

Trinity Lutheran Church, ELCA - God's Work Our Hands
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 10, 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

Gathering Prayer

Opening Hymn " *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* "

ELW # 836

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: In the beginning was the Word.

C: All things came into being through him.

P: In the Word was life,

C: And the life was the light of all people.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

L: Loving Creator,

C: You have formed us, given us breath, and supplied our every need. And yet we are slow to recognize your blessings, quick to doubt and criticize, and eager to blame others for our own shortcomings. Forgive us when we fail to reflect the unconditional love of the One who made us. Have mercy on us and claim us once again as your own. Amen.

L: The Lord hears our every cry and grants forgiveness when we repent. Receive the promise that cannot be taken away: you are a child of God, loved, pardoned, and blessed forever. In the name of Jesus our Savior, Amen.

Kyrie

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Word

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

Children’s Sermon

Scripture Readings

Genesis 1:1—2:4a

John 1:1-5

Litany

L: In the beginning God created everything from nothing.

C: Everything that exists. Everything that grows. Everything that lives.

L: Including us. It’s easy to think we are the most important part of creation.

C: That the world, that the universe revolves around us.

L: That we can just do whatever we want to our planet.

C: This miracle God made. We can trash it with no consequences.

L: But there are consequences. We can destroy what God has so lovingly created.

C: And a lot of the time, that’s exactly what we do.

L: There are earthquakes, hurricanes, tornados—all kinds of natural disasters.

C: All of these can do great damage.

L: But we are capable of far worse damage.

C: From huge things like nuclear war...

L: To little things like littering.

C: Every careless, destructive thing we do diminishes God’s amazing creation.

L: Sometimes it’s a wonder God ever trusted us to be stewards.

C: We’ve done enough wrong to be fired, a thousand times over.

L: Yet God still gives us chances to halt, even to reverse the damage before it’s too late.

C: We can stop polluting; we can save endangered species.

L: We can use all our amazing technology for good.

C: Or not.

L: God gives us so many chances, but one day our time will run out.

C: And it will be too late.

L: The beginning was God’s, but we can hasten the ending.

C: Or not.

L: We can cherish everything that grows, everything that lives.

C: Including each other.

L: May we honor the miracle of creation, and give humble thanks for our part in God’s incredible plan.

C: And may we say, with our God, “It is good. It is very good.”

Hymn

Favorite Hymn

Sermon

Hymn

Favorite Hymn

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the Church

P: Creator God,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

Gathering of the offering

Offertory

Rhonda Andree

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 page 154, right column, traditional version

Invitation to Holy Communion

See, God has given us every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. So, we graciously receive the grains and the grapes which have become this bread and this wine. May they be for us the body and blood of the Word to which we owe our lives. Come and eat! Enjoy the fruits of creation!

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 # 396, 556, 856**

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

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!

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 Truebenbach), Jedidiah Bisker (friend of Marlene Tappe), Karen Warke, Bernie Anderson, Jill Anderson, Jewell Mendenhall, Jean Billing, Ronda Staloch, Al Batt, Clyde Lundholm, Sandra Schuette, Jeff Boelter, Shane Davis, Shawn Davis, Marge Haddy, and those in care centers. Karen L. Anderson, our Missionary to Chile. Our brothers and sisters in Colombia, South Sudan, Tanzania.

General Fund Balance -\$5,081.00

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship
Monday	8:30 a.m.	Quilting
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship w/ communion
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship