

**Trinity Evangelical
Lutheran Church**



**July 19, 2026
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, Oscar & Angie Smith, Erika Zaiser, Betty Moore, Kathy Gamler, Bill Brensinger, Becky Yescavage, Kathy Sell, Donna Day, Elaine Dotterer, Anna Spencer, RuthAnn Goode, Pete Schmoyer, Mary Snyder, Linda Bewley, Marcia Auge, Vicki Mest, Greg Mest, Howard & Waynette Shafer, Nadine Lydic and Claire Burkhardt.

Friends & Family:

Michelle Hiriak, Linda Stark, Joyce Kemp, Linda Gilbert, Robert Hudock, Krista Buchert, Thomas David Hawthorne and Aliscia Shafer.

Families Of:

Roxanne Eidle, Michael Ware and Mike Bailey.

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

Christopher Heffner, Noah Heydt, Ben Rhode, Steven Herbst, David Crews, Jeff Lydic and Seth Kurtz.

**Our sister congregation, the Marienkirche in Borna, Germany.
(Website: 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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We will be receiving a Free Will offering today for
The Samaritan's Purse Shoe Boxes.

Today's Worship Assistants:

Ushers: Dan & Kathy Kuser
Lector: Bob Eshbach
Acolyte: Diane McElwee

The Altar Flowers are presented to the glory of God, by Mrs. Cathy Yoder, in Honor of her Son James' Birthday and also by Sandy & Mark Yarnall, to the Glory of God.

The Bulletins are presented to the glory of God in Memory of Michael McGowan by Kay.

The Eternal Flame Candle is presented to the glory of God by Kellie Quinley & Jere Miller, in Loving Memory of Family Past & Present.

- (those who are able may stand)

Prelude — LaRue Sheetz—Organ & Jenn McCarron—Flute
"Prelude in Classic Style" - G. Young

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



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



Q Lord, have mer - cy.



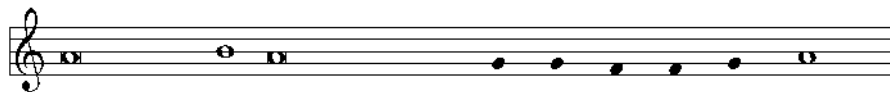
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



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



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

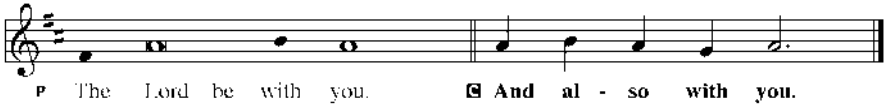


you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



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

- **Prayer of the Day**



- P Let us Pray ...

C Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6-8

There are no other gods besides God: the word of the LORD does not fail to come to pass. We can trust in God, through whom Israel—and we—are redeemed.

- ⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
I am the first, and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
- ⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it;
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
- ⁸ Do not fear or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

PSALM: Psalm 86:11-17

¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk ¹ in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to re-¹vere your name.

¹² **I will thank you, O Lord my God, with ¹ all my heart,
and glorify your name for-¹ evermore.**

¹³ For great is your ¹ love toward me;
you have delivered me from the ¹ pit of death.

¹⁴ **The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent
people ¹ seeks my life;
they have not set you be-¹ fore their eyes.**

¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are gracious and full ¹ of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kind-¹ness and truth.

¹⁶ **Turn to me and have mer-¹cy on me;
give your strength to your servant, and save the child ¹ of your
handmaid.**

¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it
and be ¹ put to shame;
because you, LORD, have helped me and com-¹forted me.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25

For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the

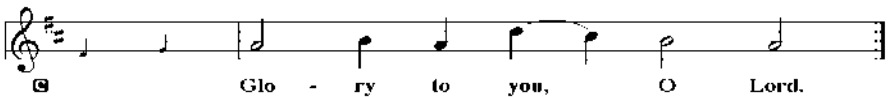
creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter



Presentation of the Gospel by Heart

²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

P The Gospel of the Lord.



**Special Selection by LaRue Sheetz-Organ &
Jenn McCarron-Flute**

"His Eye Is On the Sparrow" *Gabriel/Bonam*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

LBW# 234

"Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"

- **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**

L 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:

L 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

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- **Benediction**

L 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** WOV# 760
"For the Fruit of All Creation"

Postlude — LaRue Sheetz-Organ & Jenn McCarron-Flute

"The Spacious Firmament on High" *Hayden/Bonam*

Reprinted from Sundays & Seasons 2026

A Special Thank You to LaRue Sheetz, for sharing her talents with us this morning.

There will be a Congregational Meeting today, following the Worship Service. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider a proposal to replace the air conditioning units for the office and the narthex. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

We are currently on our Summer Worship Schedule, worship will be at 9AM, there will be no Contemporary Worship Service or Sunday School during July & August. We will return to our regular schedule on Sunday, September 6th.

Trinity Hoagies: “Hoagie Fundraiser” for the General Fund. 8” hoagies from Maurizio’s Pizza (formerly Pappa Bernards) cost \$8.00. The hoagies will be ham, Italian and turkey (onion, no onion). There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board. **Pick up will be Friday, July 17th — 11:00AM-11:30AM. Please make checks payable to Dennis Schaeffer.** Any questions, please see Dennis Schaeffer. Thank You for your support. Thank you also to Dennis Schaeffer for organizing this fundraiser.

