

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 today's First Reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

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: Mary Kay Wentz

Coffee Hour: Pastor Sharon

Counters: Jessica Fleischman & Ann Kenyon

Director of Music Ministry: Julie Haydon

Early Coffee Hour: Ray & Mary Kay Wentz

Greeters: Don & Margie Sherratt

Musician: Starr Brown

Nursery: Roberta Salisbury

Prayers: Ann Kenyon; Mardi Groskreutz

Preacher/Presider: Sharon Stalkfleet

Reader: Mark Schoenrock; Mike Luque

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 8:00-11; 10:30-69

TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY Kaye and Ray Fitzsimons in honor and celebration of their 27th Wedding Anniversary.

COMING UP: Family Discovery Concert! Saturday, August 26th 10:30 a.m. Please share information with and invite family, friends, neighbors. A digital flyer is available for you to email (please contact Pastor Sharon or Jessica to receive it) as well as flyers you can take with you on table in narthex. This is an important youth event at Trinity hoping to lead into the development of a youth choir.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sun 8/6	8:00	Worship
	9:00	Early Coffee Hour
	10:30	Worship
Mon 8/7	9:00	Craft Group
Tues 8/8	7:00	Bible Study
Thu 8/10	7:30	Morning Prayer time- sanctuary
	1:30	Ukuleles
	2:00	LMNH Worship at Crown Bay Nursing
	7:00	Mission & Service Cmte. meeting
Sat 8/12	12:00	Bessie Coleman BBQ- hosted by M&S
Sun 8/13	8:00	Worship
	10:30	Worship

COMING UP: Vacation Bible School- August 14th – 18th

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: *Bicentennial (You Satisfy the Hungry Heart)*

Ron Schmoltze b. 1936

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: All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly** #461

↑**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**

Glorious God,

your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

↓**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

WORD

↓**FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5**

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all the people, with promises that previously had been limited to the line of kings. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

- ¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
- ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
- ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen,
so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
- ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
- ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

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

↓**Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21**

- ⁸The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.
- ⁹**LORD, you are | good to all,
and your compassion is over | all your works.**
- ¹⁴The Lord upholds all | those who fall
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.
- ¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD,
and you give them their food | in due season.**
- ¹⁶You open | wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.
- ¹⁷**You are righteous in | all your ways
and loving in | all your works.**
- ¹⁸You are near to all who | call upon you,
to all who call up- | on you faithfully.
- ¹⁹**You fulfill the desire of | those who fear you;
you hear their | cry and save them.**
- ²⁰You watch over all | those who love you,
but all the wicked you | shall destroy.
- ²¹**My mouth shall speak the praise | of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forev- | er and ever.**

↓ **SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5**

This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

↑ **Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21**

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

↓ **SERMON:**

↑ **HYMN: I Come With Joy**

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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.

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MEAL

↓ **FAREWELL AND GODSPEED FOR PHILOPOS GHALY**

↑ **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:** *Down to the River to Pray* arr. Sheldon Curry
Geoff Burnaford and 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**

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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: Lord, whose love in humble service #712**
O Living Bread From Heaven #542

↑**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: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ #674**

↑**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: Holy Manna**

Wendy Stevens



Rich Thomas, Friend of *Elizabeth Madaras*
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*
Evelyn Berger, Gail Cromack Trinity members

We give thanks for the life of those having birthdays this week.
Stan Booker (8/7)

*We especially remember Calvary Baptist Church in Alameda this
week in our Trinity Cycle of Prayer.*