



## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

1323 Central Ave, Alameda CA (510) 522-5220  
*Anchored in Faith. Serving Our Neighbor. Singing God's Praise.*

*Mission: To be a caring and diverse community of people who know and share the love of God through Jesus Christ.*

### Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

**Pop-up Sunday**

**August 13, 2023**

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The word "Liturgy" directly translated means "the work of the people."  
Today our service will be "composed" on-the-spot using hymn and song requests and favorite scripture. Our worship today will truly come from our hearts in this moment.

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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!***

*The presence of children is a gift to the church and a reminder that our congregation is growing.  
Please welcome our youngest brothers and sisters and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.*

# ✠ THE SERVICE ✠

## HYMN SING

### ✠ GATHERING ✠

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

#### ↑ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Righteous God,  
**we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.  
God offers boundless grace when we fail.  
Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of ✠ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

#### ↑ HYMN REQUEST

##### ↑ GREETING

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

##### ↑ HYMN OF PRAISE

#### ↓ BLESSING OF THE BACKPAKS

#### ↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, **your Holy Spirit equips the church with a rich variety of gifts. Grant that we may use them to bear witness to Christ in lives that are built on faith and love. Make us ready to live the gospel and eager to do your will, so that we may share with all your church in the joys of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### ✠ WORD ✠

#### ↓ OLD TESTAMENT READING

At the conclusion of the reading:

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

#### ↓ Psalm (read responsively)

#### ↓ NEW TESTAMENT READING

At the conclusion of the reading:

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

#### ↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Page 8 (hymnal insert)

**Alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!**

#### ↑ GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### ↓ SERMON

#### ↓ HYMN REQUEST

#### ↑ APOSTLES' CREED

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Let us profess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**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

*(The congregation is encouraged to take the position which is most prayerful to you.)*

#### ✠ MEAL ✠

##### ↑SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

##### ↓OFFERING

##### ↑ GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise.**

##### ↑PREFACE FOR THE DAY

It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ who calls us to follow his way of humble service and love, and so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

##### ↑HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

##### ↑JESUS' WORDS OF INSTITUTION

##### ↑LORD'S PRAYER

*You are invited to pray in the version or language of your choice.*

**Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

##### ↓INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good. **Thanks be to God**

##### ↓DISTRIBUTION

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. The cup we serve is non-alcoholic. **Gluten-free wafers are offered for those who have need. Please indicate your need to the pastor as you approach to receive the host.** If you do not wish to take communion you may come forward for a blessing or remain seated.*

##### ↓LAMB OF GOD

##### ↑POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

##### ↑PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. We thank you, generous God, **for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

#### ✠ SENDING ✠

##### ↑BLESSING

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed ✠ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. **Amen.**

##### ↓ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### ↑HYMN REQUEST

##### ↑DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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# THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AT TRINITY

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 30

## IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK:

Mon 8/14      *Dine & Connect hosted at Trinity*  
                    9:30am      Craft Group  
Tues 8/15      7:30am      Bible Study (meets on Zoom)  
Wed 8/16      10:00am      Women's Bible Study (meets on Zoom)

## GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. PROJECT AT TRINITY UPDATE!

We are hoping to complete at least 50 kits. We are making great progress on our goal! We are still in need of these items:

\*light weight bath-size towel- brand new- ***THIS ITEM IS COMPLETED- Thank you!***

\*sturdy comb, ***32 more needed*** (you can donate a package of them and we will remove packaging when we compile kits)

\*metal nail clippers- ***39 more needed***

\*bath size bars of soap-in packaging- ***37 more needed***

***All items must be brand new*** Please contact Jessica or Kathy Booker with any questions.

**HAVE YOU FILLED OUT THE SURVEY FROM THE SET TEAM?** If you have not yet filled out your Pastoral Duty Survey from the SET team and need a new one, please find copies in the narthex this morning. You may return your survey to the offering plate, in the mail slot in Jessica's door or give your survey to a member of the SET team (Anita, Karol, Ken, Chuck or Stan). Thank you for your valuable input!

**JESSICA'S POSTED OFFICE HOURS** Jessica's Thursday office hours will be in flux over the next several weeks while she cares for the needs of Jason as recovers from illness and upcoming heart surgery . She will be working remotely, and is available by email or text/phone call and by appointment if you need to see her in the office.

## STEEPED IN STORIES

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

William Norboe (8/13)

Kathy Booker (8/17)

Rob Cabrera (8/19)

## Visits from Pastor Stephanie

If you would appreciate a visit from Pastor Stephanie, she is available by phone, text or email to make an appointment. She is happy to visit with you in your home, at her office, or a location of your convenience.

## Pastor's Office Hours

*Mon-10:00-Noon; Tues. 9am-Noon; Thurs.-10:00-Noon*

You can reach Pastor Stephanie on her cell phone at (510) 846-0883