There will be a video presentation of our mission trip to North Carolina this past spring on July 26th during worship.

Vacation Bible School “Tropical Trek” July 27-31 — 6:30-8:00PM. Ages 4 years to Grade 5. Join us for a Tropical Trek this summer where kids explore God’s Word and discover how God finds and help us in every situation. We can trust in Him! We’ll have five fun nights of stories, music, crafts and more. Registration forms can be found in the narthex or download from Trinity’s website, or call the church office.

Free Will Offerings will be received the 3rd Sunday of every month, the next Free Will Offering will be Sunday, August 16th for The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Thank you for your support.

Trinity Night at the Reading Phillies Game, Saturday, August 29th. Tickets \$43.00 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. PLEASE NOTE: THIS STADIUM IS CASHLESS.

Mark your calendars for our Annual Basket Party that will be held on Saturday, September 26th. Ladies start getting your baskets together and also our Annual Fall Craft Show/Book Fair that will be held on Saturday, October 17th. We will be accepting donations of used books in September, start getting your books together. More details to come for both of these fundraisers...

The Summer Music Schedule Sign Up Sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex, if you would like to sing or play an instrument. Please sign up.

You may sponsor Altar Flowers, the cost of the flowers has increased for (1) vase \$34.00 and (2) vases \$68.00, 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. If you wish to sponsor the bulletins, the cost is \$15.00 to offset the cost of printing.

Trinity's Gift Card Program - Gift card orders are accepted before and after the church service the first Sunday of each month and distributed the second Sunday. Order forms for Redners, Giant and Raise Right (for other retail gift cards) are available in the narthex. The Raise Right order form is also available for download on Trinity's website. Payment must be submitted with your order. **Please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and include your phone number on your order form.** If you have any questions regarding this fund raising program please see Sharon Kemp, Kathy Kuser or Kurt Yescavage.

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.

Devotionals are available in the rack in the Narthex. If you enjoy the devotionals, please make a donation to help offset the cost. Thank You.

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.

Trinity's events for the upcoming week:

Sunday July 19th-	9:00	Worship Service Congregational Mtg.
Wednesday, July 22nd-	6:30	TLC Stitchers
Sunday, July 26th-	9:00	Worship Service w/Communion

**Next Week's Worship Assistants
Sunday, July 26th:**

Assisting Minister: Erika Zaiser
 Server: Waynette Shafer
 Ushers: Howard Shafer* & Kay McGowan
 Lector: Sheila Eddinger
 Acolyte: Diane McElwee

**LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:
07/12/2026**

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	
<u>Worship</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Hunger</u>
68	\$3,280.00	\$10.00
	<u>Benevolence</u>	<u>Bldg. Maint.</u>
	0	\$100.00
	<u>Scrip</u>	
	\$1500.00	



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

August 16 – American Foundation for
Suicide Prevention

September 20 – Boyertown Area Multi Service

October 18 – Eastern Berks Fire Dept.

November 15 – Elf Bags (Multi-Service)

December – No free-will offering. Thank you for
supporting the various Christmas giving
opportunities.

**Thank you for your contributions to these special
causes!**

**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,

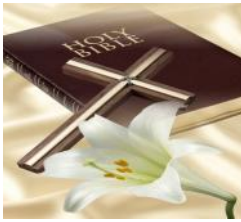
Refer to Boyertown Area School district closure.

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Our mission is to serve Jesus Christ by providing
necessary clothing to the underserved.

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Readings for Personal Devotion



M Leviticus 26:3-20
T Deuteronomy 28:1-14
W Matthew 13:10-17
Th Proverbs 11:23-30
F Ephesians 4:17--5:2
Sa Psalm 92

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

Mrs. Jennifer McCarron, 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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Praise and Thanksgiving

We

C Am Dm G Am G Am

1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things
2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve you, That with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for your chil - dren, By your wise
4 Then will your bless - ing Reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, Free - ly con -

Em Am Em G C Am F C

liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good; Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the
neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work
guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -
fess - ing Your gra - cious hand. Where all o - bey you, No one will

Am G C G Am G C

or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.
with you, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.
joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know your care.
hun - ger; In your love's sway you Nour - ish the land.

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Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

1 Al-might - y God, your Word is cast Like seed in - to the ground;
 2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe This ho - ly seed re - move,
 3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The ris - ing plant de - stroy,
 4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, Your quick - ning grace be - stow,

Now let the dew of heav'n de - scend And righ - teous fruits a - bound.
 But give it root in ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.
 But let it yield a hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.
 That all whose souls the truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.

Text: John Carwood, 1775-1852, alt.
 Tune: J. Day, Psalter, 1562

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Break Now the Bread of Life

1 Break now the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me, As once you
 2 Bless your own truth, dear Lord, To me, to me, As when you
 3 You are the bread of life, O Lord, to me. Your ho - ly
 4 Oh, send your Spir - it, Lord, Now un - to me, That he may

broke the loaves Be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
 blest the bread By Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond - age cease,
 Word the truth That res - cues me. Give me to eat and live
 touch my eyes And make me see. Show me the truth con - cealed

Text: Mds
 Tune: W.

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For the Fruit of All Creation

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done,
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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