

*The Evangelical Lutheran Church
of the Holy Trinity
Greenville, Pennsylvania*

*The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 14, 2022*

Welcome in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ! If you come as a visitor today, we hope you will leave as a friend. We count it a privilege and a blessing to have you with us in worship. If you are not presently a member of any congregation, please feel welcome to gather with us around Jesus in this community of his disciples at Holy Trinity. Come and worship with us again!

We welcome and encourage children of all ages to be in worship. Sitting with children in a front pew and giving them the seat on the center aisle helps them to see and participate in our worship. For children who are present in worship, there are coloring and activity pages with crayons available in the narthex. They are located by the coat rack on the bottom shelf of the pamphlet rack. Please return the unused pages, clipboard, and crayons after the service. If children need a break, there is a TV set up in Roth Library so parents can watch the worship live-stream. Toys are hidden in the cabinets under the bookcases closest to the door.

Invitation to Communion: Holy Communion is the body and blood of Jesus Christ by which our Lord is truly present to forgive sin and bring life and salvation. All baptized Christians who believe this promise are welcome to commune. Parents with children are encouraged to come to the altar together. Children who do not yet receive communion will receive the blessing of the Church from the Pastor.

Procedure for Communing: We will be using a form of processional communion. An usher will release each pew to come forward at a time to avoid a long line in the aisle. Pick up a communion cup on either side at the first pew. The pastor will place a host in your open palm. Turn to either the left or right side to the deacon or communion assistant to receive wine. After consuming the host and wine, pour any remaining wine into the container, then discard your cup. Children who have not yet received their First Holy Communion should come forward for a blessing. Please maintain social distance between non-family members.

Gluten-free wafers are available; let Pastor know when you come forward to receive.

Liturgy of Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m.

The assembly's responses are in bold type.

Significance of the Day: The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great “cloud of witnesses.” In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, “the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.”

Gathering

Prelude

Greeting / Announcements

(The assembly stands as the leader enters.)

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

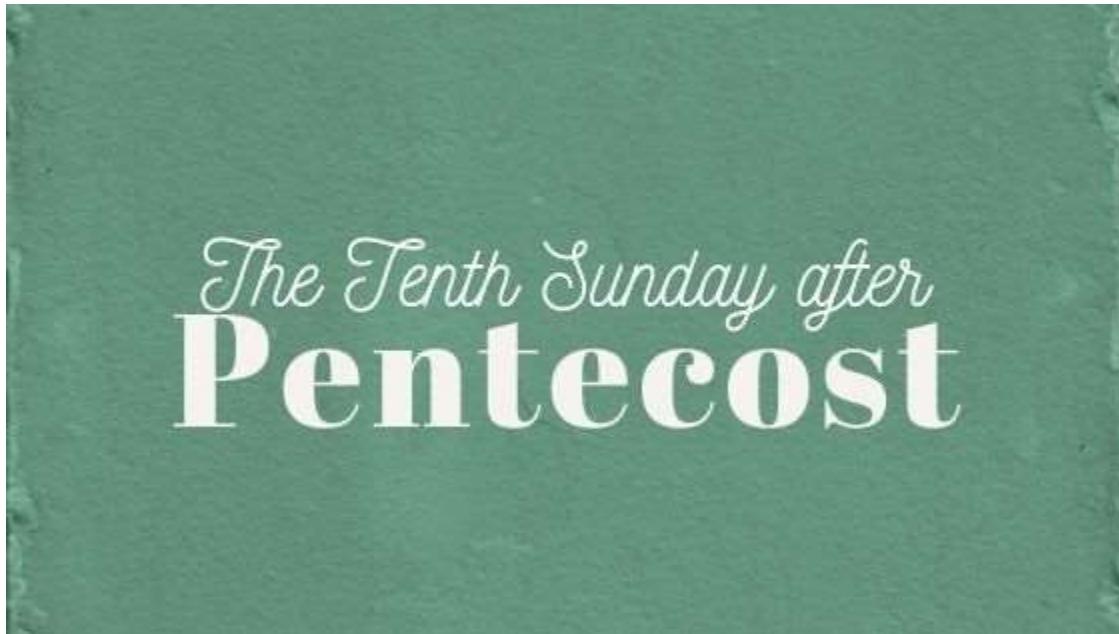
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(The assembly remains standing. Silence is kept for reflection.)

Gracious God,
have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.

Amen.



The Gathering Song

Listen, God Is Calling

Refrain

Leader All

Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,

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ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All

Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.
1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*

Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.
that he came to save us and set us free.
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

Apostolic Greeting

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

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(The assembly is seated.)

Word

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:23-29

A reading from Jeremiah:

23 Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? 24 Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. 25 I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" 26 How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back -- those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? 27 They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. 28 Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. 29 Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 82 (*The Psalm will be spoken responsively.*)

¹God stands to charge the divine coun- ¹cil assembled,
giving judgment in the midst ¹of the gods:

²“**How long will you ¹judge unjustly,
and show favor ¹to the wicked?**

³Save the weak ¹and the orphan;
defend the hum- ¹ble and needy;

⁴**rescue the weak ¹and the poor;
deliver them from the power ¹of the wicked.**

⁵They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander a- ¹bout in darkness; all the foundations of the ¹earth are shaken.

