



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sunday, July 19th, 2026
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**
Let us confess our sin to God.

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.

Opening Hymn: O Holy Spirit Enter In

No. 786

O Holy Spirit, Enter In



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, and in our hearts your
2 Left to our - selves, we sure - ly stray; oh, lead us on the
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your good Word in



work be - gin, and make our hearts your dwell - ing. Sun of the soul,
nar - row way, with wis - est coun - sel guide us; and give us stead -
doubt and strife be in us strong - ly burn - ing, that we be faith -



O Light di - vine, a - round and in us bright - ly shine, your strength
fast - ness, that we may fol - low you for - ev - er free, no mat -
ful un - to death and live in love and ho - ly faith, from you



in us up - well - ing. In your ra - diance life from heav - en now is
ter who de - rides us. Gent - ly heal those hearts now bro - ken; give some
true wis - dom learn - ing. Lord, your mer - cy on us show - er; by your



giv - en o - ver - flow - ing, gift of gifts be - yond all know - ing.
to - ken you are near us, whom we trust to light and cheer us.
pow - er Christ con - fess - ing, we will cher - ish all your bless - ing.

Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

Refrain

Kwa - ke *Ye - su* *na - si - ma* *- ma,* *ndi - ye*
 Here on Je - sus Christ I will stand. He's the

mwam - ba *ni* *sa - la -* *ma.* *Ndi - ye* *mwam - ba* *ni* *sa - la -*
 sol - id rock of my life. He's the sol - id rock of my

ma, *ndi - ye* *mwam -* *ba* *ni* *sa - la* *- ma.*
 life. He's the sol - id rock of my life.

1 There's no oth - er place I can hide till the
 2 It is not the work of my hands that has
 3 When my days on this earth are done, and I

storm that rag - es sub - sides. My voice cries to God from the
 washed a - way all my sins. I'm re - deemed, and all of my
 stand at God's ho - ly throne, my heart will not have an - y

Refrain

flood, and I'm saved be - cause of his blood.
 days, Je - sus Christ will be my heart's praise.
 fear; in Christ's righ - teous - ness I am here.

First Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
 and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
 I am the first, and I am the last; besides me there is no god.

⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it;
 let them declare and set it forth before me.
 Who has announced from of old the things to come?
 Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸ Do not fear or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it?
 You are my witnesses!
 Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 86:11-17

¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

¹² **I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name forevermore.**

¹³ For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the pit of death.

¹⁴ **The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people
seeks my life; they have not set you before their eyes.**

¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

¹⁶ **Turn to me and have mercy on me;
give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your
handmaid.**

¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be
put to shame; because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live
according to the flesh—¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if
by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who
are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit
of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we
cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we
are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with
Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing
with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager
longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected
to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope
²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will
obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers
together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who
have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the
redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is
not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we
do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The holy gospel according to Matthew,
Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.

⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Message

Sermon

Pastor Jen Herrmann

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Bring forth the kingdom



1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the king-dom of God!
 2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the cit - y of God!
 3 You are a seed of the word, O peo-ple: bring forth the king-dom of God!
 4 We are a blest and a pil - grim peo-ple: bound for the king-dom of God!



Share the fla - vor of life, O peo - ple: life in the king-dom of God!
 Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple: shine for the king-dom of God!
 Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of jus - tice, grow in the king-dom of God!
 Love our jour - ney and love our home - land: love is the king-dom of God!



Bring forth the king - dom of mer - cy, bring forth the



king - dom of peace; bring forth the king - dom of jus - tice,



bring forth the cit - y of God!

