

**Trinity Evangelical  
Lutheran Church**



**August 18, 2024  
13th 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, Vicki Mest, Carole Mest, Deanna Heydt, Ralph Rothenberger, Carol Rothermel and Lorna Angstadt.

**Friends & Family:**

Michelle Hiriak, Donald Hays, Linda Stark, Martha Van Parys, Gene Zaiser, Pastor Greg Frey, David Freed, Wayne Williams, Ron Seasholtz, Janie Glenn, Mike Bailey and Tracey Knox.

**Families Of:**

Bobby Houck, Rebecca Rotz and Rick Hood.

**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-bornae-land.de](http://Kirche-bornae-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!**

**Today we share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.** We invite everyone to the Lord's table who recognizes Christ's presence in His holy sacrament. We will be communing using the continuous method this morning. When the time comes, the usher will direct you forward—simply receive the bread from the Pastor and move to the side to the communion server to receive the wine (or grape juice). When you have received both elements, please return to your seat by the side aisle.

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**Today we will be receiving a Free will Offering for  
"Save the Children."**

**The Altar Flowers** are presented to the glory of God, by Mr. Gerard Bryce, in Memory of his Wife Carol on their Wedding Anniversary and also by Jennifer MacDonald, "Happy Birthday LaRue"

**The Bulletins** – No Sponsor

**Today's Worship Assistants:**

Assisting Minister: Erika Zaiser

Server: Waynette Shafer

Ushers: Howard Shafer\* & Bob McElwee

Lector: Randy Kehl

Acolyte: Diane McElwee

- (those who are able may stand)

**Prelude – Bell Choir**

"When the roll is called up yonder"

**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# 409  
"Praise and Thanksgiving"
- **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. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.

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

**G** 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.

**G** 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. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.

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

• Hymn of Praise



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



B Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

• **Prayer of the Day**



P Let us Pray ...

**C Almighty and ever-living God, you have given great and precious promises to those who believe. Grant us the perfect faith, which overcomes all doubts, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**FIRST READING: Proverbs 9:1-6**

*Wisdom is portrayed as a woman who invites people to partake of her banquet. Just as ordinary food is necessary for physical life, Wisdom's food--insight and understanding--is necessary for fullness of life with God. Partaking of Wisdom's banquet is the way to life.*

Wisdom has built her house,  
 she has hewn her seven pillars.  
<sup>2</sup>She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,  
 she has also set her table.  
<sup>3</sup>She has sent out her servant girls, she calls  
 from the highest places in the town,  
<sup>4</sup>"You that are simple, turn in here!"  
 To those without sense she says,  
<sup>5</sup>"Come, eat of my bread  
 and drink of the wine I have mixed.  
<sup>6</sup>Lay aside immaturity, and live,  
 and walk in the way of insight."

**PSALM: Psalm 34:9-14**

Fear the LORD, you that | are his saints,  
for those who fear | him lack nothing.

<sup>10</sup>**The young lions lack and | suffer hunger,  
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good.**

<sup>11</sup>Come, children, and lis- | ten to me;  
I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>**Who among | you loves life  
and desires long life to en- | joy prosperity?**

<sup>13</sup>Keep your tongue from | evil-speaking  
and your lips from | lying words.

<sup>14</sup>**Turn from evil | and do good;  
seek peace | and pursue it.**

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:15-20**

<sup>15</sup>Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

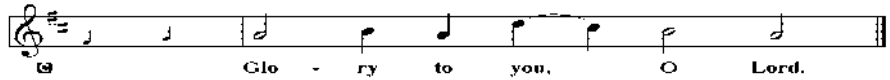


**GOSPEL: John 6:51-58**

*In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of the eucharist.*



P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter

**Presentation of the Gospel by Heart**

[Jesus said,] <sup>51</sup> "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

<sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup>for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

P The Gospel of the Lord.



## Special Selection by the Bell Choir

"Heaven Medley"

## Children's Message

## Sermon

## • Hymn of the Day

LBW# 496

"Around You, O Lord Jesus"

## • Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy  
Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at  
the right hand of the Father. He will come  
again 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

- **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:

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**

- **Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## • The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.  
 P Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.  
 P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
 ☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## • The Proper Preface

P It is indeed right and salutary...

(Here the minister continues with the preface appropriate to the day or season, concluding ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

☩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

- **Eucharistic Prayer**

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.  
 In mercy for our fallen world you gave your  
 only Son, that all those who believe in him  
 should not perish, but have eternal life.  
 We give thanks to you for the salvation you  
 have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.  
 Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
 that we may receive our Lord with a living  
 faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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.

- **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**



**C** Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Communion

### Communion Hymn

LBW# 214

"Come, Let Us Eat"

#### • Post-communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

• **Post-communion Canticle**



☉ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

• **Post-communion Prayer**

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C 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# 406  
      "Take My Life, That I May Be"

- **Dismissal**

P     Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C     **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** "Festival March"  
              *W. Stickles*



**A Special Thank You to the Bell Choir, for sharing their talents with us this morning.**

**There will be a Basket Party Committee Meeting today following worship, if you would like to be on the committee, please make plans to attend. The Basket Party will be Saturday, September 28th. There are baskets in the choir room for you to take and make a basket. Please help yourself.**

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

**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.**

**Thrivent T-Shirts are once again available on the table in the Parish Hall, please help yourself and take some.**

**TODAY is the deadline for the September Newsletter is Sunday, please submit your information to Karen in the Church Office.**

**Prayer Listing**—Any changes to the prayer listing, please see Linda Ritter, Pastor Gene or contact the church office in order for the change to be made in the September Newsletter.

**Boyertown Director's Big Band Community Event:** Come out and listen to Big Band Music! The Boyertown Director's Big Band is presenting an end of the summer concert. The afternoon concert will be held at the Spaatz Pavilion Band Shell in the Boyertown Community Park on Sunday August 18th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. No ticket needed. Bring your lawn chairs. Any questions feel free to contact Jayne McHugh at 610-781-8859.

**Free Will Offerings will be received the 3rd Sunday of every month for various organizations. The next Free Will Offering will be Sunday, September 15th for “The Boyertown Area Multi-Service”. Thank you for your support.**

**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. More details to come....**

**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.**

**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 (**August 21st**) at Trinity at **10:30**. 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.

**Trinity's events for the upcoming week:**

Sunday, August 18th- 9:00 Worship Service  
w/Communion  
Basket Party Comm.  
Mtg.

Monday, August 19th- 6:30 Scouts

Tuesday, August 20th- 6:30 Scouts

Wednesday, August 21st-6:30 TLC Stitchers

Sunday, August 25th- 9:00 Worship Service

**Next Week's Worship Assistants:  
Sunday, August 25th**

Ushers: Randy Kehl\* & Janice Sheetz  
Lector: Diane McElwee  
Acolyte: Jennifer MacDonald

**LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS: 08/11/2024**

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>		
<u>Worship</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Hunger</u>	<u>Scrip</u>
56	\$2,338.00	\$5.00	\$1,000.00
	<u>Benevolence</u>	<u>Bldg. Maint.</u>	
	0	\$65.00	

THE  
CREATIVE  
PATH  
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

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

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

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,

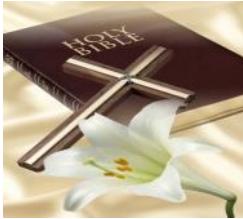
Refer to Boyertown Area School district closure.

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 Genesis 43:1-15  
T Genesis 45:1-15  
W Mark 8:14-21  
Th Genesis 47:13-26  
F Acts 6:1-7  
Sa Psalm 36

## **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

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
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