⁶**Now I say to you, ¹‘You are gods,
and all of you children of ¹the Most High;**

⁷nevertheless, you shall ¹die like mortals,
and fall like ¹any prince.’”

⁸**Arise, O God, and ¹rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations ¹for your own.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2

A reading from Hebrews:

29 By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. 30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days.

31 By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

32 And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets – 33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, 34 quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. 35 Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. 36 Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. 37 They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they

were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented - 38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

39 Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40 since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(The assembly stands.)

Gospel Acclamation

(The gospel acclamation will be spoken on Saturday and Sunday.)

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

The Holy Gospel

Luke 12:49-56

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said:

49 “I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! 50 I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! 51 Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! 52 From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; 53 they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

54 He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. 55 And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. 56 You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

(The assembly is seated.)

The Sermon

Max Hildebrand

(As the organ sounds the assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.)

Hymn of the Day

In a Far-Off Place, Jesus Comes

1 In a far - off place, Je - sus comes to earth.
 2 For the poor in heart, Je - sus comes to earth.
 3 In our deep - est night, Je - sus comes to earth:

Sheep and cat - tle grace the site. As the
 Hum - ble shep - herds start the news. For each
 ra - diant star to light our way. Sum-mer's

an - gel songs be - gin, like the whis - per of the wind,
 home-less in - fant born, for the meek and those who mourn,
 heat or win - ter's chill, with a warm and lov - ing will,

na - ture's hope a - wakes a - gain; Je - sus comes.
 for the wear - y and the worn, Je - sus comes.
 to a world that needs him still, Je - sus comes.

With the whole church, we confess our faith.

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

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer, responding, Merciful God, receive our prayer.

A brief silence.

Arise, O God, and sustain your church. We pray for all who dedicate their lives to serving your people. Renew our commitment to our siblings in faith around the globe, and bless the work of our ecumenical and interfaith partners. We pray for our church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, as it completes its time in Churchwide Assembly. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Michael; our pastors, worship leaders, musicians and teachers. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Arise, O God, and sustain your creation. We pray for all places affected by natural disasters. Transform the devastation of floods and fires into fertile ground for new life and growth. Bring rain where it is needed. Fill heaven and earth with your life-giving Spirit. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Arise, O God, and sustain the nations. We pray for all elected officials. Kindle in them a desire to administer your justice. Strengthen their resolve to defend those who are vulnerable and to stand publicly against all forms of oppression. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Arise, O God, and sustain those who are oppressed. We pray for people harmed by racist discrimination, ableist discrimination, and all people discriminated against based on their gender identity or sexual orientation. Rescue us from all systems that degrade our fellow human beings. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Arise, O God, and sustain this assembly. We pray for this community, celebrating with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep. In our joy and in our tears, be near us. We pray for our youth leading our Sunday worship, that you may gift them faith throughout their lives. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, we remember the saints who have gone before us, especially Carl and Gerald. May we run with perseverance the race set before us until we find our rest in you. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Are there others for whom we should pray?

P: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.
Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*(The assembly greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace saying,
"Peace be with you. And also with you.")*

(The assembly is seated.)

Meal

Offering

Music during Offering How Great Thou Art *sung by Hannah McKinney*

(The assembly stands.)

Offertory Verse (Stanza 1 only)

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you
 call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you
 lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you open your hand, filling our lives with all good things and renewing the face of the earth. We offer these gifts in thanksgiving for all that we have received from your bounty. Accept them for the sake of him who offered his life for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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.

Lord's Prayer

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

**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.**

Breaking of Bread

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ.

When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all is now ready.

(The assembly is seated)

This is Christ's Body

This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with

mer-cy and love. with mer - cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,

bro - ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

Anointing Fall On Me

Music for two voices. Treble clef, key of G major (two sharps). Bass clef, key of G major (two sharps). The lyrics are: "A - noint - ing fall on me."

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Music for two voices. Treble clef, key of G major (two sharps). Bass clef, key of G major (two sharps). The lyrics are: "Let the pow-er of the Ho - ly Ghost fall on me."

Music for two voices. Treble clef, key of G major (two sharps). Bass clef, key of G major (two sharps). The lyrics are: "A - noint - ing fall on me."

(The assembly stands.)

Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and preserve us unto eternal life.

Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

O God of love, you bind us to yourself in this sacrament, and strengthen us through this meal for service to the world. Guide us by your Spirit that we may forever witness to the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord of life.

Amen.

Our Prayer for These Times

Let us pray together our prayer for these times.