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
 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

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

God our source, protect your church from those who sow weeds among the wheat. Where we trade grace for judgment, restore us, and where we get lost among the complexities of life, guide us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our creator, sustain creation in places not easily seen; the depths of oceans, microscopic plants and animals, galaxies beyond our own. May we share earth's dedication to hope for what we do not yet see. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our soil, we yearn to live on your lands and waters with justice and in righteousness. Renew the hearts of all in authority, that our leaders guide wisely toward the flourishing of all. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our rock, be a source of constancy for those whose lives have been uprooted by war, eviction, global climate change, unemployment, harassment, false witness to their character, or illness or injury. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our teacher, guide and provide for all summer camp staff and campers, daycare professionals, librarians, summer school educators and coaches, teachers preparing for the coming academic year, and youth becoming first-time babysitters. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our hope, the message of your salvation is planted among us in all times and places. We give you thanks for the witness of all the saints who shine like the sun in your presence. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

Offertory (Usher please bring the offering to the altar)

Offertory Song: God is Love (sing two or three times)

No. 1041

God Is Love

God is love. God is love; let us love one an -

oth-er as God first loved us. God is love.

God is love. God is love.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is in the Treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the Bass clef. The lyrics are written below the Treble staff. The score consists of three systems of music. The first system has two lines of music. The second system has two lines of music. The third system has two lines of music. The lyrics are: 'God is love. God is love; let us love one an -' on the first line, 'oth-er as God first loved us. God is love.' on the second line, and 'God is love. God is love.' on the third line. The music ends with a double bar line.

Offertory Prayer

Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**

The 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 our thanks and praise.

Preface

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



Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars; beneath the sea;
within each cell; with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water; by night and day;
across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

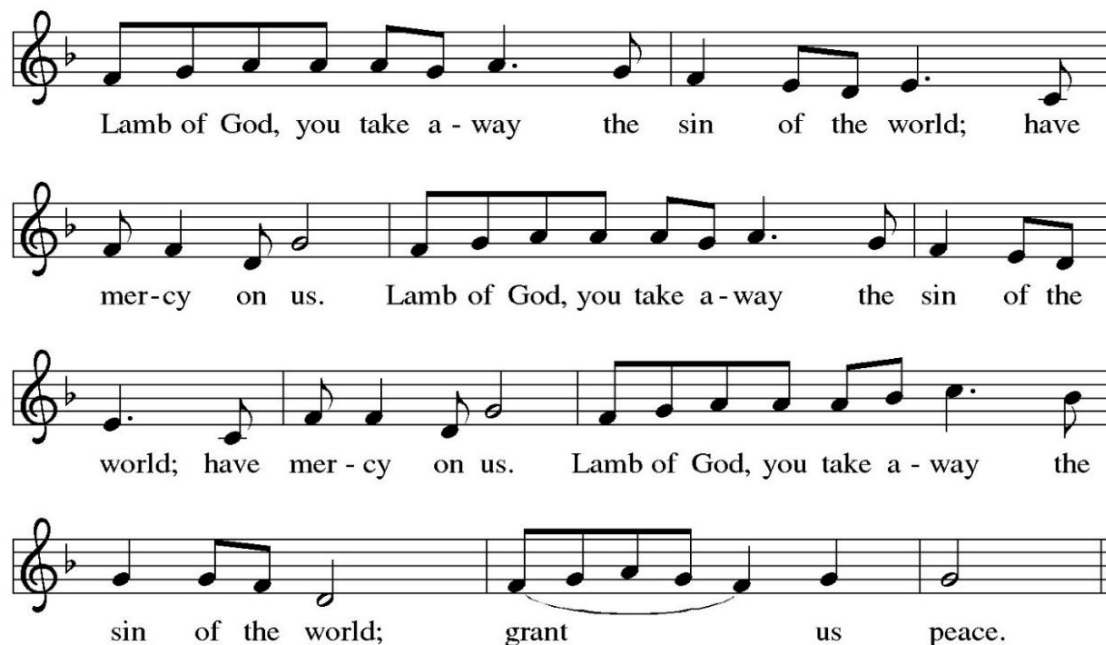
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

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

Lamb of God



Communion Hymn: Loaves Were Broken

No. 966

The LORD your God 
is in your midst...
He will rejoice over you
★ ★ with joy,
★ He will be quiet
in His love. 
Zephaniah 3:17, NASB

