

Trinity Lutheran Church, ELCA - God's Work Our Hands

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, August 6, 2017

Worship 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

Opening Hymn "Come, Thou Almighty King"

ELW # 408

Gathering Prayer

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: Be strong in the Lord and the strength of God's power.

C: The Spirit will keep us standing firm.

P: Pray at all times, keep alert, and persevere.

C: We will speak boldly the mystery of the Gospel.

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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Hymn of praise "This is the feast of victory for our God"

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Prayer of the Day

Mighty God, your weapons are spiritual and your armor is truth. Teach us not to be defensive, but to stand in the strength of your Gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ, our Lord, **Amen.**

Baptismal hymn *“Dearest Jesus, We Are Here”* verse 1 ELW #443

Service of Holy Baptism page 227

Jasper Jullianna Young is being baptized today. Her parents are Matthew and Desiree. Sponsors are: Kortney Frechette, Hunter Frechette, Nick Battey and Crystal Flintrop.

Baptismal hymn *“Dearest Jesus, We Are Here”* verse 2 ELW #443

Word

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

Children’s Sermon

Scripture Readings

Ephesians 6:10-20

Scripture Summary

God’s armor doesn’t look like ours. It is comprised of truth, righteousness, faith, salvation, and proclamation. It’s not designed to protect against the dangers of combat, but rather the forces that seek to destroy humanity.

Litany: Put on the Armor of God

L: Put on the whole armor of God!

C: Whoa! Does God want us to do battle?

L: A kind of battle, yes.

C: Not us! Make love, not war—that’s what we say!

L: This is a different kind of battle. It is a spiritual battle.

C: Spiritual battle? Then we don’t need armor, right?

L: Again, not literal armor. Paul wants us to fight the forces of evil with things like the belt of truth, and the shield of faith.

C: Ah, we get it now.

L: The breastplate of righteousness. The helmet of salvation.

C: We get it already!

L: The sword of the Spirit.

C: Are you finished?

L: All finished. But seriously, we need all these things to help good to triumph in this world.

C: Yes, there is so much evil—so many evil people! The world would be better without them!

L: But what about the evil in us?

C: What are you talking about?

L: The biggest battle is fighting the sin in ourselves.

C: But we aren't evil people! We're good people!

L: Everyone has both bad and good in them. It's not black and white.

C: So now we're gray?

L: In a manner of speaking. God knows our strengths and weaknesses. God knows where we are vulnerable to bad influences and impulses.

C: Hence the armor?

L: Yes. God's spirit gives us what we need to be better, and to make the world a better place.

C: We just need to use what we've been given, right?

L: Right. So, put on the armor of God!

C: We will!!

Hymn

Favorite Hymn

Sermon

Hymn

Favorite Hymn

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the Church

P: Almighty protector,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

Offertory Prayer

Lord, you provide us with everything we need—protection, sustaining words, and a community of support. Turn us away from our own concerns and outward to those who need what we have to offer—all the gifts with which you have blessed us. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

Offering Response "We are an Offering"

ELW # 692

Meal

The Great Thanksgiving

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P: It is indeed right, our duty and joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

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Words of Institution "In the night in which He was betrayed..."

The Lord's Prayer

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Invitation to Holy Communion

Prepare now to be fed on the body and blood of our Lord. Fortify yourselves with the sacrament of salvation and renew your strength to continue the campaign entrusted to us by Jesus, our caretaker, host and guide. Come, eat, and be restored!

All are welcome who desire to receive the Lord's body and blood for the forgiveness of sin and renewal of life to join us for Holy Communion. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. Red wine or apple juice is available as each communicant chooses. Gluten-free wafers are available. Young children and others who do not commune are invited and welcome to come forward for a blessing. During communion, please join in singing hymns: **Lamb of God, page 154, ELW # 785, 805**

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us out in peace

Announcements Share a high point of your day. What was a low point?

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), Karen Warke, Shirley Tappe, Peggy Borchard, Bernie Anderson, Shawn Davis, Jean Billing, Ronda Staloch, Al Batt, Clyde Lundholm, Jill Anderson, Sandra Schuette, Jewell Mendenhall, Jeff Boelter, Shane Davis, Marge Haddy, Mitch Brekke and those in care centers. Karen L. Anderson, our missionary to Chile. Our three global partners: Tanzania, Colombia, and South Sudan.

General Fund Balance -\$24,725.35

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship
Monday	8:30 a.m.	Quilting
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship w/ communion
	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.