



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Pop-Up Hymns & Popcorn Sunday August 16, 2026

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In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

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. We invite you to join us in our commitment to being an anti-racist, LGBTQIA+ embracing, community- loving congregation.

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 ✝

↓ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parents/caregivers of children who are six or younger are welcome to take their children to the children's room during the worship service for childcare. If you are new or visiting Trinity, please see a greeter who will show you where the children's room is located. You are welcome to bring them back for a blessing during communion or pick them up at the conclusion of worship.

↓ HYMN REQUEST

✝ 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, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **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 REQUEST

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of all peoples, **your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

✝ WORD ✝

↓ FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1,6-8

¹ Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,

to minister to him, to love the name of the

LORD,

and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

↓ Psalm 67

(read responsively)

¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

² **Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide
all the nations on earth.**

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁶ **The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷ May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of
the earth stand in awe.

↓SECOND READING Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

[Paul writes:] ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a} God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

↑GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Page 205

Alleluia. Lord and Savior; open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

↑GOSPEL Matthew 14:22-33

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.-**

¹⁰ [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand:¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³ He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶ Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started

shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

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

↓SERMON

↓HYMN REQUEST

↑ APOSTLES' CREED p. 105

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.)

You may choose to sit or stand as you are comfortable.

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

For believers around the world who stream to your holy mountain, that all be united in faith and harmony in the body of Christ. Let your church on earth be a witness to the beloved community of your heavenly kingdom. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For your wondrous creation, that it thrives and flourishes as you intend. Raise up wise stewards to defend the natural world against carelessness and destruction. Safeguard endangered species and their habitats. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the nations of the world and all in authority, that they heed the cry of the outcast and ensure care for the most vulnerable. Give wisdom to leaders of countries, congregations, and communities, that they lead and serve justly. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all who are lonely, grieving, or struggling with chronic pain, that they find comfort, community, and hope. Send relief to all who struggle with illness of any kind, especially *Chuck LaBel, Paul Meola, Laura Meola, Starr Brown, Chuck Willow, Lily, Sister Pat Nagle, Bonnie Levo, Elizabeth Madaras, Lyla Hanson, Dennis Assid, Juliane Pew, Tracie Rasmussen, Harry Olsen, Jose Hernandez, Tanas and his parents, Paul M., Sonya, Michelle Koka, Nevi Zabitski, Ann Kenyon, Ginny Parsons, Lou O'Connell, Ryan Simpson, Peter Dow, Constance Farber, Alan Petersen, Annalise Simmons, Helen Pedersen, Tricia, Nancy Stich, Patricia Runo, Michael Rasmussen, Kate Ganschow, Michael Lamb, Maddy Pearce, and Dorothy Wingire.* Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the ministries of your Word, for Trinity Church Council, Trinity's Call Committee, the priesthood of all believers, Alameda Christian Science Church, the Lutheran Church of Kagitumba in Rwanda and our Sunday School. We give thanks for the fullness of the lives of Kathy Booker and Pam Lothian as they celebrate their birthdays this week. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For this congregation, for visitors and those new to this faith community, that all may recognize the presence of Christ in each new face. Draw this community together in love and strengthen it in unwavering faith. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

At this time, you are invited to pray the prayers of your heart, either silently or aloud.

A moment is offered for prayers from the congregation

For the saints before us whose work is done, that their faithful example continues to direct your church. May their witness remind us that your gifts and calling are irrevocable, whether in life or death. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

✠ **MEAL** ✠

↑ **SHARING THE PEACE**

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

↓ **OFFERING**

↑ **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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, 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, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, in the highest. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-sanna in the high-est, ho-sanna in the high-est.

↑ **JESUS' WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

↑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

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!
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

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O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

↑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. Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

↑BLESSING

↑HYMN REQUEST

↓DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

↓HYMN REQUEST

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AT TRINITY

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 38

IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK:

Mon 8/17	9:30am	Craft Group
Tues 8/18	6:30pm	Call Committee meeting
Wed 8/19	7:30am	Early Morning Bible Study (meets on Zoom)
	10:00am	Women's Bible Study
Sun 8/23	9:30am	Worship

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! OUR ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST DINNER will take place on Saturday, September 5th at 4:30pm. Details are on the last page of this bulletin. Please see the sign-up sheet in the church entryway to reserve your spot and share the flyer with anyone you think might be interested in joining the fun!

THE MIDWAY SHLETER MEAL for next Sunday, August 23rd, needs some volunteers. Please see the sign-u sheet in the church entryway if you can provide a portion of the meal.

WE ARE SEEKING TWO MORE VOLUNTEERS TO HELP with weekly communion set-up and clean up. Might this be you? It requires a once a month commitment, set on rotation. It's pretty easy and we will show you the ropes! Please let Jessica or Pastor Jill know if you can help this way.

2026 GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. KITS This year the Mission & Service Committee would like to complete a different kit for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). We'll be compiling baby kits on September 13th after worship. Our goal is to make at least 25 kits, and we need your help! Please look for the shopping list and instructions from LWR beginning next Sunday. We'll be collecting items through August 22nd. In addition to the baby kits, we will also be compiling dinner-in-a-bag kits for our Blessing Box and for distribution at Dine & Connect dinner nights. More information on what food items we need for these kits will be available soon.

We currently have: 4 of 50 sleeper gowns; 3 of 50 receiving blankets; 18 of 50 pairs of socks; 8 of 25 hand towels; 8 of 50 bars of soap. Please see the insert in your bulletin to see if you would like to contribute one of the needed items on the list.

Please note: onesie t-shirts can not be provided, nothing with snaps at the bottom or footed pajamas.

COFFE HOUR NEEDS SOME HOSTS- Please see the sign-up sheet in the entryway if you would like to sign up.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Kathy Booker (8/17)
Pam Lothian (8/19)

*Today's flowers are provided by Lynn Cunningham
in honor and celebration of Lin Rafferty's Birthday*

Assisting in Worship

Assisting Minister: John Kofranek
Reader: Mary James
Greeters: Kristin Moeller & Gunther Hofmann
Children's Attendant: Jessica Fleischman
Coffee Hour: Marvera Kline
Altar Guild: Marvera Kline

Assisting in Worship 8/23

Assisting Minister: Matt Montoya
Reader: Stan Booker
Greeters: Marvera Kline & Mark Schoenrock
Children's Attendant: Kaye Fitzsimons
Coffee Hour: Margie Sherratt
Altar Guild: Joanne Robinson

Next week's lessons:

Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

A vertical poster for Trinity Lutheran Church's 4th Annual Oktoberfest. The poster has a light beige background with a decorative border of blue diamonds. At the top, two golden wheat stalks flank the text "Trinity Lutheran Church invites you to our 4th Annual OKTOBERFEST". The date and time "Saturday, September 5, 2026 at 4:30 pm" are centered below. A dotted line separates this from the price "\$25 per person". Below the price, the menu "Brats, red cabbage, sauerkraut, German potato salad, German Apple Cake" is listed, followed by "Beer and Wine available for purchase (cash/check only)". Another dotted line leads to "LIVE MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT!". The bottom section contains contact information: "RSVP needed by August 30th to: trinityalameda@gmail.com or (510) 522-5220", the church name "Trinity Lutheran Church", and the address "1323 Central Ave., Alameda". At the bottom left is an illustration of a pretzel, and at the bottom right is an illustration of a beer mug with foam.