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending

Blessing

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

Neither Death Nor Life

Refrain - All

Neither death, nor life, nor an-gels, nor rul-ers, nor
 trials in the pres-ent, nor an - y trial to come, nei - ther height, nor
 depth, nor all of cre - a - tion can ev - er sep - a - rate us
 from the love of God poured out in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

Leader or All

1 Dwell in the one who raised Christ from the dead; though your
 2 All who are led by the Spir-it shall live as
 3 All of the suf - f'ring we now must en - dure is
 4 All of cre - a - tion a - waits the new birth, the
 5 Who can sep - a - rate us from the love of Christ? Will

bod-y shall die, in Christ you shall rise through the
 chil - dren of God, and heirs with Christ Je - sus, God's a -
 noth - ing to the glo - ry so soon to be re - vealed when cre -
 full - ness of re - demp - tion, through la - bor pains of love, and
 hard - ship or dis - tress, per - se - cu - tion or fam - ine, or
 Refrain
 Spir - it who brings you to life.
 Refrain
 dopt - ed and cho - sen and loved.
 Refrain
 a - tion it - self is set free.
 Refrain
 so we wait in pa - tience and hope.
 Refrain
 na - ked - ness or per - il or sword?

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Serving Saturday

Presiding Minister Pastor Brenda Martin

Organist Maidene Hackett

Liturgical Deacon Catherine Mott

Serving Today

Presiding Hannah McKinney and Sydney Balas

Preaching Max Hildebrand

Musician Zach Morgan

Communion Assistants Sydney Balas, Hannah McKinney and Jackson Weaver

Lectors Hailey McKinney, Jackson Weaver and Sydney Balas

Reading Intercessions Gianna Weaver, Clara Balas and Hailey McKinney

Head Usher Johnmichael Weaver

Ushers Greg Hootman, Brycen Miller, Zach Hootman, Jeremy Miller, Vance Martin-Call and Maeve Martin-Call

Pastors in residence:

The Rev. Martin Roth, pastor emeritus, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

The Rev. Julia Fraser, chaplain at St. Paul Homes

The Rev. Brian Riddle, campus pastor, Thiel College

The Rev. Dr. Curtis Thompson, retired, Thiel College

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Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Herbert and Janet Gebert by their family.

This Week at Holy Trinity

Sunday August 14, 2022 10th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
7:00 p.m. AA Big Book Meeting

Tuesday August 16, 2022

6:30 p.m. Congregational Council
7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

Thursday August 18, 2022

7:00 p.m. Happy Hour (zoom)

Saturday August 20, 2022

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday August 21, 2022 11th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Book of Ruth women's study group
7:00 p.m. AA Big Book Meeting

Tuesday August 23, 2022

9:00 a.m. Flying Quilts
7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

Thursday August 25, 2022

7:00 p.m. Happy Hour (zoom)

Saturday August 27, 2022

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

Please Pray For

Permission is necessary to add a person to the prayer list. Please ask before you call the office. Thanks.

Health and Healing:

Gloria Spargo	Carol Seidle (friend of Betty K. Junk)
Jim Shafer (brother of Linda Saverino)	Paula (friend of Fran Black)
Kevin Hand (friend of Johnmichael Weaver)	Rae Johnson
David Miller (friend of John Logan)	Laurie Sailer (friend of Rich & Denise Hall)
Dixie Locke (Friend of Betty K. Junk)	Phil Kennedy (friend of John Logan)
Joel Morrison (friend of Rich & Denise Hall)	Irlean Dragen (mother of Billie Hollenbaugh)
Nancy Stanley (friend of Betty K. Junk)	Marie Eaves
Billie Hollenbaugh	Dave Hollenbaugh
James Logan (brother of John Logan)	Tillie Schell
Vicki Zafft (cousin of Betty K. Junk)	Henry Heil
Valerie Murrin (Sister-in-law of Jill Murrin)	Fred Junk (husband of Betty K. Junk)
Denise Hall	Donnie K. (friend of Wayne & Darla Swift)
Mary Alice Dean	Lori McCann
Cosmo Pomponio (uncle of Mary Reames)	Jim Shaffer
Alan Harris (friend of the Heils, Learys, Omans and Mary Reames)	Nancy (friend of Linda Armstrong)
Donnie Littelle (friend of Rich & Denise Hall)	Brenda (sister-in-law of Betty K. Junk)
	Dillon (friend of Ed Pitcher & Beth Harpst)
	Belle (granddaughter of Linda Bateman)

Christ's comfort for those who grieve the death of:

Lisa Jo Barrett (sister of Rusty Saverino)

Carl Long (husband of Bonnie Long)

Wray Bittel (brother of Jim and Nancy Bittel)

In Military Service

Specialist (SPC) Andrew McCall, Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, Colorado (son of Mark and Jane McCall, grandson of Karen McKay and the late Jim McKay)

Sgt. First Class Nicholas Carman, US Army, Fredericksburg, Virginia (grandson of Nancy Ullstrom)

Admiral Richard Childs, Assistant Surgeon General of the USA (nephew of Harvey Childs)

CAPT. Ryan Leary, USN, Planning Officer, 7th Fleet, Yokosuka, Japan (son of David and Judy Leary)

Tim Ross, Navy Special Forces, (grandson of Rae Johnson, nephew of Lori McEwen)

Holy Trinity member, Garrett Daniello, Army National Guard, (son of Todd and Tammy Daniello, grandson of Georgia Perkins, grandnephew of Bonnie and Carl Long)

Holy Trinity member, SrA Stephanie Kovack, Air Force Reserve, 910th Youngstown Air Reserve Station