

Trinity Lutheran Church, ELCA - God's Work Our Hands
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, July 30, 2017Worship Service 9:00 a.m.

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Welcome Guests!

We are thankful God has brought you to worship with us today.

Prelude

Rhonda Andree

Gathering

The Holy Spirit, the comforter, gathers us in worship

Welcome/Announcements

Gathering Prayer

Gathering Hymn "*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*"

ELW # 807

Call to Worship

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.

P: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

C: We will walk with humility, bearing with one another in patience.

P: There is only one body, one God who unites.

C: We will speak the truth in love. Come, Holy Spirit!

Confession and Forgiveness

P: We confess our sins before God and one another. *Pause for silence and reflection.*

L: Loving God,

C: You have offered us the world and yet we turn to our own distractions, believing we know better. We have not lived as your beloved children, born of one spirit and belonging to one family. Instead we cut ourselves off from what is unfamiliar, intimidating or different. Forgive us for our limited vision. Forgive us for not trusting in you and your promise to never give up on us. Amen.

L: We have been adopted into God's family, an identity which cannot be taken from us. God is love, God is patient, God is merciful. We owe eternal thanks to the lover of our souls for continually reaching for us and holding us fast in an embrace of forgiveness, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Kyrie

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Prayer of the Day

God of unity, you have brought us together for a purpose. Show us each the way in which we might use our unique gifts in service to all. In Christ’s name, we pray, **Amen.**

Word

God speaks to us in scripture, reading, preaching and song

Children’s Sermon

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:1-16

Scripture Summary

It is now no longer enough simply to sit back and wonder at God’s gift of grace offered freely to all; the time has come to listen hard to the Spirit calling us to use our unique gifts for the good of the community. Game on!

Litany

L: I tried to pick up a fork with my elbows the other day.

C: Well, I tried to tie my shoes with my knees.

All: It did not go well!

L: Because hands are made for picking up forks and tying shoes, not elbows and knees.

C: No wonder!

L: It would be like trying to walk on your nose, or drive with your ears.

C: Ridiculous!

L: We all have our unique gifts and talents.

C: And while there are different ways to do things, each of us has a way that works best for them.

L: Not everyone is good at everything...

C: But each of us is good at something.

L: So, when things have to be done...

C: We should do the things that match our gifts and talents.

L: And if everyone does that...

C: Everything will go well!

L: We need knees and elbows and noses and ears as well as hands and feet...

C: But we need them to do what they were meant to do.

L: As members of the body of Christ, we are all equally important.

C: No matter what we can do, or can’t do.

L: And when we bring our gifts and talents together...

C: There’s nothing that can’t be done.

L: And even if we lose some of our abilities...

C: Our knees don't kneel anymore; our ears can't hear very well...

L: God has given each of us MANY gifts.

C: So, we can still do many things.

L: So, let us celebrate our differences...

C: Even as we rejoice in our similarities.

L: Let us be Christ's body, together, in a broken world.

C: And coming together, let us make a real, positive difference.

L: Remembering who gave us our gifts...

C: May we say thank you, by using those gifts to God's glory.

All: Thank you, Lord!

Hymn *"We Are One in Mission"*

ELW # 576

Sermon

Hymn *"Lord, Speak To Us That We May Speak"*

ELW # 676

Apostles' Creed

C: 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.

Gathering of the Offering

Stewardship Snippet

"If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?" –Romans 8:31b,32
Children learn how to be adults primarily through their parents. That's why children frequently grow up with the same preferences as their parents in such areas as food, politics, church, wealth and relationships. As spiritual children of God, we can grow into generous stewards by matching God's giving nature. God withholds nothing from us but gives us everything we need. We give because we have first been given – by God!

Offertory Prayer

God has granted us grace, according to Christ's immeasurable gift. Although it is one we can never repay, may our lives be a continual offering of praise and thanksgiving, returning all that we have to you, and to your highest purpose. **Amen.**

Offertory

Rhonda Andree

Offering Response *"We Are an Offering"*

ELW # 692

Prayers of the Church

P: God of wisdom,

C: Hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

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Sending

God blesses us and sends us out in peace

Blessing

Sending Hymn

Favorite Hymn

Dismissal

P: Go in peace, Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Prayer List: Please keep the following friends & members of our community of faith in your prayers of thanksgiving or for comfort, peace, and healing: Vince Peterson, Phyllis Shurson, Karen Koehler, (daughter of Laura Truebenbach), Jedidiah Bisker (friend of Marlene Tappe), Betty Berg, Bridgette Blowers, Karen Warke, Shirley Tappe, Peggy Borchard, Bernie Anderson, Shawn Davis, Jean Billing, Ronda Staloch, Al Batt, Clyde Lundholm, Jill Anderson, Sandra Schuette, Jewell Mendenhall, Connor Weckwerth, Jeff Boelter, Shane Davis, Marge Haddy, and those in care centers. Karen L. Anderson, our missionary to Chile. Our three global partners: Tanzania, Colombia, and South Sudan.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Today	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship
Monday	8:30 a.m.	Quilting
Tuesday	3:00-6:30 p.m.	AFSNR
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship

We are again collection supplies for School Kits that will be sent worldwide through Lutheran World Relief. Please remember these children as you shop for your school supplies. You may also make cash donations at Trinity. Our deadline this year is Sunday, September 6th. Boxes to put your supplies in will be in the entry by the church office.