.

**Also members, relatives and friends in the community who are serving in the military including:**

Christopher Heffner, BillyRay Pearce, Jr., Michael McHugh, Ben Rhode, Steven Herbst, David Crews, Jeff Lydic, Jory Huie, Seth Kurtz, Clinton Bowen, Eli Abner, Benjamin Dirsas and Johnne Knepp.

**Our sister congregation**, the Marienkirche in Borna, Germany.  
(Website: [Kirche-bornaer-land.de](http://Kirche-bornaer-land.de))

**Please note: Names of friends and family will be kept on the bulletin prayer list for one month. If still in need of prayers, these names will then appear in the newsletter prayer list. Names on the friends and family list will normally be kept on the newsletter prayer list for one year. If you wish for names to remain longer, please speak to Pastor Gene, Linda Ritter or contact the Church Office. Thank you for helping us keep the prayer list current!**

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**Today's Worship Assistants:**

Ushers: Cathy Yoder\* & Mardell Blanford  
Lector: Sheila Eddinger  
Acolyte: Uta Hahn

**The Altar Flowers** are presented to the glory of God, by The Mutter Family, in Memory of their Parents Roy & Granny Mutter and their Brother Randy and Sister Sherry and also by Mrs. Ruth Reinhard, in Memory of her Grandson Chad Miller.

**The Extra Bouquet of Flowers** are presented to the glory of God in Honor of Jennifer MacDonald, for doing a great service for Pastor Gene and LaRue.

**The Bulletins** are presented to the glory of God in Loving Memory of Michael McGowan's Birthday by Kay McGowan.

- (those who are able may stand)

**Prelude** "In Christ There Is No East or West"  
*S. Landon*

**Announcements and Concerns**

• **Confession and Forgiveness**

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are  
hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the  
inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may  
perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy  
name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

P Most merciful God,

**C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

- **Processional Hymn** LBW# 499  
"Come, Now Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
- **Greeting**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**



• **Kyrie**



**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **☩** Lord, have mer - cy.



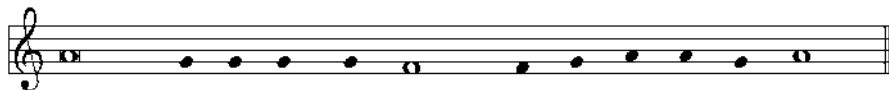
**A** For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**☩** Lord, have mer - cy.



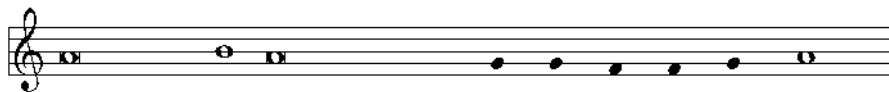
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**☩** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **☩** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **☩** A - men

• Hymn of Praise



A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - - men



**PSALM: Psalm 85:8-13**

I will listen to what the LORD | God is saying,  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their | hearts to him.

**<sup>9</sup>Truly, his salvation is very near to | those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell | in our land.**

<sup>10</sup>Mercy and truth have | met together;  
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

**<sup>11</sup>Truth shall spring up | from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,  
and our land will | yield its increase.

**<sup>13</sup>Righteousness shall | go before him,  
and peace shall be a pathway | for his feet.**

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14**

*Like most of Paul's letters, the epistle to the Ephesians begins with thanksgiving and praise to God. Above all, God is blessed for the glorious grace bestowed on us in Christ.*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

<sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

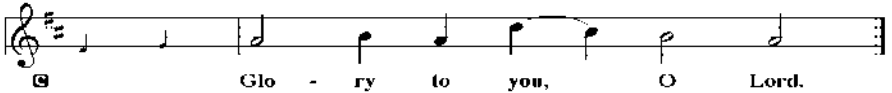


**GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29**

*As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.*



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the sixth chapter

**Presentation of the Gospel by Heart**

King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him."<sup>15</sup> But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old."<sup>16</sup> But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

<sup>17</sup>For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."<sup>19</sup> And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it."<sup>23</sup> And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom."<sup>24</sup> She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer."<sup>25</sup> Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."<sup>26</sup> The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests,



- **The Prayer of the Church**

P Let us pray for the whole people of God, in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*A brief silence.*

*After each portion of prayers:*

P Lord, in your mercy.

**C hear our prayer**

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

- **The Lord's Prayer**

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.

- **Our Mission Statement**

P People of Trinity, what is our mission?

C We shall, as individuals and as a congregation, strive through word, worship, and witness to further the kingdom of God by knowing and sharing Christ's Love in our hearts, in our homes, in His church, in the community, and in the world.

