

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 2022



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

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First Responders
Healthcare Workers
Military Personnel
Refugees
Ukraine and its people

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”* Michael Burkhardt

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Children may come to the front of the sanctuary for a time of faithful learning and worship.

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of ✚ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”* ELW 807

***APOSTOLIC GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 32:7-14

While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today's reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God's own people, and boldly asks for mercy for them.

⁷The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" ⁹The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they

shall inherit it forever.' ” ¹⁴And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 51:1-10 (*sung using tone 6*)



¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,
and cleanse me | from my sin.**

³For I know | my offenses,
and my sin is ev- | er before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my | mother's womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

⁸**Let me hear | joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face | from my sins,
and blot out | all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean | heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- | it within me.**

SECOND LESSON: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

The letters to Timothy and Titus are called the pastoral epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God.

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life.

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: Luke 15:1-10**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 15th chapter.

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

Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that their recovery brings joy in heaven.

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.]

²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ⁴“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Susan McCarthy

***HYMN OF THE DAY** “*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*” ELW 779

***APOSTLES' CREED**

Let us profess 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, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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**

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

Fill your church with faith and love, and give understanding hearts to those who work to strengthen our ecumenical and interreligious commitments. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

As the seasons change, renew in us the will to protect plants, animals, and habitats. Bless us with bountiful harvests that all may share. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Teach wisdom to our leaders so that we know peace in our world, our homes, and our hearts. We remember those lost in our nation on 9/11 and the continuing aftermath and pray for healing in this world. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Seek out those who are lost or lonely, anxious or depressed, or struggling with addiction or illness. Provide for those in any need, especially those on our prayer list and those we name before you now, *pause*. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Build up the ministries of this community, that we may serve our neighbors and welcome the stranger in your name. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Give us thankful hearts for those who have been examples of faith in our lives, and receive us with joy when we come to share eternal life with you. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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 gifts to God and Christ's ministry here at Trinity. Through your generosity Jesus' love is shared with all people both near and far. Thank you for your participation in all the ways that you give of your gifts!

OFFERING

“A Prayer for Our Time”

Joseph M. Martin

*OFFERTORY

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

*OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C **God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

*THE 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 and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 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.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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**

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

Thanks be to God!

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be served in a continuous flow. Please come forward to receive the bread and wine from the ministers. Also available are gluten free wafers, grape juice, and sealed pre-consecrated wafer/juice packets.

COMMUNION HYMNS

*The congregation is invited to sing during the distribution of Holy Communion.
The hymns begin with:*



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

ELW 588

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

ELW 608

*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 **Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

***BLESSING**

P The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

C Amen.

***SENDING HYMN** “*Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak*” ELW 676

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “*Allegro Postlude*” Charles Raymond Cronham



Announcements
To Serve God And His Church
During The Coming Week

Sunday.....	6:30p.m.	AA Meeting
Monday.....	6:00p.m.	Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday.....	5:30p.m.	Laundry Love
Wednesday.....	8:30a.m.	Fellowship Breakfast @ Rene's
Wednesday.....	10:00a.m.	Prayer Service
Wednesday.....	2:00-4:00p.m.	Knotty Knotters
Wednesday.....	5:00p.m.	Heavenly Hamburgers
Thursday.....	10:00a.m.	Worship & Music Committee
Thursday.....	6:30p.m.	AA Meeting
Sunday.....	8:15a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday.....	9:00a.m.	Word & Sacrament
Sunday.....	10:30a.m.	Rally Day

Assisting in the Service Today: Assisting Minister: Bob King; Lector: Mary Jacobs; Ushers: Barb & Earl Kauffman, Ruthann Bowen; Altar Guild: Noelle Kline; Communion Assistant: Charlie Hoffman; Hymn Leader: Mary Jacobs.

This morning we offer intentional prayers for those who grieve; those who are dying; those with mental illness; caregivers; those in any need; those on our prayer list. For whom else should we pray?

Chancel Choir Rehearsals continue each Sunday beginning at 8:15am, the choir will rehearse in the choir room. All interested singers should see Karen Wire for additional information.

SHARE THE HARVEST: Anyone wishing to offer produce, flowers, etc. is encouraged to bring those goods and place them in baskets in the Narthex. This produce will be offered to anyone in the congregation for a donation. Donations received for these goods will be used to continue funding the purchase of food for the Sharing Shelf. Any goods left after the worship service will be placed on the Sharing Shelf for those in need of food.

Bible Study begins again on Monday, September 12 at 6pm via Zoom. We will continue each Monday evening at 6pm in meeting room 853 9326 0808. A link to the meeting will be sent each Monday in the announcement email.

Laundry Love will be held Tuesday, September 13 beginning 5:30pm at the White Dove Laundromat. Volunteers and quarters are needed!

Wednesday's at 10am Prayer Service will be held in the chapel and will also be available live on Trinity's Facebook Fellowship Group page. **Fellowship time prior to the service** begins at 8:30 a.m. at Rene's Restaurant across the street. Orders will be taken at 8:45. Please join us!

Next Sunday is Rally Day! We will be kicking off Sunday School with a parade. We will ride, scoot, and roll our way to the EB Community Park and enjoy games and a bag lunch. All are welcome to bring their bikes, scooters, or anything with wheels and join the fun! We also have several intergenerational events planned this fall to promote Christian education and the joy of fellowship! Please look for a separate newsletter to come out highlighting these events. **If you plan to attend the Rally Day festivities, please call the church office** (if you have not already responded via email). We will be serving a bagged lunch and need a count of the number of meals to prepare. You can choose between Turkey & Cheese sandwich or Peanut Butter & Jelly. Please RSVP by Thursday, September 15.

Kid's Cookie Break Returns September 25. We need volunteers to take the kids (ages 13 and younger) downstairs for a snack and activity during the sermon and returning at the sharing of the peace. Two adults are needed each week to chaperone. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex if you would like to volunteer. Clearances are needed to volunteer (they are free, and the secretary can run them for you). Thank you!

Ruth's Harvest Collection begins again as the new school year is upon us. We will continue to collect individual servings of meals for 80 kids in need at the local school district. Trinity is collecting apple sauce, granola bars, and milk drink boxes. There is a collection bin in the Narthex for these supplies.

Heavenly Hamburgers (a continuation of Holy Hot Dogs) begins the second Wednesday in September and continues each Wednesday in September and October (except Food Pantry week). Hamburger meals including chips, applesauce and water will be served beginning at 5pm. Volunteers are needed starting at 4pm. This is a community outreach. See Ruthann or Kay for info.

We welcome visitors – It's great to have you with us! Let us know if you'd like to join our mailing list by filling out a slip found in your pew and dropping it into the offering plate. We look forward to getting to know you!

In the name of Christ, thank you for your participation in our operational costs and ministry here at church. Please note that with the exception of July we have not met our budgetary goals for the 2022 giving year. Your gifts can help us erase our deficit and continue our ministries at full capacity. Please begin to pray for the congregation's leaders as we begin to discern a 2023 budget. Thank you!

2022 Weekly Contributions	
Budget vs. Actual	
Month	Amount
September Budgeted Income	18,048
September Actual Income	1,920
Over/(Under)Budgeted Income	(16,127)

In Remembrance of
September 11, 2001



*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;

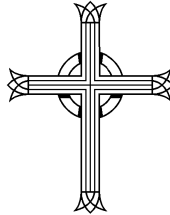
Witness to others by sharing the Gospel;

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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