

# 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.*

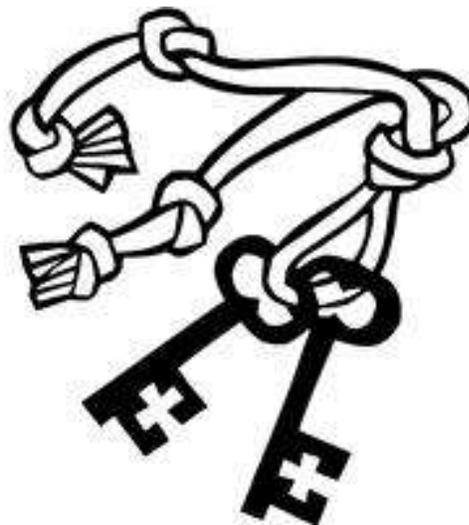
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*In Isaiah the people are bid to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world, but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.*

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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: Ray Wentz

Coffee Hour: Helen Pedersen

Counters: Jessica Fleischman & Ann Kenyon

Director of Music Ministry: Julie Haydon

Greeters: Kathy Booker & Kaye Fitzsimons

Musician: Starr Brown

Nursery: Roberta Salisbury

Prayers: Mary James; Anita Burnaford

Preacher/Presider: Steve Garner

Reader: Mary James; Ray Wentz

## **THIS WEEK AT TRINITY**

<b>Sun 8/27</b>	8:00	Worship
	10:30	Worship
<b>Mon 8/28</b>	9:00	Craft Group
<b>Tues 8/29</b>	7:00	Bible Study
<b>Thu 8/31</b>	7:30	Morning Prayer time- sanctuary
	1:30	Ukuleles
	2:00	LMNH Worship at Crown Bay Nursing
<b>Sun 9/3</b>	8:00	Worship
	9:00	Early Coffee Hour
	10:30	Worship

**TODAY TRINITY WELCOMES** Steve Garner as our Guest Preacher.

**ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 8:00-13; 10:30-49**

**TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY** Helen Pedersen in loving memory of Pete Pedersen.

**"GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS" Service Projects.** On Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 9am-Noon Trinity will take part in two projects to honor "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday, a yearly event hosted by the ELCA. This year Trinity will participate in a gardening project at Ploughshares Nursery (weeding and planting new plants) and with Kathy Booker of Asante Network, pricing new shipments of items for upcoming Asante Sales. There is a sign-up sheet in the church entryway. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica in the office ([trinityalameda@gmail.com](mailto:trinityalameda@gmail.com) or 812-4752) or Kathy Booker (522-7879).

**Linda Domholt is currently** receiving chemotherapy could use a boost of well wishes sent her way. Please consider sending her a card of sunshine to brighten her day. Her address is 1509 Encinal Avenue, Alameda 94501.

**THE ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER AND AUCTION** benefitting the Lutheran Ministry to Nursing Homes is Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. We hope you will join us for a delicious pasta dinner and silent auction. The cost for dinner is \$15 per adult, and \$10 per child (under 12). The sign-up sheet for reservations is in the church entryway. Please contact Jessica in the office with any questions.

## **SPAGHETTI DINNER AUCTION ITEMS ARE NEEDED!**

Our auction is in need of items for the silent auction. If you have something you would like to contribute to the auction, please contact Jessica in the office- [trinityalameda@gmail.com](mailto:trinityalameda@gmail.com) or at 812-4752.

HYMN SING (10:25 a.m.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS (10:30 a.m.)

PRELUDE: *I Love to Tell the Story* arr. Dale Wood 1934-2003

### GATHERING

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

#### ↑CONFESION 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: *Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now* #527

#### ↑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

O God,  
with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you,  
the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us

into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### ↓ CHILDREN'S SERMON

### WORD

#### ↓FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

*Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.*

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,  
you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

<sup>2</sup>Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah who bore you;  
for he was but one when I called him,  
but I blessed him and made him many.

<sup>3</sup>For the LORD will comfort Zion;  
he will comfort all her waste places,  
and will make her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the LORD;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

<sup>4</sup>Listen to me, my people,  
and give heed to me, my nation;  
for a teaching will go out from me,  
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,  
my salvation has gone out  
and my arms will rule the peoples;  
the coastlands wait for me,  
and for my arm they hope.

<sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and those who live on it will die like gnats;  
but my salvation will be forever,  
and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

#### ↓ Psalm 138

<sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with | my whole heart;  
before the gods I will | sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup>**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast | love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name and your word a- | bove all things.**

<sup>3</sup>When I called, you | answered me;  
you increased my | strength within me.

<sup>4</sup>**All the rulers of the earth will praise | you, O LORD,  
when they have heard the words | of your mouth.**

<sup>5</sup>They will sing of the ways | of the LORD,  
that great is the glory | of the LORD.

**6The LORD is high, yet cares | for the lowly,  
perceiving the haughty | from afar.**

**7Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right | hand shall save me.**

**8You will make good your pur- | pose for me;  
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not  
abandon the works | of your hands.**

### ↓SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8

*In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by this age, but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.*

**1**I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. **2**Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

**3**For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. **4**For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, **5**so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. **6**We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; **7**ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; **8**the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

### ↑ 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 16:13-20

*At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.*

**13**Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

**14**And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." **15**He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" **16**Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." **17**And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.

**18**And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. **19**I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you

bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." **20**Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

### ↓SERMON:

↑HYMN: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* #733

↑ 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: Geoff Burnaford & Gunther Hofmann

↑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 Page 172

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** Page 173

**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** Page 174

**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: silence

↑**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: We Are All One in Mission** #576

↑**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:** *Old Hundredth* Piet Post 1919-1979



**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.*  
**Peter Dow (8/27)** **Linda Domholt (8/29)**  
**Marilyn Ohm-Smith (9/1)**

*We especially remember Chosen Vessels Christian Church in  
Alameda this week in our Trinity Cycle of Prayer.*