- **Benediction**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

- **Recessional Hymn** LBW# 526  
"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

**Postlude** "Psalm of Glory"  
D. Wells

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**A Special Thank You to Pastor Gene for sharing his talents with us this morning.**

**We are currently on our Summer Worship Schedule, 9AM Worship Service.** There will be no Contemporary Worship Service or Sunday School during July & August. **We will return to our regular worship schedule Sunday, September 1st.**

**Free Will Offerings will be received the 3rd Sunday of every month for various organizations. The next Free Will Offering will be Sunday, July 21st for “Samaritan’s Purse Shoe Boxes”. Thank you for your support.**

**Vacation Bible School July 22-26th—6:30-8:00PM. Ages 4 years to Grade 5 “Celebrate the Savior, Jesus Gives Us Joy”.** The children will look into God’s Holy Word and discover that Jesus gives us the joy of eternal life with Him! Our loving God has given us so much to celebrate—family, friends and especially forgiveness through faith in Jesus, our Savior. We’ll have five fun nights of stories, music, crafts and more. Registration forms are available in the narthex, in the newsletter, and can be downloaded from the trinitybech.com website. Completed forms can be placed in the VBS display in the narthex or mailed to the church.

**Worship in the Park will be Sunday, July 28th, at 9AM, in the Bechtelsville Community Park (across the street from the church). Worship will feature our Contemporary Worship Team.**

**There will be a Celebration of Life Service for Andrew Kuser on Friday, August 2nd at 11:00 a.m. A Potluck Luncheon to follow in the Parish Hall. Please bring a dish to share. All are invited.**

**Trinity Night at the Reading Phillies Game, Saturday, August 3, 2024. Tickets \$41.00 includes the “All You Can Eat Buffet” Game Time 6:45PM, Gates Open 4:45PM. There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. For more information, please see Dennis Schaeffer.**

**Basket Party, Saturday, September 28th, ladies please start getting your baskets together. Doors open at 9AM, Drawing will be begin at 10:30AM. More details to come....**

**The Annual Craft Show is Saturday, October 19th, we will collect used books to be sold at the Craft Show. Please drop off your books in the nursery.**

**Social Ministry provides meals for shut-ins/members who are in need of meals. If a meal is needed, please contact Kathy Kuser at 610-754-6293.**

**Bibles are available in the rack in the Narthex for you to reference during worship. You may also take home to reference, please return when you are finished.**

**LaRue Sheetz is looking for soloists/instrumentalists for the Special Selections during Summer Worship. There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex or please see LaRue.**

**Trinity Gift Card Program —Orders will be taken before and after the church service the first Sunday of the month and will be distributed at church the second Sunday of the month. Order forms for Redners, Giant, and Scrip will be available at church and the Scrip order form is also found on Trinity's website. **Please note:** Weis Markets cards (\$25, \$100) can be ordered through Scrip for those who physically shop at the store. **Weis cards cannot be used for online orders. KOHL'S GIFT CARDS CANNOT BE USED TO PAY YOUR KOHL'S CHARGE. We apologize for any inconvenience.** Payment must be submitted with your order; checks should be made out to Trinity Lutheran Church. **Be sure to include your phone number on your order form.****

**You may sponsor Altar Flowers, the cost is \$32.00 for one vase and \$64.00 for 2 vases, please contact Mary Snyder. If you wish to sponsor flowers and that date is not available, you can always sponsor an extra bouquet of flowers for \$40.00. When sponsoring flowers, please use a flower envelope found in the rack in the narthex or clearly mark the envelope "Flowers". If you sponsored flowers in the past but no longer wish to, please let Mary Snyder 610-473-8885 or the church office know. **You may also sponsor the bulletins for \$15.00 per week, this helps offset the cost of printing them.****

**Need a ride?** We have volunteers in the congregation who are willing to provide transportation to medical appointments, etc., for those who can't find a ride. Please contact Pastor Gene 610-322-0901 if you need a ride or would like to volunteer as a driver.

**WAWA Hoagie Coupons** Available 1st Sunday of the month at the Scrip Table or see Dan Ritter or Kathy Kuser. Coupons are also available in the church office Monday—Thursday, 9:00AM-2:00PM. Tickets are \$5.00. This project benefits the Social Ministry.

**Scout Troop 511 Hoagie Sales:** Pick up will be on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (**July 17th**) at Trinity **10:30-11:30AM**. 8” Hoagies are made from Dan’s Deli, **Cost has increased to \$7.00**. There are ham w/onion, ham no onion, turkey w/onion, turkey no onion, Italian w/onion, Italian no onion, cheese hoagie w/onion, cheese hoagie no onion, mayo, Italian dressing, no tomatoes, no lettuce, no cheese. There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.





