



# 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 16, 2017 Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

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*God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.*

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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:

Counters: Jessica Fleischman & Ann Kenyon

Director of Music Ministry: Julie Haydon

Greeters: Chase Beardsley & Nick Hayes

Musician: Starr Brown

Nursery: Roberta Salisbury

Prayers: Geoff Kline; Philipos Ghaly

Preacher/Presider: Gary Pence

Reader: Geoff Kline; Judith Pence

### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

<b>Sun 7/16</b>	8:00	Worship
	10:30	Worship
<b>Mon 7/17</b>	9:00	Craft Group
<b>Tues 7/18</b>	7:00	Bible Study
<b>Thu 7/20</b>	7:30	Morning Prayer time- sanctuary
	1:30	Ukuleles
	2:00	LMNH Worship at Crown Bay Nursing
<b>Sun 7/23</b>	7:30	Council meeting
	8:00	Worship
	10:30	Worship

**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.

### 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** until Thursday July 20th 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:** *Prelude in C Minor* Felix Mendelssohn 1809-1847

## GATHERING

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

### ↑CONFESSON 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: *What Is This Place* #524

### ↑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

Almighty God,

**we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

### ↓FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-13

*God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.*

<sup>10</sup>For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

<sup>12</sup>For you shall go out in joy,  
and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

<sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

### ↓ Psalm 65:1-13

<sup>1</sup>You are to be praised, O | God, in Zion;  
to you shall vows | be fulfilled.

<sup>2</sup>**To you, the one | who answers prayer,  
to you all | flesh shall come.**

<sup>3</sup>Our sins are strong- | er than we are,  
but you blot out | our transgressions.

<sup>4</sup>**Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your |  
courts to dwell there!**

**They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness | of your temple.**

<sup>5</sup>Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O  
God of | our salvation,  
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans | far  
away.

<sup>6</sup>**You make firm the mountains | by your power;  
you are girded a- | bout with might.**

<sup>7</sup>You still the roaring | of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor | of the peoples.

<sup>8</sup>**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at  
your | marvelous signs;  
you make the dawn and the dusk to | sing for joy.**

<sup>9</sup>You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very

plenteous; the river of God is | full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide | for the earth.

**<sup>10</sup>You drench the furrows and smooth | out the ridges;  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and | bless its  
increase.**

<sup>11</sup>You crown the year | with your goodness,  
and your paths over- | flow with plenty.

**<sup>12</sup>May the fields of the wilderness be | rich for grazing,  
and the hills be | clothed with joy.**

<sup>13</sup>May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the  
valleys cloak them- | selves with grain;  
let them shout for | joy and sing.

## ↓ **SECOND READING: Romans 8:1-11**

*There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its slavery. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.*

<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

<sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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 thirteenth chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## ↑ **Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

*In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.*

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.

<sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told

them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!"

<sup>18</sup>"Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

## ↓ **SERMON:**

↑ **HYMN: *The Word of God Is Source and Seed* #506**

↑ **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: 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: *Let This Mind Be in Us***

by Robert Wunderlich and Paul Malte, arr. Colleen Vermillion

Jean Abbe, Peter Dow, Eva Fields, Philipos Ghaly,  
Mary James, Tony Lewis, Helen Pedersen, Judith Pence,  
Mary Kay Wentz, Ray Wentz

↑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 190

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 190

*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, 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 191

*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: *For the Fruit of All Creation* #679  
*As the Grains of Wheat* #465

#### 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: *Sent Forth By God's Blessing* #547

#### ↑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: *Allegro* from Sonata II Felix Mendelssohn



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

*We give thanks for the life of those having birthdays this week.*  
**Harvey Blomberg (7/18) Doug Williams (7/19)**

*We especially remember Buddhist Temple of Alameda this week  
in our Trinity Cycle of Prayer.*