

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

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, August 20, 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

Matt Groskreutz

Gathering

The Holy Spirit, the comforter, gathers us in worship

Welcome/Announcements

Opening Hymn "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

ELW # 619

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: Come into the dwelling place of the Lord!

C: We long to be in the presence of God!

P: These courts, this place—it is our true home.

C: We will dwell in the Lord's house forever!

Confession and Forgiveness

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

L: Loving God,

C: You have granted us every blessing on earth, but we do not mirror your generosity to the world. We turn inward and hold tightly to things that aren't even ours. We make others uncomfortable to be around us instead of welcoming as you would. And we regularly forget the grace that has been freely offered. Forgive us for not living each day as your beloved, chosen children, for the sake of Jesus, Amen.

L: We do not continue in sin in order that grace may abound, for God's mercy is not something which can be taken from us. Go forth in the sure knowledge that you are forgiven, made new, and strengthened to serve another day in God's kingdom.
Amen.

Kyrie

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Hymn of praise "*Glory to God in the highest*"

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Prayer of the Day

Lord of freedom, we are no long enslaved to sin. Inspire us to live as children forgiven, freed to share the story of our deliverance and invite others into it, for the sake of Jesus,
Amen.

Baptismal hymn "*All Who Believe and Are Baptized*" vs 1 ELW #442

Service of Holy Baptism

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Nash Roeker is being baptized today. His parents are Casey and Natalie. Sponsors are: Lindsey Barbknecht and Brent Possin.

Baptismal hymn "*All Who Believe and Are Baptized*" vs 2 ELW #442

Word

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

Scripture Readings

Psalm 84

Romans 6:1-11

Scripture Summary

The place where God dwells defies description. It is a refuge like no other, a sanctuary of grace and an endless source of strength. Such a home would be the fulfillment of our every desire. Guess what? It's already ours!

Litany

L: No one wants to talk about death.

C: Death is scary. No one wants to think about the end.

L: In our world, we cling to life, as hard as it can be.

C: We refuse to think of the alternative.

L: Death is a closed door. A sealed tomb.

C: Whatever our worries, whatever our trials, we tend to choose life.

L: To keep that door open as long as possible.

C: Death is scary. No one wants to think about it.

L: But Christ died, and showed us another way to live.

C: A life without fear, a life of hope and joy.

L: Because Christ died and rose again, we need not be afraid.

C: We live eternally, because Christ died and opened the door of heaven for us.

L: The door we thought was closed.

C: Now, with Christ, the door is open, and the tomb is empty.

L: And death has lost its power over us.

C: No one wants to talk about death, but we need to die in order to live forever.

L: Christ leads the way to and through death, with us every step of the way.

C: We need not fear, because whatever happens...

All: Christ has opened the door wide to welcome us home.

Hymn *"We Know That Christ is Raised"*

ELW # 449

Sermon

Pastor Pamela Jensen

Hymn *"When Peace Like a River"*

ELW # 785

Gathering of the offering

Stewardship Snippet

August 20, 2017 (11th Sunday after Pentecost, Year A; Proper 15)

Jesus said, "Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile." –Matthew 15:17-20

"Watch your mouth," your parent might have told you growing up. Jesus would agree, because as he teaches above, words reveal the thoughts of your heart. What do your words say about you? If you find your words bitter, foul, insulting, complaining or cynical, what can you do? Pray to God for a renewed heart.

Offertory Prayer

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Amen.

Offertory

Matt Groskreutz

Offering Response "We are an Offering"

ELW # 692

Prayers of the Church

P: Gracious God,

C: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

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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 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

ELW # 547

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Meatball Dinner Fundraiser is Sunday, September 17, 10:30 am – 1:00 pm. Cost is \$10.00 for ages 10-adult. Children 5 to 9 are \$6.00 and 4 and under are free. Please look over the sign-up sheets located on the shelf at the top of the steps if you wish to donate supplies, cash, or designate a particular job you would be willing to do. Contact LeAnn Buendorf at 465-8525 or 507-4610176 if you have any questions. Thank you!

Prayer List: Please keep the following friends & members of our community of faith in your prayers of thanksgiving or for comfort, peace, and healing: Carol Schlaak, Vince Peterson, Phyllis Shurson, Karen Koehler, (daughter of Laura Trueebenbach), Jedidiah Bisker (friend of Marlene Tappe), Karen Warke, 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship
Monday	8:30 a.m.	Quilting
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.