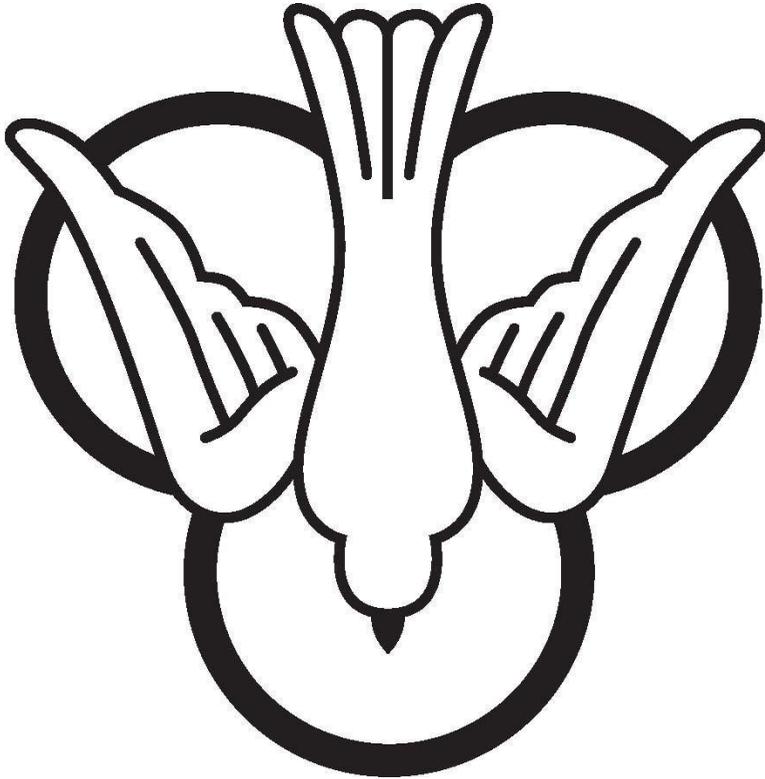


The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 2021



**TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
EAST BERLIN, PENNSYLVANIA**

Trinity's Prayer Concerns

Biles Family	Pixie Henry	Barb Mummert	Logan Siekerman
Louise Boyer	Jack Hinkle	Wayne Mummert	Kim Smith
Sandy Boyer	Pr. Terry McCarthy	Noah Rinehart	Phyllis Snyder
Skip Boyer	Theresa McGee	Luther Rinehart	Christopher Teal
Louise Haugh			

Trinity's Homebound Members

Esther Baker	Nancy Brodbeck	Louise Eisenhart	Dottie Mae Eisenhart
Doris Edris	Itoe Hoak	Flo Jones	Phyllis Spahr

Other Family & Friends:

Heather Artz (Bonnie Boyer)
Stephanie Barliev (Kim Smith)
Steve Boyer (Bonnie Boyer)
Mike Brady (Mac McMaster)
Seville Brown (Livingston)
Vittoria Brown (Bonnie Boyer)
Valerie Bushey (Bob King)
Susan Caler (Noelle Kline)
Joan Cave (Pr. Terry McCarthy)
Gail Campbell (Pam Eisenhart)
Roger Cunningham (Joyce Wolf)
Alan DeGroft (Karen Sheaffer)
Leah Dillon & Family (Kay Hinkle)
Malaya Gohn (Jen Guiher)
Clifford Hafer (Shelly Livingston)
Joann Hinkle (Judy Burgard)
David Holtzinger (Kathy Kuhn)
Larry Holtzinger (Crackett)
Brittany Horst (Manzullo)
Elena Grace Hull (Janae Hull)
Tom Hyers (Noelle Kline)



