

**Trinity Evangelical
Lutheran Church**



**July 21, 2024
9th 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, Richard Garber, Joe DiCindio, Thomas Groves, Karl Stauffer, Liz Van Beek and Jessica Walters.

Families Of:

Andrew Kuser, Jacob Hartline and Thomas Merkel.

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)

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
"Samaritans Purse Shoe Boxes."

The Altar Flowers are presented to the glory of God, by Mrs. Cathy Yoder, in Honor of her son James' Birthday and also by Mr. & Mrs. Barry Yerger, in Honor of their 11th Wedding Anniversary.

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

Today's Worship Assistants:

Assisting Minister: Diane McElwee

Server: Linda Ritter

Ushers: Kay McGowan* & Wil Carpenter

Lector: Oscar Smith

Acolyte: Erika Zaiser

- (those who are able may stand)

Prelude "The Voice of Worship"
J. Rasley

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** WOV# 747
"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"
- **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 O Lord, pour out upon us the spirit to think and do what is right, that we, who cannot even exist without you, may have the strength to live according to your will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Jeremiah was a priest at Anathoth in Judah. He began his prophetic ministry well prior to the fall of Jerusalem (587 B.C.) and died in Egypt sometime after 587. Using the common metaphor of shepherd to describe the king, the prophet proclaims God's word of judgment and salvation.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

PSALM: Psalm 23

The LORD | is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.

**²He makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

³He re- | vives my soul
and guides me along right pathways | for his name's sake.

**⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall | fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.**

⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who | trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

**⁶Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of
my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:11-22

The Ephesians are urged to become an inclusive community, open to those who are near and far. They may begin by remembering that, as Gentiles, they themselves were once the outsiders.

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision"--a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands-- ¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

When Jesus sent his disciples out to teach and heal, they ministered among large numbers of people. Their work was motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.



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

**Presentation of the Gospel by Heart**

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Special Selection by Connor & Drevyn Deskie

Children's Message

Sermon

- Hymn of the Day LBW# 428
"O God of Earth and Altar"

- 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# 496

"Around You, O Lord Jesus"

• 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# 369
 "The Church's One Foundation"

- **Dismissal**

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude "Rejoice, the Lord is King"
 L. Smith

A Special Thank You to Connor & Drevyn Deskie, for sharing their talents with us this morning.

A HUGE Thank You to Terry Kemp & Dennis Schaeffer, for all of their assistance setting up the new laptops in the Church Office. It was very much appreciated!

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, August 18th for “Save the Children”. 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. Please bring a dish and/or dessert to share.

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.

There will be a Miller-Keystone-Blood Drive on Saturday, August 10th 8AM-2PM at St Joseph’s Hill Lutheran Church, Boyertown. There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. For more information please call Kathee Rhode 484-300-2300.

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.

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.

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: Orders are due by 2nd Tuesday of the Month (**August 14th**) Pick up will be on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (**August 21st**) 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.

Trinity's events for the upcoming week:

Sunday, July 21st- 9:00 Worship Service w/Comm.
Monday, July 22nd- 6:30 Scouts
Vacation Bible School
Tuesday, July 23rd- 6:30 Scouts
Vacation Bible School
Wednesday, July 24th-6:30 Vacation Bible School
Thursday, July 25th- 6:30 Vacation Bible School
Friday, July 26th- 6:30 Vacation Bible School
Sunday, July 28th- 9:00 Worship In The Park/
Picnic

**Next Week's Worship Assistants:
Sunday, July 28th**

Lector: Kurt Yescavage
Acolyte: Mark Sheetz

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS: 07/14/2024

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>		
<u>Worship</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Hunger</u>	<u>Scrip</u>
76	\$2,645.95	\$65.00	\$50.00
	<u>Benevolence</u>	<u>Bldg. Maint.</u>	
	\$50.00	\$78.00	

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:

- 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.

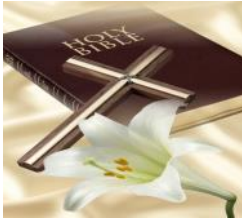
In the case of inclement weather,

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.

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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

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