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us

Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions

heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
 gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
 a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
 hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

Refrain

By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your
 wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your
 peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Table Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace now and forever. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

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.**

Blessing

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,

✝ one God,

bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Sing to the Lord of Harvest

No. 694

Sing to the Lord of Harvest



1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest your songs of love and praise;
2 God makes the clouds drop fat - ness, the des - erts bloom and spring,
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good-ness gave,



with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise;
the hills leap up in glad - ness, the val - leys laugh and sing.
the gold - en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save.



by him the roll - ing sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;
God fills them with his full - ness, all things with large in - crease,
Your hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall,



sing to the Lord of har - vest a joy - ous song of love.
and crowns the year with good - ness, with plen - ty and with peace.
and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.

Dismissal.

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00...

Pastor:	Pastor Jen Herrmann
Lectors:	Russ Stephens
Communion Assistant:	Guy Miller
Usher:	Greg Norman & Rich Miller
Acolyte:	Ryan Wiedenheft

At 10:30...

Pastor:	Pastor Jen Herrmann
Communion Assistant:	Gayle Thompson
Lectors:	Natalie Thompson
Usher:	Barb Sessler & Denny Sessler
Acolyte:	

July Altar Care: Sheryl Miller, Cathy Wobser, Candy Beatty

PRAYER CONCERNS

For those impacted by tornado outbreaks and severe weather; FAITH members, including Ruby Stierhoff; Roman Catholic parishes of Sandusky; greater Sandusky healthcare workers.

Pastor Jen can be contacted at 419-822-7630 or jen.herrmann@gmail.com

Offering plates are in the entryways by the bulletins. If you forgot to leave your offering, an usher or pastor can help you find them after the service.

ATTENDANCE: July 12th: 64 + 22 = 86

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS

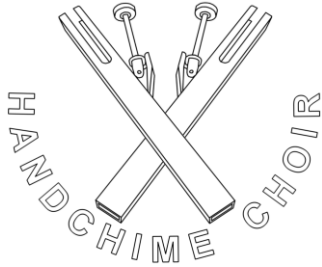
General Fund: \$3,484.00

Building Improvements: \$235.00

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Craig & Betsy Stierhoff, Douglas, TJ, Kimberly, and Alex in honor of Barbara Lindstrom's birthday on the 21st, Ruby Stierhoff & Kimberly Otto's birthday on the 26th, and in memory of Jerry Lindstrom.

This Week at Trinity

TODAY	Communion Service	8:00 am & 10:30 am
WEDNESDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	7:00 pm
SATURDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	11:00 am
SUNDAY	Service of Word & Prayer Chime Practice	8:00 am & 10:30am 9:15 – 10 am

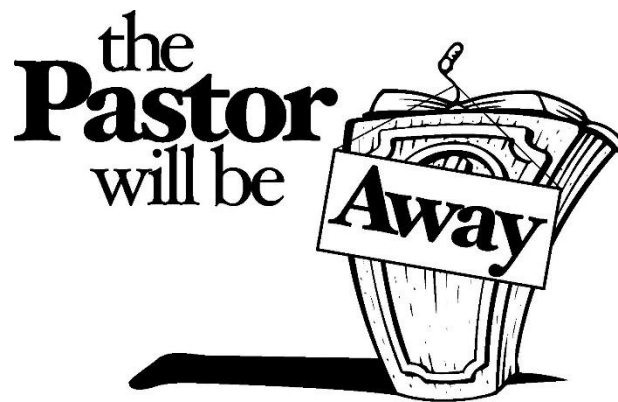


Next Sunday, July 26th & August 2nd from 9:15 – 10am will be chime practice.

Do you have any spare Christmas cookie cutters? The Sunday school team is looking for cookie cutters for a project. Donations will be accepted now through this fall.

Please share your stories of Trinity! You can email or drop off in the office or offering plate.

CHURCH
Anniversary
PREPARATIONS



Pastor Jen will be on vacation **July 30th – August 4th**.