THE  
 CREATIVE  
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 TO  
 \$\$\$\$ RAISERIGHT (SCRIP)  
 FOR  
 YOUR  
 CHURCH  
 FAMILY



**PLAN! WHEN?** END OF PREVIOUS MONTH. **WHAT?** EVERYDAY ESSENTIALS (CVS, Staples, Walmart, WAWA, cards) GROCERIES (Giant, Redners, Walmart, Target, Visa cards) BIRTHDAYS (Amazon, Starbucks, Gap, Old Navy, Macy's cards) HOME IMPROVEMENTS (Home Depot, Lowes, Ace Hardware cards) VACATIONS (Hotels, Airlines, Cruises, Fuel cards) ANNIVERSARY'S (Long Horn Steakhouse, Macy's, AMC theater cards)

**IMPLEMENT!** FILL OUT THE FORM! WRITE A CHECK OR BRING CASH! TURN IN AT THE SCRIP TABLE ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH! COLLECT YOUR CARDS THE SECOND SUNDAY!

GET CREATIVE! THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX! ADD'L GIFT CARDS ON THE WEBSITE  
[raiseright.com](http://raiseright.com)

## **Monthly Free-will Offerings 2024**

A free-will offering is scheduled for the third Sunday of each month. They are as follows:

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| July 21 –      | Samaritan’s Purse Shoe Boxes  |
| August 18 –    | Save the Children   |
| September 15 – | Boyertown Area Multi-Service  |
| October 20 –   | Eastern Berks Fire Dept.  |
| November 17 –  | Elf Bags (Multi-Service)  |
| December –     | No free-will offering. Thank you for supporting the various Christmas giving opportunities. |

## **The Community Clothing Rack Schedule**

**1st Wednesday**  
Donations Accepted

**2nd, 3rd & 4th Wednesdays**  
Shoppers Welcome

**2nd Thursday**  
Shoppers Welcome  
6:00PM-8:00PM

**5th Wednesday**  
CLOSED

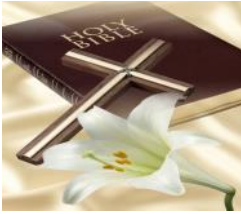
**Hours**  
**1:00PM-4:00PM**

**Summer Hours Only**  
**June-August**  
**9:00AM-12:00PM**

Closed on all major holidays.  
In the case of inclement weather,  
Refer to Boyertown Area School district closure.  
CCR is a ministry of St. Luke Lutheran Church  
Our mission is to serve Jesus Christ by providing  
necessary clothing to the underserved.

[www.StLukeGilbertsville.org](http://www.StLukeGilbertsville.org)

## Readings for Personal Devotion



M Jeremiah 50:1-7  
T Zechariah 9:14--10:2  
W Luke 15:1-7  
Th 2 Samuel 5:1-12  
F Acts 20:16-38  
Sa Psalm 100

### **Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**

The Rev. Dr. Eugene C. Zaiser, DMin.,  
Pastor

Ms. LaRue Sheetz, Director of Music

Mrs. Karen J. Smith, Parish Secretary

Mrs. Catherine M. Yoder, Sexton

The Members of this Congregation are  
its Ministers

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## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Faith

1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by thy help I'm come;  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

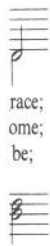
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Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 And I hope, by thy good plea - sure, Safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 Let that grace now like a fet - ter Bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

While the hope of end - less glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love,  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.

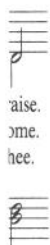
Teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; May I still thy good - ness prove.  
 He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; Seal it for thy courts a - bove.

## Faith of Our Fathers



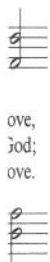
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1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still In spite of dun - geon,  
2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, Were still in heart and  
3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love Both friend and foe in



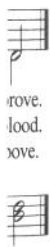
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fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
con - science free; And blest would be their chil - dren's fate  
all our strife; Pro - claim thee, too, as love knows how,



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*Refrain*  
When-e'er we hear that glo - rious word.  
If they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,  
By sav - ing Word and faith - ful life.



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ho - ly faith, We will be true to thee till death.

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## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, In  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light, Nor  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small; In  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light; Thine

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light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, Most  
want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might; Thy  
all life thou liv - est, the true life of all; We  
an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight; All

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bles - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days, Al -  
jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove Thy  
blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree, And  
laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see 'Tis

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might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

