

# 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 30, 2017 Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

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*As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!*

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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: Philipos Ghaly

Coffee Hour: EBLYP Germany Attendees

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; Mary Kay Wentz

Preacher: Sharon Stalkfleet 8:00 a.m.

Preachers: Youth and Adult of Germany Trip 10:30 a.m.

Presider: Sharon Stalkfleet

Reader: Geoff Kline; Eva Fields

### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

<b>Sun 7/30</b>	8:00	Worship
	10:30	Worship
<b>Mon 7/31</b>	9:00	Craft Group
<b>Tues 8/1</b>	7:00	Bible Study
	7:30	Evangelism Cmte. meeting
<b>Thu 8/3</b>	7:30	Morning Prayer time- sanctuary
	1:30	Ukuleles
	2:00	LMNH Worship at Crown Bay Nursing
	7:00	Mission & Service Cmte. meeting
<b>Sun 8/6</b>	8:00	Worship
	9:00	Early Coffee Hour
	10:30	Worship

**ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 8:00-14; 10:30-37**

**TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY** Karol Luque in thanksgiving for Trinity's support of the EBLYP.

**TODAY the Sermon** at the 10:30 service will be provided by the Youth and Adults from Trinity who attended the trip to Germany last month. Today's Coffee Hour is hosted by the Germany attendees and is German themed. It also includes a slide show of pictures from the trip. Please come join us!

### 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:** *Slane (Be Thou My Vision)* Wendy Stevens

## 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: *Neither Death nor Life*** #622

### ↑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

Beloved and sovereign God,

**through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### ↓CHILDREN'S SERMON

## WORD

### ↓FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12

*Because Solomon did not ask for long life, riches, or the defeat of his enemies, God gave him what he asked for: wisdom to govern the people well. In verse 13 God gives him additional honor and riches beyond compare.*

<sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup>And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

<sup>10</sup>It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

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

### ↓Psalm 119:129-136

<sup>129</sup>Your de- | crees are wonderful;

therefore I obey them with | all my heart.

<sup>130</sup>**When your word is opened | it gives light; it gives understanding | to the simple.**

<sup>131</sup>I open my | mouth and pant

because I long for | your commandments.

<sup>132</sup>**Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me, as you always do to those who | love your name.**

<sup>133</sup>Order my footsteps | in your word;

let no iniquity have dominion | over me.

<sup>134</sup>**Rescue me from those | who oppress me, and I will keep | your commandments.**

<sup>135</sup>Let your face shine up- | on your servant and teach | me your statutes.

<sup>136</sup>**My eyes shed | streams of tears,  
because people do not | keep your teaching.**

↓ **SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-39**

*These words celebrate the depth of God's actions for us. Through Christ's death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God's love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.*

<sup>26</sup>The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

<sup>28</sup>We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 13:31-33, 44-52**

*Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.*

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;<sup>32</sup>it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds

of the air come and make nests in its branches."

<sup>33</sup>He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

<sup>44</sup>The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup>Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup>on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup>Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup>when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup>"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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

↓ **SERMON:**

↑ **HYMN: We All Believe in One True God**

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↑ **APOSTLES' CREED**

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**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: A Mighty Fortress is Our God**

Alex Luque

↑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: *God of Grace and God of Glory* #705  
*Be Thou My Vision* #793

↑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: *All My Hope on God Is Founded* #757

↑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: *Cwm Rhondda* Paul Manz 1919-2009



Nubia Fleischman, Sister-in-law of Jessica Fleischman  
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.*  
**Marvera Kline (8/5)**

*We especially remember Buena Vista United Methodist Church in Alameda this week in our Trinity Cycle of Prayer.*