

# **The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 25, 2022**



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



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First Responders  
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Ukraine and its people

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”* David Cherwien

### A TIME FOR CHILDREN

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

### \*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

*The leader addresses those who are gathered.*

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*The leader gives thanks, using one of the following prayers or similar words.*

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.

*Here particular bodies or sources of water may be named.*

Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again. Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this sacrament. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### \*OPENING HYMN

*“Gather Us In”*  
(Verses 1 & 2)

ELW 532

**\*GREETING**

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.**

**\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE**



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

#### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

#### **FIRST LESSON: Amos 6:1a, 4-7**

*The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.*

<sup>1a</sup>Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,  
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,

<sup>4</sup>Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,  
and lounge on their couches,  
and eat lambs from the flock,  
and calves from the stall;

<sup>5</sup>who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,  
and like David improvise on instruments of music;

<sup>6</sup>who drink wine from bowls,  
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,

but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

<sup>7</sup>Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,  
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 146** (*sung using tone 6*)



<sup>1</sup>Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your | trust in rulers,  
in mortals in whom there | is no help.

<sup>4</sup>**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,  
and in that day | their thoughts perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,  
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;  
who keeps promis- | es forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.  
The LORD sets the | captive free.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are  
bowed down;**

**the LORD | loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares | for the stranger;

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

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD shall | reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!**

## SECOND LESSON: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

*Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.*

<sup>6</sup>Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup>but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup>But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>11</sup>But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup>It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

<sup>17</sup>As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

*Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.*

[Jesus said:]<sup>19</sup>“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup>Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup>He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—<sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup>Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ <sup>30</sup>He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup>He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Kids’ Cookie Break)*

**SERMON**

Andy Wagner

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”* ELW 719  
(Verses 1-4)



**\*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.**

**OFFERING**

*Thank you for your whole participation in our life of faith here at Trinity. Together we worship the Lord through our giving of ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Your gifts make God's work possible here in this place.*

**OFFERING**

*"We Will Praise You"*

Douglas Wagner

**\*OFFERTORY**

*"We Come to the Hungry Feast"*

ELW 479

## **\*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.*

O God, rich in mercy, fill your church with righteousness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Empower the baptized by your Spirit to be rich in good works and ready to share. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Protect the earth and its creatures. Provide water, food, shelter, and favorable habitats, especially for endangered species. Preserve threatened ice caps, glaciers, parks, and beaches. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Increase justice in nations, local governments, and courtrooms. Guide lawyers and those who hold public office to act with compassion and discernment. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Give food to the hungry. Set the captives free. Lift up those who are bowed down. Watch over the stranger. Tend to those who are ill, especially those on our prayer list and those we name before you now, *pause*. Stir us to act in the best interest of our neighbors. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Enliven our praise. Inspire musicians, artists, poets, and all who create beauty in this place. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Enfold the saints who have died in the arms of your loving care. Grant that the holy angels accompany us and bring us to eternal life with them in the light of your presence. 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.**

**\*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.**

**\*BLESSING**

**P** God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, † one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

**C** **Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN** *“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”* ELW 719  
(Verses 5 & 6)

**\*DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*“Postlude in E Flat”* Frank N. Abernethy



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## **Announcements**

### **To Serve God And His Church During The Coming Week**

Sunday.....	10:30a.m.	Christian Education
Sunday.....	6:30p.m.	AA Meeting
Monday.....	6:00p.m.	Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday.....		Pastor Susan Off
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.....	6:30p.m.	AA Meeting
Sunday.....	8:15a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday.....	9:00a.m.	Word & Sacrament
Sunday.....	10:30a.m.	Christian Education
Sunday.....	10:30a.m.	Drive-In Holy Communion
Sunday.....	4:00p.m.	Pet Blessing

**Thank You Andy Wagner** for serving as our minister today!

**Assisting in the Service Today:** Assisting Minister: Charlie Hoffman; Lector: Bob Aims; Ushers: Janet & Mac McMaster, Deb King; Altar Guild: Ruthann Bowen; Communion Assistant: Bob King; Hymn Leader: Barry Bowdoin; Kid's Cookie Break: Lisa & Andrew Miller.