Chris & Susie Klass (Bonnie Boyer)
Dolores Kmetz (Judy Burgard)
Kristine Kosack (Leah Dillon)
Lynn Kotula (Susan Smith)
Nancy Lewis (Bonnie Boyer)
Donna & Joe Linn (Bonnie Boyer)
Ruth Lusk (Bonnie Shue)
Betty Markle (Bonnie Boyer)
Jay Mummert (Judy Burgard)
Sandra Quier (Ali Long)
Larry Reily (Eva Boyer)
Chuck Ross & Spouse (Manzullo)
Mike & Aiden Schrek (Kay Hinkle)
Family of Brian Slater (Livingston)
Everly Grace Williams (Hoffman)
Family of Paula Wolf (Dona Lerew)
Edward Yale (Herman)
First Responders and those serving in the military and healthcare

Friends & Family Prayer List: The prayer list for family & friends has been updated. Any names submitted will be kept for 4 weeks unless a longer period is requested. Please let Bonnie Boyer bonnie0879@verizon.net or the secretary@trinitylutheraneb.org know if you need to have someone added to the list.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” J. Wayne Kerr

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our comforter,

like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

ELW 858



- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
- 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
if with his love he be - friend you.
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

***GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. . .

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 35:4-7a

These verses are a word of hope to the exiles in Babylon. Isaiah 34 portrays God's vengeance on Edom, Israel's age-old enemy, which makes the path from Babylon to Zion safe for the exiles' return. The desert itself will flow with water to give drink to the returning exiles.

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

L Word of God, Word of Life.

C **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 146

¹Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, ¹O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long ¹ as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I ¹ have my being.

³Put not your ¹ trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there ¹ is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,**

and in that day ¹ their thoughts perish.

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob ¹ for their help,

whose hope is in the ¹ LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that ¹ is in them;**

who keeps promises forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to ¹ those who

hunger. The LORD sets the ¹ captive free.

⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who ¹ are**

bowed down; the LORD ¹ loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD cares ¹ for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way ¹ of the wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall ¹ reign forever,**

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. ¹ Hallelujah!

Here ends the Psalm

SECOND LESSON: James 2:1-17

Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip service to God's will. Instead, a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there,"

or, “Sit at my feet,” ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [¹¹For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

L Word of God, Word of Life.

C **Thanks be to God**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

*HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 7:24-37

P The Holy Gospel according to St Mark, the 7th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to

him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.



SERMON

Rev. Susan McCarthy

***HYMN OF THE DAY** "Healer of Our Every Ill"

ELW 612

Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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***APOSTLES' CREED**

Let us confess our faith, using 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 THE PEOPLE**

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world,
and all in need. *A brief silence.*

Holy One, you bring your people together; enliven your church. Lord, in your
mercy,
hear our prayer.

You provide water and sunshine to nourish the earth; bless your creation. Lord,
in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You show no partiality; unite your human family. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You accompany those in need; shelter your children. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You support the work of your disciples; continue to inspire us. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You hold close all who have died; remind us of your promises to all of creation. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us take a few moments to share a sign of Christ's Peace with one another.

OFFERING

*Thank you for your contributions to the ministries we share here at Trinity!
Your giving of your time, talent, and treasure is undeniably the work of God
through our hands. You empower God's work in our community and across the
world. Thank you!*

OFFERTORY *“Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring”* ELW 691



2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.



What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, b. 1957
Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune
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***OFFERING PRAYER**

A Let us pray.

C **God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



*GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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.

***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.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Feast and be satisfied!

Thanks be to God!

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Worshippers are invited to come forward in the center aisle to receive the sacrament in continuous flow from the pastor; you may return to your seat or stand at the chancel rail while consuming the Meal. Please return to your seats via the side aisles. Anyone worshipping on-line or at home and wishing to receive the sacrament should call the church office to make arrangements with Pastor Susan or another eucharistic minister.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C **Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*BENEDICTION

P People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, † one God, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE “*Whatever God Ordains is Good*” Johann Gottfried Walther



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assisting in the Service Today: Assisting Minister: Chris Long; Lector: Jayne Sebright; Ushers: Janet & Mac McMaster, Louise Haugh; Hymn Leader: Mary Jacobs.

