



**Trinity Lutheran Church**

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
September 8th, 2024

# Trinity Lutheran Church

304 E. Ferris St.  
Galesburg, IL 61401

*“the welcome place”*

## God’s Work, Our Hands

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### +++GATHERING+++

**Prelude**

Here I Am, Lord  
We are Called

Janet Linker  
Marilyn Biery

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

*(Stand)*

### **Affirmation of Baptisms**

*Gather the children around the font. Invite the children to repeat each sentence*

We praise you, O God, for water.

**We praise you, O God, for water.**

We need water to drink.

**We need water to drink.**

We need water to wash.

**We need water to wash.**

We need water to grow.  
**We need water to grow.**

We praise you, O God, for water.  
**We praise you, O God, for water.**

We praise you, O God, for baptism.  
**We praise you, O God, for baptism.**

We praise you, O God, for your Spirit.  
**We praise you, O God, for your Spirit.**

*Invite the children to stretch their hands out over the font. Pour water over their hands into the font.*

We praise you, O God, for water.  
**We praise you, O God, for water.**

Amen, with water.  
**Amen, with water.**

*Invite the children to mark their own or one another's foreheads with water and the sign of the cross.*

**Gathering Hymn** ACS (purple) #1000

God's Work, Our Hands

*(Sit)*

**Reading: Genesis: 2:15-17**

The Lord God took the human and settled him in the garden of Eden to farm it and to take care of it. The Lord God commanded the human, "Eat your fill from all of the garden's trees; but don't eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, because on the day you eat from it, you will die!"

**Reflection:**

Tom Simkins on *Trees & Park Projects*

**Hymn:** ACS (purple) #1063, vs 1-3

God of the Fertile Fields

## Reading: Exodus 3: 1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.'

But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' God said to Moses, 'I am who I am.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I am has sent me to you." ' God also said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you":

This is my name for ever,  
and this my title for all generations.

## Reflection:

Hymn: ELW (red) #706, vs 1 & 3

Bill Sime on *The NAACP*  
The People Walk

## Reading: Luke 4: 14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

**Reflection:** Janet Page on *FISH Food Pantry & ELCA World Hunger*  
**Hymn:** ELW (red) #479 We Come to the Hungry Feast

## Reading: Matthew 25: 31-45

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me

into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

**Reflection:** Carol Brown on *Quilting/ELCA World Relief*  
**Hymn:** ACS (purple) #1022, vs 1 & 2 God, Bless the Hands

### **Reading: James 2:1-17**

‘You shall not commit adultery’, also said, ‘You shall not murder.’ Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill’, and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

**Reflection:** John McClean on *Galesburg Community Foundation*  
**Hymn:** ELW (red) #712, vs 1 & 4 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

*(Stand)*

### **Affirmation of Faith**

*Led by Henry Gray*

Let us affirm our faith:

#### **We believe in God**

**who made the sea and earth, the sun and the sky,  
who calls us to live responsibly.**

**we believe in Jesus Christ  
who became human,  
who healed the sick, who talked to children,  
who made friends with sinners.  
He burned brightly and offended many.  
His journey was one of life and death and resurrection.  
His light continues to shine in the darkness.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit  
who inspired the scriptures,  
and whose breath we breathe.**

**We believe that God calls us to be a community,  
committed to one another,  
offering a welcome to everyone,  
old and young, rich and poor,  
strong and weak.**

**We believe that God call us to be peacemakers,  
workers for justice,  
brothers, sisters, and siblings,  
a light for our world. Amen**

*Written by two fourteen-year-old boys in a workshop on Iona  
From the Iona Abbey Worship Book (2017)*

*(Sit)*

## **Celebration of Vocation and Blessing for Ministry**

We are called to proclaim the good news:

**God is at work!**

This good news is not left in some history long ago or a place far away:

**God is at work in the world still today!**

In us and through us, God is glorified in our work.

When we offer a helping hand, God is praised.

When we share of our abundance, God is known in the world.

**God is at work in us!**

In our service today and in our daily lives,  
let us live out what God has called us to in baptism.

**God is at work through our hands!**

Let us pray for the world, and bless those hard at work in it:

God, our creator, you have ordered seedtime and harvest, sunshine and rain. Give to all who work the land fair compensation for the work of their hands. Grant that the people of this and every nation may give thanks to you for food, drink, and all that sustains life; may use with care the land and water from which these good things come; and may honor the laborers who produce them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**God is at work through our hands!**

God of peace, fill the hearts of those who rule, govern and lead. Give them and us compassion to guide the peoples of this world in the ways of truth, justice, equity and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

**God is at work through our hands!**

Grant to physicians, nurses and all health care professionals wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience; keep them safe and preserve them from all contagion. Cheer, heal and sanctify the sick, especially Tierney, Lester, Harold, Jim W., Marilyn, Jim M., and Rylee, and send down your blessing on all who care for them, Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

**God is at work through our hands!**

God of wisdom, your Son came among us as a teacher. Send your blessing on all who are engaged in the work of education especially school teachers, Sunday School teachers, coffee buddies, college faculty, paras, staff in educational institutions, and volunteers: give them clearness of vision and freshness of thought, and enable them so to train the hearts and minds of their students that they may grow in wisdom and be prepared to face the challenges of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**God is at work through our hands!**

God of service, give us strength and humility. Send your blessing on all who are engaged in acts the ministry of compassion: volunteers in food pantries, diaper banks, and quilters. In our service to those near and far, whose needs are visible or invisible, may we find you in the faces of our neighbors.

