

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

1323 Central Ave, Alameda CA 510-522-5220

*Mission: To be a caring and diverse community of people who know and share the love of God through Jesus Christ.*

## July 9, 2017 Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

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*The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with the lowly and outcast. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.*

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**WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH.** You are invited to join with us as we seek to be God's loving community for all who enter here. You are received as a friend . . .

- just as you are, created by God.
- whatever your color, culture and customs, your age, abilities, sexual orientation or gender identity.
- wherever circumstances find you... in the midst of change or challenge or pain, in need of strength and hope, or in search of spiritual fullness and friendship.
- whether you are a new visitor or an old friend, have no church home, have doubts or do not believe, or want to follow Christ and pursue peace and justice in Christ's name.

You are embraced as an expression of the diversity and beauty of the creation God has given us. **You are welcome here!**

### MINISTERING THIS MORNING (8:00; 10:30):

Assisting Minister: Mary James

Coffee Hour: Mission & Service Committee

Counters: Jessica Fleischman & Elizabeth Madaras

Director of Music Ministry: Julie Haydon

Greeters: Chase Beardsley & Nick Hayes

Musician: Starr Brown

Nursery: Roberta Salisbury

Prayers: Geoff Kline; Chase Beardsley

Preacher/Presider: Sharon Stalkfleet

Reader: Geoff Kline; Kori & Demeter Lamb

### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

<b>Sun 7/9</b>	8:00	Worship
	10:30	Worship
<b>Mon 7/10</b>	9:00	Craft Group
	7:00	VBS planning meeting
<b>Thu 7/13</b>	7:30	Morning Prayer time- sanctuary
	1:30	Ukuleles
	2:00	LMNH Worship at Crown Bay Nursing
<b>Sun 7/16</b>	7:00	Mission & Service meeting
	8:00	Worship- Gary Pence preaching
	10:30	Worship- Gary Pence preaching

**The women of Trinity** have been invited by the Women of St Paul to attend the Annual St. Paul Women's Retreat, August 25-27. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know other women of the church in the beautiful, relaxed setting of the San Damiano Retreat Center in Danville.

The theme of this year's retreat is "Our Spiritual Journeys," an inter-generational reflection on the roles faith, spirituality and religion have played throughout the different phases of our lives. Elizabeth Madaras is organizing the participants from Trinity. The cost for the weekend is \$162 for single occupancy, \$132 for double occupancy and \$35 for Saturday only. Please reserve with payment to Elizabeth Madaras by Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. There is a sign-up sheet in the church entryway to let us know that you are planning to attend.

**This morning's Coffee Hour** is hosted by the Mission and Service Committee with a free will offering to sponsor Philipos Ghaly as a candidate for ordained Word and Sacrament Ministry in the ELCA. The goal is to raise \$500 to cover ½ cost of his entrance fee.

### COMING UP: Vacation Bible School- August 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>

Theme: **The love of God flows through us.** Listen to Biblical stories of God and water along with crafts and music. Primary organizer is Mary James. The gifts of Pastor Craig Minich and Director of Music Ministry Julie Haydon will be shared. The evening begins at 6:00pm with dinner and program will follow. Participants, parents and volunteers are needed!

**Pastor Sharon will be away** from Wednesday July 12-Wednesday July 19th for continuing education and time to visit grandchildren. Please call Rev. Meg Brogan for pastoral care emergencies, [510-865-6182](tel:510-865-6182).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE:** *Thompson (Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling)*  
Frederick Frahm b. 1964

## GATHERING

(Arrows indicate when the congregation may sit ↓ or stand ↑ as able. Bold print indicates responses spoken by the congregation.)

