

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

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):

Acolyte: Kori Lamb

Assisting Minister: Jean Abbe

Coffee Hour: Bob & Jean Abbe

Counters: Jessica Fleischman & Ray Wentz

Director of Music Ministry: Julie Haydon

Greeters: Lou & Stevie O'Connell

Musician: Starr Brown

Nursery: Roberta Salisbury

Prayers: Mary James; Carol Blomberg

Preacher/Presider: Sharon Stalkfleet

Reader: Mary James; Geoff Burnaford

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 8:00-17; 10:30-45

TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY Deborah Kelly in celebration of August family Birthdays.

COMING UP: Family Discovery Concert! Saturday, August 26th

10:30 a.m. Please share information with and invite family, friends, neighbors. A digital flyer is available for you to email (please contact Pastor Sharon or Jessica to receive it) as well as flyers you can take with you on the table in narthex. This is an important youth event at Trinity hoping to lead into the development of a youth choir.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sun 8/20	8:00	Worship
	10:30	Worship- Blessing of the Backpacks
Mon 8/21	9:00	Craft Group
Tues 8/22	7:00	Bible Study
Thu 8/24	7:30	Morning Prayer time- sanctuary
	1:30	Ukuleles
	2:00	LMNH Worship at Crown Bay Nursing
Fri 8/25-8/27		Women's Retreat with St. Paul Lutheran at San Damiano retreat center in Danville
Sat 8/26	10:30	Family Discovery Concert
Sun 8/27	8:00	Worship
	10:30	Worship

HYMN SING (10:25 a.m.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS (10:30 a.m.)

PRELUDE: *Prospect (Creating God, Your Fingers Trace)*
Aaron David Miller b. 1972

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: Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing** #886

↑ **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.**

↑ **CANTICLE OF PRAISE** page 169-170

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, Alleluia. (repeat)

- 1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his. (refrain)***
- 2. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (refrain)***
- 3. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. (refrain)***

↑ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.

↓ **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

WORD

↓ **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.

¹Thus says the LORD:

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

⁶And 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—

⁷these 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.

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

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

↓ **Psalm 67**

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

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

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

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

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

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

⁷May God | give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth | 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:] "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.

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

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↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** page 171
Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

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

↑ **GOSPEL : Matthew 15:10-28**

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 pagan and unclean approaches him for help.

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

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just 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." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman,

great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

↓ **SERMON:**

↑ **HYMN: Canticle of the Turning** #723

↑ **APOSTLES' CREED** page 105
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: Lord, in your mercy,
Congregation: hear our prayer.

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:** *The River of God* VBS Theme Song
The River of God sets our feet a-dancing
The River of God fills our heart with cheer
The River of God fills our mouths with laughter
And we rejoice for the River is here!

↑ **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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SENDING

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, Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest,
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
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, the feast is spread, let us receive the grace of Jesus
Christ 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 a-way the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

↓ Distribution: **Let Us Go Now to the Banquet** #523
One Bread, One Body #496

↑ **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.**

↑ **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: In Christ There Is No East or West** #650

↑ **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: Fanfare on McKee**
(*In Christ There Is No East or West*) Charles Callahan b. 1951



The family of Rich Thomas, Friend of Elizabeth Madaras
Nubia Fleischman, Sister-in-law of Jessica Fleischman
Adriana Garcia, Friend of Mark Schoenrock
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
Evelyn Berger, Gail Cromack, Linda Domholt, Kate
Ganschow Trinity members

We give thanks for the life of those having birthdays this week.
Pam Lothian (8/20) Pastor Sharon (8/20)
Megan Irish (8/26)

*We especially remember Christ Episcopal Church in Alameda this
week in our Trinity Cycle of Prayer.*