**God is at work through our hands!**



Ever present Lord, you have promised to hear us when we pray. Send your blessing on all who support your kingdom work through prayer, remind them that you are always near and at work through them.

**God is at work through our hands!**

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, and ask you to bless our hands and your work, (+)  
that through us God's love may be known.

**Amen**

## **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**+++MEAL+++**

## **Offering Music**

Here I Am, Lord

*(Stand)*

## **Offering Prayer**

Holy God, giver of all good things,  
receive the gifts we bring,  
fruit of the earth and the work of human hands, that they may be  
used to your purposes  
for life and love in the world.

**Amen.**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

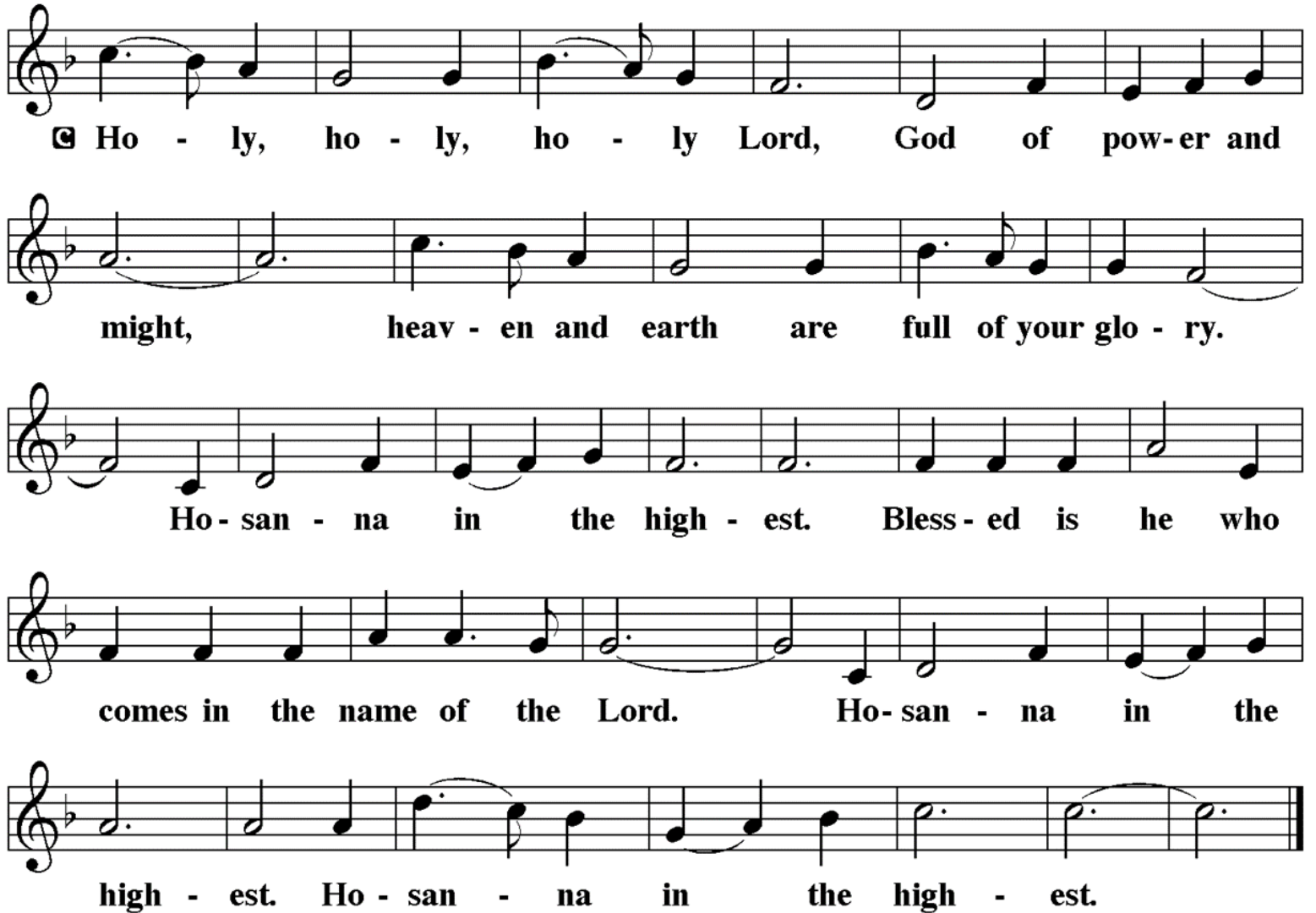
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en 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.

