

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



**August 16, 2026
12th 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, Linda Bewley, Marcia Auge, Vicki Mest, Greg Mest, Howard & Waynette Shafer, Nadine Lydic and Clair Burkhart.

Friends & Family:

Michelle Hiriak, Linda Stark, Joyce Kemp, Linda Gilbert, Tracey Knox, LeeAnn Prince, Monica Gilbert, David & Diane Stauffer, John Durkin, Corbin Riegner, David Lynam, Anna Bechtel and Steve Smith.

Families Of:

Joan Good-Saylor, Tim Groves and Tanner Antalosky.

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 needed. 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!

This morning Diane McElwee will be the Liturgist and Jenn McCarron will be presenting the gospel by heart and will offer the message.

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**Today will be receiving a Free Will Offering for
The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.**

The Altar Flowers are presented to the glory of God
by Chester Heydt in Memory of all Members of
Trinity Lutheran Church Past and Present.

The Bulletins — No Sponsor

The Eternal Flame Candle is presented to the glory
of God by Kay McGowan, in Memory of Michael McGowan
and My Parents.

Today's Worship Assistants:

Ushers: Janice Sheetz* & Karen Ireys
Lector: Kathy Farrington
Acolyte: Kathy Farrington

- (those who are able may stand)

Prelude "My Jesus, I Love Thee"
A. Gordon

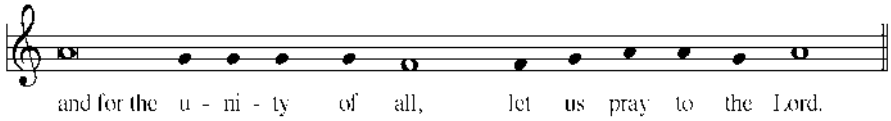
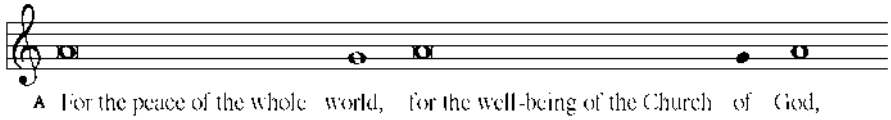
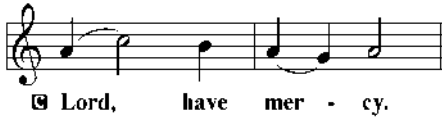
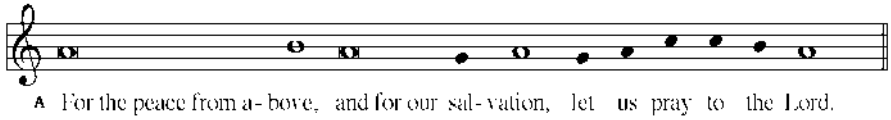
Announcements and Concerns

- **Processional Hymn** LBW# 423
"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"
- **Greeting**

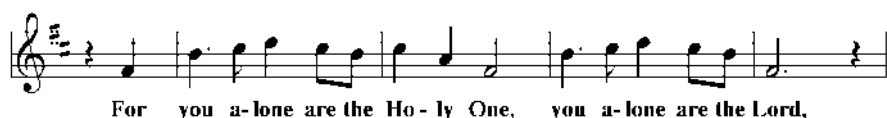
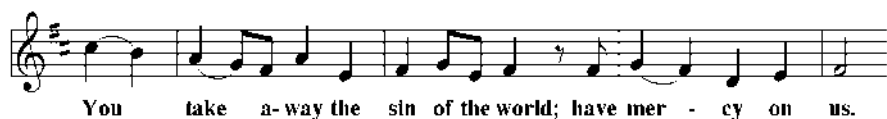
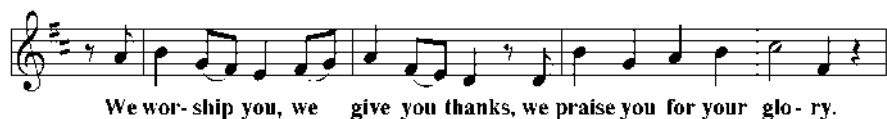
L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love
of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be
with you all.

C And also with you.

• **Kyrie**



• Hymn of Praise



• **Prayer of the Day**



• **L Let us Pray ...**

C God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

¹ Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

PSALM: Psalm 67

¹ May God be merciful to ¹ us and bless us;
may the light of God's face ¹ shine upon us.

² **Let your way be known ¹ upon earth,
your saving health a- ¹ mong all nations.**

³ Let the peoples praise ¹ you, O God;
let all the ¹ peoples praise you.

⁴ **Let the nations be glad and ¹ sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- ¹ tions
on earth.**

⁵ Let the peoples praise ¹ you, O God;
let all the ¹ peoples praise you.

⁶ **The earth has brought ¹ forth its increase;
God, our own ¹ God, has blessed us.**

⁷ May God ¹ give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth ¹ stand in awe.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

[Paul writes:] ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a} God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.



L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter



Presentation of the Gospel by Heart

¹⁰ [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³ He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶ Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it

to the dogs.”²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

L The Gospel of the Lord.



