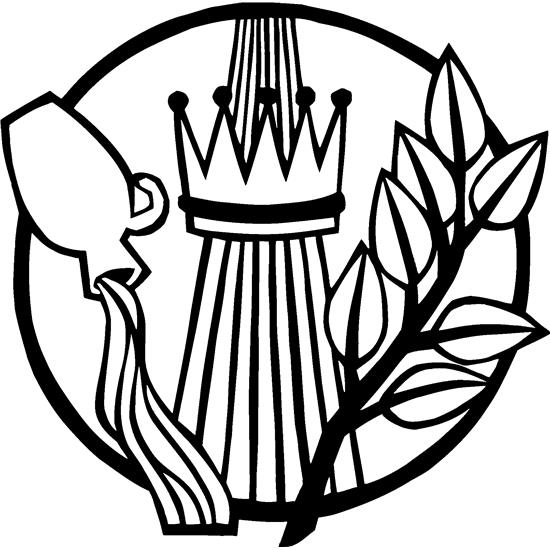
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Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

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304 E. Ferris Street

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*“the welcome place”*

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Three weeks ago we heard Peter’s confession of faith as told in John’s gospel. This week we hear Mark’s version, when Peter says, “You are the Messiah.” In John, the stumbling block is Jesus’ invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus’ words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus’ words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of *messiah*) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

**+++GATHERING+++**

**Prelude** Voluntary in F major John Stanley

**Welcome & Announcements - Please Sign Friendship Registry**

*The red ELW hymnal and the purple ACS hymnal are in the pew racks*

*(Stand)*

**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,

who forgives all our sin,

whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Gracious God,

**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.**

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.

**Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn** ELW (red) #798 Will You Come and Follow Me

**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.**

**Kyrie**  ELW(red), Setting 8, pg. 184-185

*(All sing refrain, cantor will sing verses)*****

1. For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

1. That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

1. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

1. For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

**Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

*(Sit)*

**+++WORD+++**

**First Reading: 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.  
 9aIt is the Lord God who helps me;  
  who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

****Psalm 116: 1-9**  *(Responsively by whole verse)*

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.

**Second Reading: 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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(Stand)*

**Gospel Acclamation ** ELW (red) Setting 8, pg.188

**Gospel: Mark 8:27-38**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Sit)*

**Children’s Message**

**Sermon** Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes

*(Stand)*

**Hymn of the Day** ELW (red) #660 Lift High the Cross

**Presentation of New Members**

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these brothers,

whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.

You have called them to yourself,

enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit,

and nourished them in the community of faith.

Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism,

and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

**Profession of Faith**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,

the powers of this world that rebel against God,

and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

**Affirmation**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God’s faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in Bill and Keith the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen**.

Let us rejoice with these brothers in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

Together we will give thanks and praise to God

and proclaim the good news to all the world.

*(Sit)*

**Prayers of Intercession**

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.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church throughout the world. Form us into communities of forgiveness and grace. Help us to notice where you are calling us into new relationships, and give us courage to embrace the uncomfortable and unfamiliar. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the earth and all its inhabitants. Protect lands at risk of wildfire and heal dying forests. Where fire brings destruction, raise up new growth. Guide us in tending precarious ecosystems. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those who govern nations, tribes, and cities. Open them to the cries of people in need. Direct them in shaping policies that prioritize the health and well-being of all who struggle with hunger and housing insecurity. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all who are ill, all who are lonely or anxious, and all who grieve, especially Lester, Harold, Jim W., Marilyn, Daniel, Jim M., Peggy, Keith, and Rylee. Draw them close to you and soothe them with the promise of your enduring love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for teachers, professors, librarians, school administrators, staff, and all who support the education of young people. Sustain them as they shape learning communities, rooted in equity and authenticity. We pray for children of all ages in their learning. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We remember our beloved dead especially Shirley Adams, who with the great cloud of witnesses bear witness to your saving grace. Accompany us in our pilgrimage of faith, that we too place our hope and trust in you. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We offer to you these prayers as well as those we now name to you either aloud or in our hearts

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

**Amen.**

**Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**+++MEAL+++**

**Offering Music** O Jesus, I have Promised Gerhard Krapf

*(Stand)*

**Offering Prayer**

Blessed are you, O God,

source of every gift of your creation.

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.**

**Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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;

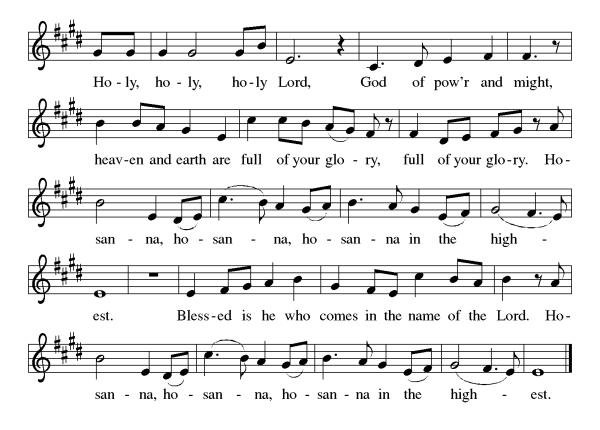
who on this day overcame death and the grave,

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:

**Holy, Holy, Holy ELW (red), Setting 8, pg. 190**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,

who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,

who preached good news to the poor,

and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,

we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,

and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,

the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,

be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**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.**

**Invitation to Communion**

Jesus welcomes you to this table.

