

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

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, August 27, 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 "*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*"

ELW # 836

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, enjoy the goodness of God's holy temple!

**C: You are the hope of all the ends of the earth.**

P: By God's strength were the mountains established.

**C: You bring peace to the seas—and to your people.**

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.

## Prayer of the Day

Lord of the feast, your gifts are precious beyond measure. May we never forget the cost of the grace that is ours, and may we ever honor you in receiving and sharing it. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

## Word

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

## Scripture Readings

Psalm 65

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

## Scripture Summary

The Lord’s Supper is the greatest invitation of all, for its host is the very one who made the earth and brought forth its goodness. What better reason to honor and respect this most precious meal?

## Litany

L: Are you hungry?

**C: Very hungry!**

L: Then come to the table, but check your bags at the door first.

**C: Bags? What bags? Our hands are empty!**

L: But they’re not empty. You have lots of baggage—anger, resentment, envy, distrust... shall I go on?

**C: No. We get your point. But it’s hard to let go of our stuff. We’ve been carrying it forever.**

L: And you don’t need to carry it a moment longer.

**C: What will happen to all of it? We may need some of it later.**

L: But you won’t. Come to the table and see.

**C: Who else is at the table? Are they people we know?**

L: Some, yes. Some are strangers—for now.

**C: We’re not comfortable eating with strangers!**

L: We’re not comfortable eating with strangers!

**C: Did they check their bags too?**

L: Yes, indeed. Their hands are empty, ready to receive the bread and wine.

**C: Can we eat now? We’re hungry!**

L: Yes, yes, but first, take those hands, those empty hands of yours, and hold each

other's hands.

**C: We're not comfortable holding hands with strangers!**

L: In this moment, strangers become friends, and more than friends. Brothers and sisters in Christ.

**C: Brothers and sisters. No baggage. Ready to eat?**

L: Ready to eat together, ready to share a heavenly meal.

**C: We give thanks for this meal. Bless us, Lord. Together!**

**All: Together, now, and forever. Amen!**

Hymn *"Now Thank We All Our God"*

ELW # 840

Sermon

Pastor Andree

Hymn

Favorite Hymn

Gathering of the offering

Stewardship Snippet

August 27, 2017 (12th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 16)

[Paul writes:] I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. –Romans 12:1-8

How healthy are you? Paul reminds us that we need to be stewards of our physical bodies and do our best to keep them holy and acceptable to God. Is your diet healthful? Do you consume alcohol only in moderation? Do you exercise? Get enough sleep? Do you smoke? What can you do to be a better steward of your health?

Offertory Prayer

You have crowned the year with your bounty and all the earth overflows with the goodness of your harvest. Teach us to enjoy your blessings and share them in equal measure, as you are Creator, provider, and lover of all. **Amen.**

Offertory

Rhonda Andree

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*

Blessing

Sending Hymn

Favorite Hymn

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 brothers and sisters in Tanzania, Colombia, and South Sudan.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Today</b>	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship
<b>Monday</b>	8:30 a.m.	Quilting
<b>Sunday</b>	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.