Special Vocal Selection by Vicki Mest

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” *J. Dorsey*

Message by Jennifer McCarron

- Hymn of the Day WOV# 738
“Healer of Our Every Ill”

- 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:

L 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**

L 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**

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** LBW# 479
"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Postlude "Heavenly Father, We Appreciate You"
C. Tornquist

Reprinted from Sundays & Seasons 2026

A Special Thank You to Diane McElwee as our Liturgist, Jennifer McCarron for presenting the gospel by heart and offering the message and to Vicki Mest for sharing her talents with us this morning.

Pastor Gene is currently on vacation and will return on Saturday, August 22nd, in case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Rich Moore at St. Joseph's Hill Church, 610-401-5602.

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

Prayer Listing: If you wish to make any changes to the prayer list for the September Newsletter, please see Linda Ritter or contact the church office.

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

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.

The Boyertown Area Alumni Marching Unit will be hosting and Honoring First Responders and in honor of the 25th Anniversary of September 11th on Friday, September 11th, at the Boyertown Middle School West, 7:00PM-9:00PM. Featuring: Boyertown Area High School & Middle School East & West Show Choirs. There will be a Free Will offering at the door.

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. **Orders are due by Sunday, September 13th and pick up will be Friday, September 18th— 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.**

Free Will Offerings will be received the 3rd Sunday of every month, the next Free Will Offering will be Sunday, September 20th for The Boyertown Area Multi-Service. Thank you for your support.

Mark your calendars:

- **Basket Party, Saturday, September 26th. Doors Open at 9:00AM, Drawing Begins at 10:30AM, tickets \$20.00 will be available soon.**
- **Annual Fall Craft Show/Book Fair, Saturday, October 17th.** Looking for Crafters and will be accepting donations of used books in September. If you would like to participate, please see Cathy Yoder or contact the church office. Registration forms are on the table in the Narthex.

Coffee Hour will resume in September on non-communion Sundays, please volunteer to host Coffee Hour in order for this time of fellowship to continue. There is a Sign Up Sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

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 - 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.**

HOSPITAL INPATIENT STAY: Please contact Pastor Gene if you are admitted to the hospital and would like a visit, due to privacy laws, the hospital no longer contacts the church.

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, August 16th- 9:00 Worship Service
Wednesday, August 19th-6:30 TLC Stitchers
Sunday, August 23rd- 9:00 Worship Service
w/Communion

Next Week's Worship Assistants:
Sunday, August 23rd:

Assisting Minister: Vicki Mest
Server: Linda Ritter
Ushers: Randy Kehl* & Linda Brunner
Lector: Maddy Wyda
Acolyte: Diane McElwee

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:
08/09/2026

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	
<u>Worship</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Hunger</u>
58	\$4,109.00	\$10.00
	<u>Benevolence</u>	<u>Bldg. Maint.</u>
	\$50.00	\$25.00
	<u>Scrip</u>	
	\$12,150.00	



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

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,

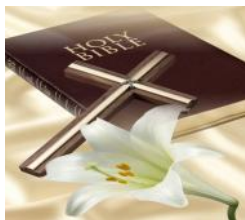
Refer to Boyertown Area School district closure.

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

Readings for Personal Devotion



M Genesis 7:11--8:5
T Genesis 19:15-29
W Matthew 8:23-27
Th Job 36:24-33; 37:14-24
F Romans 9:14-29
Sa Psalm 18:1-19

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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

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday
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(Or by Appointment)

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Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

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F B $\flat$ Am 7 Dm F B $\flat$ F

1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice Bore the weight of hu-man need,
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home - less; Still the hun-gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi - sion, Till your love's re - veal-ing light

F B $\flat$ Am 7 Dm F B $\flat$ F

Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, Worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:
 Still the cap - tives long for free - dom; Still in grief we mourn our dead.
 In its height and depth and great - ness Dawns up - on our quick-ended sight,

F C Dm C Dm B $\flat$ maj 7

We, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the soul,
 Mak-ing known the needs and bur - dens Your com-pas - sion bids us bear,

C Dm B $\flat$ F Gm 7 Am Gm 7 F

Con-se - crat - ing to your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
 By your Spir - it send your pow - er To our world to make it whole.
 Stir-ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, Your a - bun - dant life to share.

Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to -

D Em⁷/D G/D A/D D Bm Bm⁷/A

mor - row, give us peace be - yond our fear, and

G A F⁷m⁷ Bm Em⁷ F⁷

To stanzas End

hope be - yond our sor - row, sor - row.

G Em A D A D

1 You
2 In
3 Give
4 You

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to -

1 You who know our fears and sad - ness,
 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing
 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er,
 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing,

Bm F#m/A

and

grace us with your peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all
 how your grace is still un - fold - ing; give us all your
 ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all
 teach us all your way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com -

G F Em

Refrain

com - fort, fill our hearts.
 vi - sion, God of love.
 kind - ness, be our guide.
 pas - sion, fill each heart.

D/F# G Bm A/C# G/B A

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

1 My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, Take all my
 My zeal in - spire; As thou hast died for me, Oh, may my
 Be thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's
 Shall o'er me roll; Blest Sav - ior, then, in love Fear and dis -

guilt a - way, Oh, let me from this day Be whol - ly thine!
 love to thee Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From thee a - side.
 trust re - move; Oh, bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887
 Tune: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

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480 Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep his stat - utes still!
 2 Or - der my foot - steps by your Word And make my heart sin - cere;
 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict - er watch to keep;
 4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'Tis a de - light - ful road;