### ↑**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

**Amen.**

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Eternal God our creator,  
**in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God ☩ forgives you all your sins. **Amen.**

↑**HYMN: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee** #836

### ↑**GREETING**

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

↑**KYRIE** Page 184

*Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.*

*Kyrie eleison, every day.*

*For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. (Refrain)*

*That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. (Refrain)*

*For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. (Refrain)*

*For your spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. (Refrain)*

### ↑**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

You are great, O God,  
**and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

### ↓**FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-10,12**

*The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, they are designated as "prisoners of hope."*

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!  
Lo, your king comes to you;  
triumphant and victorious is he,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup>He will cut off the chariot from the north  
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall command peace to the nations;  
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

### ↓ **Psalm 145:8-14**

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup>**LORD, you are | good to all,  
and your compassion is over | all your works.**

<sup>10</sup>All your works shall praise | you, O LORD,  
and your faithful | ones shall bless you.

<sup>11</sup>**They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom  
and speak | of your power,**

<sup>12</sup>that all people may know | of your power  
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup>**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your  
dominion endures through- | out all ages.**

**You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving  
in | all your works.**

<sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all | those who fall  
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.

↓ **SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a**

*Life enslaved under sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be bad. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.*

<sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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*Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?*

*You have the words of e-ter-nal life.*

*Al-le-lu-ia... al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, (repeat)*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the eleventh chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

↑ **Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

*Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.*

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] <sup>16</sup>“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

<sup>17</sup>‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

<sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; <sup>19</sup>the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup>“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying

heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

↓ **SERMON:**

↑ **HYMN: *Let All Things Now Living***

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↑ **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

↑ **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Prayer Leader: Hear us, O God.

**Congregation: Your mercy is great.**

**MEAL**

↑ **SHARING THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

↓ **OFFERING: *This is My Father's World***

Mary James & Kori Lamb

↑ **HYMN: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*** #885

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*praise God, all creatures here below;*

*praise God above, ye heav'nly host;*

*praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

↑ **PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

↑ **OFFERING PRAYER**

Merciful God,

**you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

↑ **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

↑ **PREFACE FOR THE DAY**

*It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

↑ **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:  
heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

↑ **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

↑ **LORD'S PRAYER**

*You are invited to pray in the version or language of your choice.*  
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your  
kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive our sins as we  
forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of  
trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

↑ **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread. Our Lord's body let  
us take together.

↓ **DISTRIBUTION**

*Communion (Eucharist) celebrated at Trinity is open to all. We  
welcome you to the table! The cup we serve is non-alcoholic.  
Dip the bread into the cup (intinction). If you do not wish to take  
communion you may come forward for a blessing or remain  
seated.*

↓ **LAMB OF GOD**

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**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have  
mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have  
mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us  
peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.**

↓ Distribution: **Give Me Jesus** #770  
**Day By Day** #790

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

↑ **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Jesus Christ, host of this meal,  
**you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very  
self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by  
these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of  
justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord  
forevermore. Amen.**

**SENDING**

↑ **BLESSING**

May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than  
we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope.  
Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and  
forever. **Amen.**

↑ **HYMN: Just a Closer Walk with Thee**

# 697

↑ **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Many worshippers choose to stay in the sanctuary to listen to  
the musical postlude (3-4 minutes).*

↓ **POSTLUDE: Converse (What a Friend We Have in Jesus)**

Mark Sedio b. 1954



**Bettina Meyer**, Sister of **Sue Ann Schultz**  
**Julie Riviere**, Friend of **Sue Ann Schultz**  
**Nina Coltrell**, Friend of **Sue Ann Schultz**  
**Becky Englebrick**, Niece of **Sue Ann Schultz**  
**Sandra Donato**, Friend of **Sue Ann Schultz**  
**The Stebbins family**, Friends of **Sherri Bangert**  
**Michael Rasmussen**, Nephew of **Sherri & Chuck Bangert**  
**Alan Peterson**, Brother of **Sherri Bangert**

*We give thanks for the life of those having birthdays this week.*  
**Rebecca Chrisman (7/13)** **Ray Collins (7/15)**

*We especially remember Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Oakland  
this week in our Trinity Cycle of Prayer.*