Come, here is your God.

*All are welcome to receive communion at Trinity Lutheran Church. If you wish to receive you may come forward as dismissed by the usher and will be given a wafer in the center aisle. Then you may take a small cup from the tray. Red wine is along the outside, and white grape juice is located in the center of the tray. Gluten free bread is also available. Place empty cups in the bowls located at the side aisle as you return to your pew. If you prefer to receive a blessing rather than communion, you may indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest as you come forward.*

(Sit)

**Distribution of Communion**

****Lamb of God ELW (red), Setting 8, pg. 191

*Communion music Love One Another Lynn Trapp*

**Post Communion Hymn** ACS (purple) #967 This Is Christ’s Body

*(Stand)*

**Prayer After Communion**

Holy God,

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.**

**+++SENDING+++**

**Blessing**

God all mighty,

God most merciful

☩ bless you, keep you,

and give you peace.

**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn** ACS (purple) #987 Guide My Feet

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**  Fantasia in a George Telemann

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***As you leave, please take a moment to greet one another.***

**Worship Participants**

Audio: Hillary Hoffman

Video Bill Sime

Ushers: Cecilia & Erin Crawford, Harold Watters

Communion Setup: Hillary Hoffman

Assisting Minister: Isaac Triplett

Reader: Marilyn Gehring

Wine Servers: John McClean, Roberta Majors

Coffee Fellowship: Layton & Nancy Sandall

Acolyte: Nick Elders

Closing Duties: John McClean

**Announcements**

**Coffee Fellowship** is immediately after service.

**For Sundays in September** there are special envelopes for Devotionals. If you’d like to give support devotionals, we will have extra envelopes on the Narthex bulletin table available.

**Sunday School & Confirmation Classes** begin today at 10:30 am.

**PRISMS**, for grades 5th and up, kicks off today at Loving Bottoms Diaper Bank from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm. We will be joined by the First Presbyterian’s Youth Group for fun, fellowship, and faith-building!

**Adult Education: Conversations on Christian Nationalism**

Classes begin this week! We will gather to explore the implications of Christian Nationalism, This study offers a unique opportunity to deepen our understanding of how our faith intersects with civic life and to reflect on how we, as Lutherans, can uphold the principles of religious freedom and the separation of church and state. All are welcome to join us in these important conversations.

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| **Prayer List:** If you or loved ones need prayers, please fill out the salmon-colored form located on the bulletin table in the Narthex, and return it to the Office mailbox or drop it in the offering plate. | |
| **Name** | **Prayer** |
| All Farmers During Harvest | Prayers for Health & Safety |
| Lester C Johnson Sr. | Prayers for Health |
| Harold Shumaker | Prayers for Healing & Recovery |
| Jim Musolf | Prayers for Transitions |
| Keith Majors | Prayers for Healing & Recovery |
| Jim Woods | Prayers for Healing & Recovery |
| Rylee Cook | Prayers for Healing |
| Daniel | Prayers for Healing |
| The Family & Friends of Shirley Adams | Prayers for Peace |
| Marilyn A’Hearn | Prayers for healing & recovery |

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| **This Week at Trinity** | | |
| Sunday, Sept. 15th | 9:30 am | Worship |
|  | 10:30 am | Coffee Fellowship |
|  | 10:45 am | Sunday School |
|  | 2:00 pm | Youth Group |
| Tuesday, Sept 17th | 6:00 pm | Adult Education: Conversations on Christian Nationalism |
|  | 7:00 pm | Committee Meetings |
| Thursday, Sept 19th | 12:00 pm | Potluck |
| Saturday, Sept 21 | 5:00 pm | Worship **led by TLC** |

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes, Pastor, Out-of-office: Friday

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Hours 8:30 am – 12:30 pm, Monday-Friday

1st & 3rd Saturdays; Worship 5:00 pm; Holy Communion

Sunday Worship at 9:30 am; Holy Communion

Sunday Radio Ministry at 9:30 am on WRAM – 1330 AM, Facebook

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mittee and Worship Committee. Finance committee will not meet. Childcare provided for children of committee members.

**Vision Statement**

**Developing Disciples – Connecting to Christ**

**Mission Statement**

**Led by the Spirit, we receive Christ’s love, share God’s forgiving grace, and reach out to welcome, encourage and serve all.**

**Welcome Statement**

Members of Trinity Lutheran Church are freed by the Gospel to seek reconciliation and wholeness in a world that is frequently an unloving place. We extend welcome to people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, whether believer, doubter, or seeker. In Christ’s love we invite you, so that led by the power of the Holy Spirit we will join together to strive for racial equity, justice, peace and love in all the earth.

**Our Guiding Principles**

1. Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior.

2. We faithfully worship through Word and Sacrament.

3. We invite and welcome everyone.

4. We engage all generations in education and ministry.

5. We serve local and global communities.