Everyone is welcome to gather with us! All activities are held both in-person and online; any electronic links needed will be provided by the church office. Please be in touch if you need any assistance connecting with any gathering, including worship!

Our pandemic approach is always evolving. As we keep an eye on the increasing infection rates, please know the COVID-19 task force has been in conversation and at this time is not recommending to council any changes to our official policy. (If you'd like an official copy, please contact the office.) Trinity's leadership encourages everyone to become vaccinated for your safety and the safety of others and to wear a mask if you have not been vaccinated or have any health concerns that would put you and others at risk. Let's continue to pray together for the health of God's children. Thank you.

This morning we offer intentional prayers for everyone on both of our prayer lists, those affected by Hurricane Ida and its subsequent destruction, and those in transition from the ending of the U.S. war in Afghanistan, especially the thousands of Afghan refugees arriving on U.S. soil. For whom else shall we pray?

Sunday Morning Adult Confirmation Class continues this morning at 10:30am in the Chapel. We'll be talking about Baptism.

Bible Study will not be held Monday, September 6 for a Labor Day break. We will resume next Monday.

Join the Midweek Prayer Service Wednesdays at 10am in the Chapel. The service will also be live-streamed to our private Facebook Group, "Trinity Lutheran EB Fellowship Group." This is a semi-private broadcast to only those who are members of our group, Trinity's closed gathering on Facebook. While

electronically available, to protect private prayer concerns, it's not a publicly shared worship service. If you need help joining in electronically, please call the church office. 717-259-9125

SHARE THE HARVEST: Trinity continues a “Share the Harvest” program. Anyone wishing to offer produce, flowers, etc. is encouraged to place them in baskets in the Narthex, available to anyone worshipping for a donation. Donations will then supply food for the Sharing Shelf. Any goods left after worship will be placed on the Sharing Shelf for those in need of food.

The WEEKLY CALL LIST and other Pastoral Care: If you know someone who could use a phone call (or a card) from Pastor Susan for any reason, please let her know. Each week she'll add your submitted names to the list she already keeps. In addition, if you or anyone you know are in need of immediate pastoral care, please don't hesitate to reach out to her at 717-778-5548 (She also texts at this number.) or pastor@trinitylutheraneb.org. Thank you!

UPCOMING OFFICE CLOSURE: The church office will be closed on Monday, September 6 in observance of the Labor Day holiday. Enjoy a blessed holiday weekend, everyone!

Coordinating Committee: There will be a meeting of Trinity's Coordinating Committee on Wednesday, September 15 at 7:00pm in the social hall. All interested people are invited to attend to discuss the most recent social events at Trinity and to plan for the future fall and winter events. Your participation is welcome!! The meeting will last one hour. Any questions or concerns, please see Dona Lerew. Thank you for your participation.

2021 Weekly Contributions	
Budget vs. Actual	
<u>Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>
August Budgeted Income	17,808
August Actual Income	17,792
Over/(Under)Budgeted Income	(16)

Next week's readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 116:1-9; James 3:1-12; Gospel Mark 8:27-38

HOLY QUESTIONS/HOLY ANSWERS: Today's Question is:

*Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
East Berlin, Pennsylvania*

Our Mission: We are a family of Christian disciples committed to making Christ known while loving and serving God and neighbors.

Our Vision: To fulfill our mission, we will:

Worship through liturgy, music, prayer & Sacraments;

Teach God's Word and nurture spiritual growth;

Serve and provide for those in need;

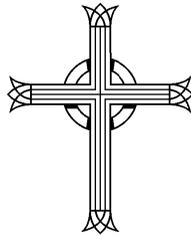
Witness to others by sharing the Gospel;

Celebrate with fellowship;

Return with joy what God has given;

Be active in our community and the Church.

Worship, Serve, Celebrate!



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