

# 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 23, 2017 Seventh Sunday of Pentecost

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*It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.*

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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: Anita Burnaford

Coffee Hour: Helen Pedersen

Counters: Jessica Fleischman & Ann Kenyon

Director of Music Ministry: Julie Haydon

Greeters: Ken Gutleben & John Kofranek

Musician: Starr Brown

Nursery: Roberta Salisbury

Prayers: Geoff Kline; Ray Wentz

Preacher/Presider: Sharon Stalkfleet

Reader: Geoff Kline; Philipos Ghaly

### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

<b>Sun 7/23</b>	8:00	Worship
	10:30	Worship
<b>Mon 7/24</b>	9:00	Craft Group
<b>Tues 7/25</b>	7:00	Bible Study
<b>Wed 7/26</b>	10:00	Women's Bible Study
<b>Thu 7/27</b>	7:30	Morning Prayer time- sanctuary
	1:30	Ukuleles
	2:00	LMNH Worship at Crown Bay Nursing
<b>Sun 7/30</b>	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. **Today is the deadline to reserve your space. Please see or contact Elizabeth Madaras today to let her know if 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!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Tallis' Canon*

Charles Callahan b. 1951

## 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: ***Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*** #693

### ↑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

Faithful God,

**most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### ↓CHILDREN'S SERMON

## WORD

### ↓FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6-8

*God claims the right to sole rule, because God announces things that actually do happen, while supposed divine opponents remain silent. God is Israel's redeemer, that is, the best brother or sister they ever had.*

<sup>6</sup>Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,  
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.

<sup>7</sup>Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,  
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?  
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

<sup>8</sup>Do not fear, or be afraid;  
have I not told you from of old and declared it?  
You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?  
There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

### ↓ Psalm 86:11-17

<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk | in your truth;  
give me an undivided heart to re- | vere your name.

<sup>12</sup>**I will thank you, O Lord my God, with | all my heart,  
and glorify your name for- | evermore.**

<sup>13</sup>For great is your | love toward me;  
you have delivered me from the | pit of death.

<sup>14</sup>**The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of  
violent people | seeks my life;  
they have not set you be- | fore their eyes.**

<sup>15</sup>But you, O Lord, are gracious and full | of compassion,  
slow to anger, and full of kind- | ness and truth.

<sup>16</sup>**Turn to me and have mer- | cy on me;  
give your strength to your servant, and save the child |  
of your handmaid.**

<sup>17</sup>**Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me  
may see it and be | put to shame;  
because you, Lord, have helped me and com- | forted  
me.**

## ↓ **SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25**

*For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.*

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

<sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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 13:24-30, 36-43**

*Jesus tells a parable about the co-existence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.*

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;<sup>25</sup>but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup>And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' <sup>28</sup>He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' <sup>29</sup>But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in

bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

<sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." <sup>37</sup>He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup>the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup>and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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

### ↓ **SERMON:**

↑ **HYMN: Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil** #512

↑ **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:** *You are Holy* Per Harling, b.1945  
Jean Abbe & Helen Pedersen

↑ **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, 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 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:** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*  
(in the setting of Franz Liszt's *Liebesträum*)

arr. Cindy Berry  
Starr Brown, piano

### 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: *Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word*

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#### ↑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: *Procession*

C. S. Lang 1891-1971



**Adriana Garcia**, Friend of *Mark Schoenrosk*

**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.*

**Todd Beardsley** (7/24)

**Bob Kenyon** (7/24)

**Pastor Ned** (7/24)

**Don Sherratt** (7/24)

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