**This morning we offer intentional prayers** for those who can't sleep; those blindsided by bad news; those suffering from natural disaster; those living in war zones; 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. See Karen Wire for information.

**Acolyte Training** for students in grades 3-5 as well as confirmation students will be held after worship **today** in the Sanctuary.

**Christian Education** for younger students begins today! Students in grades 3+ will meet for Acolyte training and younger students will meet in their classrooms. The Teen Time class will begin October 2 to begin their studies of "*The Weirdest Stories in the Bible*". The Adult Sunday School class will also begin October 2 and will be studying *Happiness* this year.

**Bible Study** continues on Monday, September 26 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.

**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!

**Kids' Cookie Break Returns TODAY!** Kids in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and younger are invited to take a break after the reading of the Gospel to head down to the Social Hall for a snack and an activity. They will return to the sanctuary during the sharing of the peace. (Today's schedule will be flexible as we don't celebrate Holy Communion.) Additional volunteers who have not signed up are asked to contact the secretary to sign-up.

**Ruth's Harvest Collection** held their first packing last Tuesday. Items that are in short supply include applesauce, milk boxes, fruit snacks, raisins, vegetable cups, mac-n-cheese, chef boy-r-dee individual meals. The next packing is Oct 18. There is a collection bin in the Narthex for these supplies.

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

**Gift Boxes for Young Adults Away from Home:** Outreach is again planning to send gift boxes to our young adults who are away at college, technical school or in the military. A donation box collecting candy, snack crackers, fiber bars, puzzle books, pens, homemade cookies etc. will be available at the church through Sept 25. For more information, contact Sherry Brown.

**Drive-in Communion** will be offered next Sunday, October 2 after worship. Please pull forward in your car to receive the sacrament using a brief service of Holy Communion Distribution. This distribution is available the first Sunday of each month.

**Blessing of the Pets** will be held next Sunday, October 2 at 4:00pm outdoors in the church yard. Please bring your pet (or a photo) for a blessing.

**Yard Sale** will be Sat., Oct 15. Tables are \$10 each. Sign up in the Narthex.

**Thank You** to everyone who helped with the farm workers visit. They enjoyed the meal and loved the sweatshirts. Thanks to everyone that donated food, sweatshirts and to those that were able to come along for the visit. It was a wonderful evening.

**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!

*Thank you for your financial support of all that we do and are here at Trinity. Your giving enables us to reach out in the name of Christ and follow the ways Jesus taught us to love one another. Thanks be to God for all the ways God’s abundance flows around us! Please note our budget requirements using the chart below; your giving makes a big difference in what we accomplish for Christ together. Thank you for doing your part!*



If you would prefer to donate electronically, please use the QR code by scanning with your smartphone. Thank you!

<b>2022 Weekly Contributions</b>	
<b>Budget vs. Actual</b>	
<u>Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>
September Budgeted Income	18,048
September Actual Income	11,277
Over/(Under)Budgeted Income	(6,770)

**September 11, 2022 Worship Totals**

Church Service.....	56
Online Livestream Views.....	72
Offering.....	\$7,144

\*\*Our church attendance record is maintained for both in-person and online views through Trinity’s YouTube page. The ELCA offers guidance for tracking online worship attendance. The number of online views is counted for seven days following the service. Each view is multiplied by 2 (as an average household).



*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;

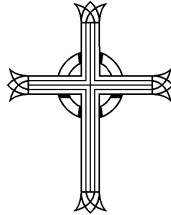
**Witness** to others by sharing the Gospel;

**Celebrate** with fellowship;

**Return** with joy what God has given;

**Be active** in our community and the Church.

**Worship, Serve, Celebrate!**



*Worship: Sunday, 9:00 a.m.*

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