Honor, praise, glory and thanksgiving to you, God, our loving  
Creator.

In the beginning you reached your hands into the earth and formed  
humanity in your own image.

You breathed into us your own breath of love  
and gave us hearts and hands and voices  
to live your loving purpose in the world.

Seeing the lonely creature of earth,  
you created a partner that we would know the joy of community.  
Throughout the history of your people, you never abandoned us, but  
brought us into community with one another and with you, and  
guided us through your prophets.  
With endless patience and love,  
you called to us time and again to return to life with you.

In the fulfillment of all things, you came to us in Jesus,  
born into a human family,  
raised in a hometown,  
who gathered around himself a community formed by your love,  
and yearned to gather all people under the loving wings of a  
mother hen.

Sitting at dinner with friends  
and knowing one among them would break the bonds of love,  
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.

In the same way 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 sins.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Trusting in his promise to be among us whenever we gather in his  
name,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Gathered as your people,  
meeting in Jesus' name,  
and preparing ourselves to feast upon Jesus' very body and blood,  
we plead with all creation:  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send your Spirit upon this meal,  
the body and blood of Jesus,  
that we overflow with your selfless love.  
Turn us to face our neighbors,  
that by us and through us your love may be known in the world.  
Again, we beg:  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All honor and praise and glory to you,  
God of creative, dirty hands,  
God of holy, wounded hands,  
God who strengthens and guides our hands, 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 WOV, Setting 8

**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.**

*Communion Music*

*Here I am, Lord*

*Anne Marie David*

**Post Communion Hymn ACS #1056**

**God Bless to Us Our Bread**

*(Stand)*

### **Prayer After Communion**

Holy Jesus, in this meal you have fed and nourished us to work in your beloved world. Send us now, filled with yourself and strengthened by your Spirit to live your love for others.

**Amen.**

**+++SENDING+++**

### **Blessing**

God who sets forth the law of love,  
Jesus who fulfills the law for you,  
and the Spirit through whom you are called to love, + bless you this day,  
that you may be God's hands and heart and voice at work in the world.

**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn ELW #538**

**The Lord Now Sends Us Forth**

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. You are God's hands at work in the world!

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

**Listen, God Is Calling**

**Anne Krentz Organ**

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

**Today's Altar Flowers** were provided by Juan and Marsha Medina,  
*In honor of God's Work, Our Hands*

## **Worship Participants**

Audio: Norm Tippey

Video: Sarah Brakenbury

Ushers: Danny & MaryLou Lindberg, Linda Tippey

Communion Setup: Hillary Hoffman

Assisting Minister: Julie Wiegand

Readers: Carol Brown, Nick Elders, Hillary Hoffman

Wine Servers: John McClean, Lisa Shafer

Coffee Fellowship: Hilma McDorman, Jean Hier

Acolyte: Lucia Crawford

Closing Duties: Norm Tippey

## **Announcements**

**Sundays in September** is a special envelope for Devotionals. If you'd like to give to support devotionals, we will have extra envelopes on the Narthex bulletin table available.

**Coffee Fellowship** is immediately after service.

### **Sunday School:**

Kick off the fall season on September 15th with our Sunday School for ages 3 through 5th grade and Confirmation classes for grades 6-8, starting in the morning. In the evening, our Youth Group for grades 5-12 will gather for fun, fellowship, and faith-building—it's the perfect time to get involved!

### **Prayer List:**

If you or your loved ones need prayers, please fill out a salmon-colored form (found on the bulletin table in the Narthex), and return it to the Office mailbox or drop it in the offering plate

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Prayer</u></b>
Tierney Ritchie	Prayers for Healing & Recovery
Lester C. Johnson Sr.	Prayers for Health
Harold Shumaker	Prayers for Healing & Recovery
Jim Musolf	Prayers for Transitions
Jim Woods	Prayers for Healing & Recovery
Marilyn A'Hearn	Prayers for Health
The Family & Friends of Shirley Adams	Prayers for Peace
Rylee Cook	Prayers for Healing

## **This Week at Trinity**

<b>Sun, Sept. 8</b>	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 am	Card Workshop
<b>Tue, Sept 10</b>	6:00 pm	Executive Meeting
<b>Sat, Sept 14</b>	5:00 pm	<b>Worship led by Grace</b>

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes, Pastor, Out-of-office: Friday  
Cell phone: 618-803-8778  
Church Office: Phone 309-343-4191  
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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### 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.