

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.

September 3, 2017 Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

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When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

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: Candace Gutleben

Coffee Hour: Carol Blomberg

Counters: Jessica Fleischman & Ann Kenyon

Director of Music Ministry: Julie Haydon

Early Coffee Hour: Carol Blomberg

Greeters: Joanne Robinson

Musician: Starr Brown

Nursery: Roberta Salisbury

Prayers: Geoff Kline; Ray Wentz

Preacher/Presider: Sharon Stalkfleet

Reader: Geoff Kline; Karol Luque

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 8:00-13; 10:30-45

TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY the Bangerts in honor and celebration of Sherri's Birthday

"GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS" Service Projects. On Saturday, September 9th 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 or 812-4752) or Kathy Booker (522-7879).

Coming Soon!!! Community Youth Choir weekly practice begins on September 20th. Please share with families and friends! Ages 4-8 year olds. Contact 510-522-5220 for information to register!

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sun 9/3	8:00	Worship
	9:00	Early Coffee Hour
	10:30	Worship
Mon 9/4	9:00	Craft Group
Tues 9/5	7:00	Bible Study
Wed. 9/6	10:00	Women's Bible Study
Thu 9/7	7:30	Morning Prayer time- sanctuary
	1:30	Ukuleles
	2:00	LMNH Worship at Crown Bay Nursing
	7:00	Mission & Service Cmte. meeting
Sun 9/10	8:00	Worship
	9:30	Sunday Funday School resumes!
	10:30	Worship- Youth Sunday

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 29th 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 or at 812-4752.

HYMN SING (10:25 a.m.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS (10:30 a.m.)

PRELUDE: *Pastorale in F-Dur*

J. S. Bach 1685-1750

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: *For the Beauty of the Earth*

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↑ 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,
we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

↓ CHILDREN'S SERMON

WORD

↓ FIRST READING: Exodus 3:1-15

Moses experienced the call of God when God appeared to him in a bush that burned but was not consumed. When Moses expressed his unworthiness, God promised to be with him. When Moses objected that people would demand to know God's name, God revealed his personal name, Yahweh (I AM WHO I AM), or the LORD. Israel discovered God's true identity when God took them out of Egypt.

¹Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." ¹¹But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹²He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

¹³But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations."

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

↓ Psalm 26:1-8

¹Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived | with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and | have not faltered.

²Test me, O | LORD, and try me;
examine my heart | and my mind.

³For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes;

I have walked faithful- | ly with you.

4 I have not sat | with the worthless,
nor do I consort with | the deceitful.

5 I have hated the company of | evildoers;
I will not sit down | with the wicked.

6 I will wash my hands in inno- | cence, O LORD,
that I may go in procession | round your altar,

7 singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving
and recounting all your won- | derful deeds.

8 LORD, I love the house in | which you dwell
and the place where your glo- | ry abides.

↓ SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;

10 love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. **11** Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. **12** Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. **13** Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. **15** Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. **16** Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. **18** If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. **19** Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." **20** No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." **21** Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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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 sixteenth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

↑ GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28

After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."

21 From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. **22** And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you."

23 But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You

are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. **25** For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. **26** For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

27 "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. **28** Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

↓ SERMON:

↑ HYMN: **Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!** #413

↑ 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: Assurance

Mark Sedio b. 1954

↑ 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, 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: *Day by Day*

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Will You Come and Follow Me

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↑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: *Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen*

#548

↑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: *Prelude and Fugue in C*

J. S. Bach



The family of Celia Yates, Aunt of Anita Burnaford
Gerry Washington, Veronica & Demetrius, Sister, Niece & Great-Nephew of Tony Lewis
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, Dennis Laine Trinity members

We give thanks for the life of those having birthdays this week.

Sherri Bangert (9/5)

Dan Norboe (9/7)

Julie Haydon (9/9)

Christine Winberg (9/9)

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

Congratulations to Don and Margie Sherratt, who are the very happy grandparents of Olivia Diane Sherratt, born August 19th, 7lbs 10oz to parents Jeff and Elisabeth Sherratt.