

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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Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

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: Henry Mills

Coffee Hour: Marjorie Garner & Mary Kay Wentz

Counters: Jessica Fleischman & Ray Wentz

Director of Music Ministry: Julie Haydon

Greeters: Nick Hayes

Musician: Starr Brown

Nursery: Roberta Salisbury

Prayers: Sherri Bangert; Chase Beardsley

Preacher/Presider: Sharon Stalkfleet

Reader: Sherri Bangert; Brendan Mills

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 8:00-13; 10:30-48

TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY Nick Hayes & Jessica Fleischman in celebration of August Birthdays of loved ones.

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 8/13	8:00	Worship
	10:30	Worship
Mon 8/14	9:00	Craft Group
	6:00	Vacation Bible School
Tues 8/15	7:00	Bible Study
	6:00	Vacation Bible School
Wed 8/16	6:00	Vacation Bible School
Thu 8/17	7:30	Morning Prayer time- sanctuary
	1:30	Ukuleles
	2:00	LMNH Worship at Crown Bay Nursing
	6:00	Vacation Bible School
Fri 8/18	6:00	Vacation Bible School
Sun 8/20	8:00	Worship
	10:30	Worship- Blessing of the Backpacks

Vacation Bible School begins tomorrow!

Begins at 6pm with dinner. Ends at 7:45pm

This year's theme: **God's Love Flows Through Our Lives.**

Listen to Biblical stories of God and water along with crafts and music. Organized by Mary James with the gifts of Pastor Craig Minich and Director of Music Ministry Julie Haydon and many volunteers.

We hope you will join us- bring friends!

HYMN SING (10:25 a.m.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS (10:30 a.m.)

PRELUDE: *Here I Am, Lord* Frederick Frahm b. 1964

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: *Shout to the Lord* #821

↑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 our defender,
storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid.
Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and

daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

↓FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:9-18

On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in "sheer silence." God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.

⁹At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

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

↓Psalm 85:8-13

⁸I will listen to what the LORD| God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their | hearts to you.

⁹Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell | in our land.

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

¹¹Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.

¹²The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,
and our land will | yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD
and shall prepare for | God a pathway.

↓ SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15

A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them."

⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say?

"The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

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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 fourteenth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

↑ GOSPEL : Matthew 14:22-33

Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith" who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

²²[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds.²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹Jesus

immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

↓ SERMON:

↑HYMN: *Wade in the Water* # 459
Leaders: Anita & Geoff Burnaford

↑ 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.

↓ INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBERS
Steve & Marjorie Garner

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: Gunther & Sophia Hofmann, piano

↑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 172
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.

SENDING

↑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: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* #773
What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine #774

↑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.**

↑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 Things Bright and Beautiful*

*(Refrain): All things bright and beau-ti-ful, all crea-tures great
and small,
All things wise and won-der-ful, the Lord God made them all.*

*1 Each lit-tle flower that o-pens, each lit-tle bird that sings,
God made their glow-ing col-ors, and made their ti-ny wings.
(Refrain)*

*2 The pur-ple head-ed moun-tains, the riv-er run-ning by,
The sun-set and the morn-ing that bright-ens up the sky.
(Refrain)*

*3 The cold wind in the win-ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
The ripe fruits in the gar-den, God made them ev-ery one.
(Refrain)*

*4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
How great is God Al-might-y, who has made all things well.
(Refrain)*

↑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: Psalm XIX (The Heavens Declare)

Benedetto Marcello 1686-1739



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, Linda Domholt, Kate
Ganschow Trinity members

We give thanks for the life of those having birthdays this week.
William Norboe (8/13) Kathy Booker (8/17)
Rob Cabrera (8/19) Deborah Kelly (8/19)

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