

**Streams of Living Water: Faith in Action**

**Trinity Lutheran Church**

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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304 E. Ferris Street

Galesburg, IL 61401

*“the welcome place”*

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Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

**+++GATHERING+++**

**Prelude** Children of the Heavenly Father Aaron David Miller

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

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

**Temple Talk** Hillary Hoffman

*(Stand)*

**Thanksgiving at the Font**

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

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,

clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness,

let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, fountain of living water,

source of mercy, tender and mighty,

you are clothed with majesty and splendor.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

Your love flows through water,

satisfying the thirst of all living things,

sustaining life in this community,

nourishing and delighting us.

We bless you for these gifts of water:

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

Your love flows through water,

a sign of your saving power:

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.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

Your love flows through the water of baptism

joined to your life-giving Word:

your well of mercy and cleansing flood,

your sea of deliverance from death into life,

your healing river washing sin away,

your living water springing up to eternal life.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

Shower us with your Holy Spirit.

Fill us with your love.

Clothe us and all your people with grace.

Embolden us to do justice.

Bless us to love mercy.

Guide us to walk humbly with you,

whom we thank and praise, through Jesus Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn** ELW (red) # 526 God Is Here

**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, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*(Sit)*

**+++WORD+++**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20**

18It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;  
  then you showed me their evil deeds.  
 19But I was like a gentle lamb  
  led to the slaughter.  
 And I did not know it was against me  
  that they devised schemes, saying,  
 “Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,  
  let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
  so that his name will no longer be remembered!”  
 20But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,  
  who try the heart and the mind,  
 let me see your retribution upon them,  
  for to you I have committed my cause.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

****Psalm 54**  *(Responsively by whole verse)*

1Save me, O God, **|** by your name;  
  in your might, de- **|** fend my cause.  
 2**Hear my | prayer, O God;**  
  **give ear to the words | of my mouth.**  
 3For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have **|** sought my life,  
  those who have no re- **|** gard for God.  
 4**Behold, God | is my helper;**  
  **it is the Lord who sus- | tains my life.**  
 5Render evil to those who **|** spy on me;  
  in your faithful- **|** ness, destroy them.  
 6**I will offer you a | freewill sacrifice**  
  **and praise your name, O Lord, for | it is good.**  
 7For you have rescued me from **|** every trouble,  
  and my eye looks down **|** on my enemies.

**Second Reading: James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a**

13Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. 14But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. 15Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. 16For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. 17But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. 18And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.4:  
 1Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? 2You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. 3You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. 7Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8aDraw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(Stand)*

**Gospel Acclamation ** ELW (red) Setting 8, pg.18

**Gospel: Mark 9:30-37**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

30[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;31for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” 32But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

33Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” 34But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. 35He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” 36Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 37“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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) #781 Children of the Heavenly Father

**Apostles Creed**

*Let us join together in the confession of our faith.*

**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.**

*(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.*

Loving God, you welcome all at your table of grace. Instill in your church a spirit of humility and curiosity, that we embrace all who seek you. We pray especially for ministries of hospitality and faith formation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, you shape the world so there is more than enough for all. Curb our habits of overuse, and guide us toward more sustainable sources of energy, food, and water. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Gracious God, your peace brings justice and solidarity. Encourage peace among peoples, tribes, and nations; heal divisions in our country and local communities, that together we might cooperate for the good of all. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Faithful God, you draw near to you all who are in need. Bring healing and wholeness to all who suffer, especially Harold, Jim, Keith, Rylee, Marilyn, Jenna, Janis, and Dewey. Transform economic, political, and social systems that oppress vulnerable people, especially systems of structural racism and generational poverty. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Transforming God, you accompany all through changes and transitions. Help us to see where you are calling this community to new ways of living the gospel promise; assure us that even as change brings loss, it also brings hope and life. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Merciful God, you embrace us on our final pilgrimage from this life. Accompany all who have died, console those who mourn, and at the last, show us the way to eternal life 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** Children of the Heavenly Father Robert Hobby

*(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;

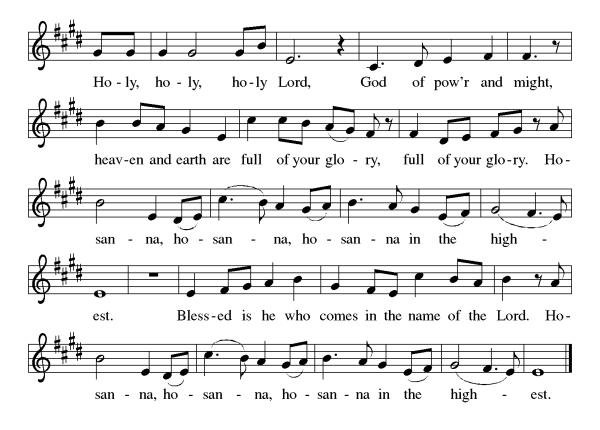
who on this day overcame death and the grave,

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**,** 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 As the Grains of Wheat Marilyn Biery*

**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** ELW (red) #843 Praise the One Who

Breaks the Darkness

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**  Dance on the Nettleton Jeffrey Blersch

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

**Today’s Altar Flowers** were provided by JoAnn Lakis

*In memory of husband and father, Louis Lakis*

**Worship Participants**

Audio: Sarah Brakenbury

Video Sarah Brakenbury

Ushers: Norm & Linda Tippey, Jennifer Robinson

Communion Setup: Hillary Hoffman

Assisting Minister: Bill Sime

Reader: Mark Holmes

Wine Servers: Marilyn Gehring, Jennifer Holmes

Coffee Fellowship: Keith & Roberta Majors, Melissa & Roger Williamson

Acolyte: Carol Brown

Closing Duties: Norm Tippey

**Announcements**

**Coffee Fellowship** is immediately after service.

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

**New Members:** We’d like to extend a warm welcome to our new members, Bill Fahlund and Keith Majors.

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

**PRISMS** meets today at 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

**Adult Education: Conversations on Christian Nationalism**

Class is at 6 pm today! 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 | |
| Harold Shumaker | | Prayers for Healing & Recovery | |
| Jim Woods | | Prayers for Healing & Recovery | |
| Keith Majors | | Prayers for Healing & Recovery | |
| Rylee Cook | | Prayers for Healing | |
| Marilyn A’Hearn | | Prayers for Healing & Recovery | |
| Jenna | | Prayers for Health | |
| Janis | | Prayers for Healing | |
| Dewey | | Prayers for Healing | |
| **This Week at Trinity** | | | |
| Sunday, Sept. 22nd | 9:30 am | | Worship |
|  | 10:30 am | | Coffee Fellowship |
|  | 10:45 am | | Sunday School |
|  | 5:30 pm | | Youth Group |
| Tuesday, Sept 26th | 9:00 am | | Tidings Label & Seal |
| Saturday, Sept 28th | 5:00 pm | | Worship **led by Grace** |

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**

At Trinity Lutheran Church, we believe God’s grace is extended to everyone. Members of Trinity Lutheran Church are freed by the Gospel to seek reconciliation and wholeness. We welcome 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.