

You're Welcome...

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Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

9:00 AM



Announcements

Prelude: *Lift High the Cross*, arr. Robert J. Powell

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C. Amen

P. Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

(Please kneel or sit)

P. Gracious God,

C. have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P. God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

C. Amen

(please stand)

The Entrance Hymn: #660 LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

Apostolic Greeting

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.

Glory to God:



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.

The Prayer of the Day:

P. O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation,

C. and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

(please be seated)

WORD

The First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L. The Word of the Lord. **C. Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-9 (sung responsively with cantor)

¹I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice, and listened to my | supplication,

²**for the LORD has given | ear to me whenev- | er I called.**

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me;

I came to | grief and sorrow.

⁴**Then I called upon the name | of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray you, | save my life."**

⁵Gracious is the | LORD and righteous; our God is full | of compassion.

⁶**The LORD watches o- | ver the innocent; I was brought low, | and God saved me.**

⁷Turn again to your rest, | O my soul.for the LORD has dealt | well with you.

⁸**For you have rescued my | life from death,**

my eyes from tears, and my | feet from stumbling;

⁹I will walk in the presence | of the LORD in the land | of the living.

The Second Lesson: James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a

small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

L. The Word of the Lord. C. Thanks be to God.

(please stand)

The 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.

The Gospel Lesson: Mark 8:27-38

P. The Holy Gospel according to Mark. C. Glory to you, O Lord, (spoken)

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of

the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P. The Gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

(please be seated)

The Sermon: Rev. Mark Luscombe

(please stand)

Hymn of the Day: #798 WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME

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

The Prayers:

A. Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

(please kneel or sit)

(after each petition, please respond)

A. Hear us, O God, **C. Your mercy is great.**

P. We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C. Amen

(please stand)

P. The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

C. And also with you!

(please be seated)

Offertory: *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*, arr. Charles W. Ore

(please stand)

The Offertory: *"Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring"*



- 1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
- 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

The Offertory Prayer

P. Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation.

C. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

The Preface Dialogue:

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 our thanks and praise.

The Proper Preface for Sundays after Pentecost:

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:

The Sanctus:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

Eucharistic Prayer:

P. Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.....Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C. Amen

The Lord's Prayer:

C. Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

The Fraction:

P. Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

The Agnus Dei - LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

(please be seated)

The Distribution:

(All are invited to come to the table, for either the bread, wine and grape juice or a blessing. If you are visiting, please follow the custom of your home congregation regarding participation of children at the table. We use a glass to receive the wine. The grape juice is pre-poured in the trays. Please join in the hymns provided for the communing of the faithful.)

- #810 O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED
- #806 O GOD, MY FAITHFUL GOD
- #667 TAKE UP YOUR CROSS, THE SAVIOR SAID
- #800 SPIRIT OF GOD, DESCEND UPON MY HEART
- #805 LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL!

(please stand)

The Blessing of Communicants:

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

C. Amen

The Post Communion Prayer:

P. Holy God,

C. you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Benediction

P. God all mighty, God most merciful † bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C. Amen

The Dismissal:

A. Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C. Thanks be to God.

The Postlude: *Postlude in G Major*, G. F. Handel

OUR WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

9:00 John Weiss

LECTOR: 9:00 Mike Sernoffsky

COUNCIL TEAM

9:00 Norm Wangman, John Fuehrer

USHERS:

9:00 Ron & Carlene Kerschner,
David Kerschner, Rob Gilbert

ACOLYTES: 9:00 Patrice Mull

ALTAR GUILD:

9:00 Denise Shirker, Kelly Homan,
Ann & Bob Snader

Launder Linens: Lori Spitzer

Deliver Flowers: Winnie Gerlach

**WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR OUR
FLOWERS/WORSHIP APPOINTMENTS TODAY:**

† In loving memory of my dad Bob Plummer who died twelve years ago on September 10th. Miss & love you, Cheryl

Prayers of the People

Theresa Cimino – 216 W Franklin, Ephrata, PA 17522

Connie Hutchinson – Hospice and Community Care, Mt. Joy

Ryan Johnson – nephew of Deb & Trig Olson

Carl Rentschler – Rehab at Moravian Manor

Karen Hurst – Neighbor of Bill & Lori Spitzer

Dolores Garrett – Lisa Garrett's mother

Sheldon Garman – Friend of Mike & Judy Williams

Roy & Paige Rettew

Henry Perella – great-nephew of Judy Williams

Duke and Bonnie Leeper- Neighbors of Judy Williams

All people affected by war

Victims of natural disasters

Shut-ins of the Parish

President Biden and leaders of this nation, Leaders and policy makers of every nation

All outreach ministries, serving those in need



If for any reason you enter the hospital, whether outpatient or inpatient, please contact the church office and Pastor Mark. If you wish to be on the prayer list or have a friend or family member needing prayers, please contact the church office.

CONGREGATION REQUEST FOR PRAYER

The office staff does not know the current status of many on the list below. If there is a change in their life circumstance making it possible to remove their name from this list, please let the church office know.

Alexander Mulvenna

Emmalyn Mulvenna

Janet Brunner

Andrew Campbell

Michael Spenrath

Asher D'Agostino

Tony Perella

Mike & Claudia Belden

COL. Eric Bowers

Dan Wierbiki

Jacob Hinkle Jr.

Karen Woerner Kim

Kim Harnish

Rick Gerhard

Wyatt Geisthweit

Les Doremus

Jim Weik

Heidi White

Johnny White

Jacob Connelly

Sue & Denis Rowe

Crystal Perry

Hank & Pat Kajetzke

Terry Gehman

Brent Stever

Alan & family

Dori Hoch

Cindy Stahl

Grant Hummer

Martha Becker

Chris and Karen Payonk

Alysha Fassnacht

John Surdich

Ava Berkosky

Amy Pasili

Theresa Cimino

Roy Rettew

Kim Burke

Eric Mortorell

Emma Martin