



## Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*The mission of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is to embody the love of Christ at home-at work-at play-in the community and in the world.*



18th Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, October 1, 2023  
8:00 & 10:30 am

Pastor Ildiko Rigney- Presiding  
Pianist: 8:00 am- Betsy Stovall  
Organist: 10:30 am-Dr. Marylynn Fletcher  
Worship Assistant: 8:00 am – Dawn Foerster  
10:30 am- Pamela Orsak  
Ushers & Greeters: 8:00 am-  
10:30 am- Ralph and Margaret Howard  
Acolytes: 8:00 am- Kai Farek  
10:30 am- Doris Montgomery  
Altar Guild: 8:00 am- Matt, April and Sawyer Hilbrich  
10:30 am- Cheryl Clark  
October Council: Ronnie Stanford assisted with Meredith Golden

### PRE- GATHERING MUSIC:

8:00 AM- Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me- City Alight  
10:30 AM-

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✠ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. **Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and faithful God,

**you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you.**

**We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering.**

**We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others.**

**For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us.**

**For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us.**

**For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us.**

**Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.

God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.

In ✠ Christ, you are already and always forgiven. **Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN:

8:00 AM-W&P #77 Jesus, Name Above all Names (Sing 3 Times)

Jesus, name above all names,  
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord,  
Emmanuel, God is with us,  
Blessed Redeemer, living Word.

10:30 AM- ELW #531 The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

### FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? <sup>3</sup>As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

<sup>25</sup>Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? <sup>26</sup>When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. <sup>28</sup>Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

<sup>30</sup>Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

## PSALM 25:1-9

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD,  
I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your ways, O LORD,  
and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice  
and teach the lowly your way.

## SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13

<sup>1</sup>If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### **CHANGE MY HEART OH GOD**

Change my heart, O God. make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God may I be like you.  
You are the potter, I am the clay; mold me and make me,  
This is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God. make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God. may I be like you.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 21<sup>st</sup> Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32**

<sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" <sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' <sup>26</sup>But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

<sup>28</sup>"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' <sup>29</sup>He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

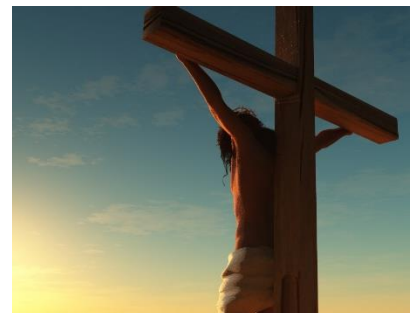
P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **THE SERMON: PASTOR ILDIKO RIGNEY "HUMILITY"**

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY:**

**8:00 AM- BB #11 Speak O Lord**

**10:30 AM- ELW #517 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word**



## **APOSTLE'S CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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  
and is seated at the right hand of Father.**

**He will come again 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Congregation Response: receive our prayer*

**PEACE:**

**OFFERING MUSIC:**

**8:00 AM- The Blessing- John Waller**

**10:30 AM- Speak O Lord- Dee Wheeler and Claudette Hofer**



**OFFERING PRAYER**

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.



## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

*Please come to the table from the side aisle, receive the elements at the altar rail and return down the center aisle.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION:

8:00 AM- Sweetly Broken- Jeremy Riddle

10:30 AM- In Christ Alone- Dee Wheeler and Claudette Hofer

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

The God of glory, ✝ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN:

8:00 am- ELW #538 The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

10:30 am- ELW #538 The Lord Now Send Us Forth (sing 2 times)

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE:

8:00 am-BB #12 Blessings

10:30 am-

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## Announcements



Special Prayers: Margie Burnside, Ryder McGrath, David Irwin, Barbara Webb, Vicki Boudreaux, Travis Schrade, Jerry Micek, Gus Pena, Ana Flores, Crystal Bennett, Troy Hallmark, Roger and Linda Sanger, Becky McGlone, JR. Morriss, Ralph Howard, Diane Kuykendall, Diane S., rain, those struggling with illness or covid 19, Our Country, troops & families, law enforcement, first responders, and all people in need.

### October is Pastor Appreciation Month.

We greatly appreciate Pastor Ildiko Rigney for her compassionate heart and ever-present smile. She is a joy to all who have been fortunate to know her.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is truly blessed.



#### Mark your calendar:

- Sun. Oct. 1- First Communion Class 9:15 am- Parlor
- Mon. Oct. 3- Boy Scout Meeting 6:00 pm
- Tues. Oct. 3- Men's Group I-Hop 7:00 am
- Tues. Oct 3- LWR Sewing 9:00 am
- Tues. Oct 3- Mary Martha 9:30 am
- Tues. Oct 3- Executive Council 2:00 pm
- Tues. Oct. 3- Worship Team Meeting 6:30 pm
- Tues. - (8:00) Music Team practice 7:30 pm
- Wed. Oct. 4- Confirmation 6:15 pm
- Thur. Oct. 5- BSA #307 Venture 7:00 pm



Join us **TODAY** Oct. 1st,  
after the 10:30 service, in LH.  
We will have pizza for lunch, brainstorm  
some upcoming activities, discuss what YOU  
want to see in this program, and talk about  
an exciting upcoming trip.  
Parent and Youth are invited to attend.



**GIVE VIA TEXT-** This option is in **addition** to using your envelope or Vanco.

For your convenience, you can now send your offering or memorial gift to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church via text messaging. Simply text your offering of \$3.00 or more to: **844-618-1233**

A reply will send you a link which will allow you to enter the necessary information, such as your name, email address and credit card or bank information needed to complete the transaction.

**This only needs to be done one time.** Afterwards, you can simply text the dollar amount you wish to give. That's not all! With a simple notation, you can make your gift **RECURRING**, or give a specific **FUND** if you wish. More information and a quick guide is available on the TLC Website.

#### **Next Week's Readings October 8:**

**Isa. 5:1-7, Ps. 80:7-15, Phil. 3:4b-14, Matt. 21:33-46**



### 39th Annual Luther Fest - Sunday, October 15, 2023

- Chicken BBQ dinner —\$12 ticket donation– Pre-sale tickets at the church office.
- Outside– plates to go will start serving at 10:30 am/• Inside serving begins at 11:00 am
- Silent auction will start at 10 am and closes at 1 pm
- Live auction begins at 12 Noon
- Enjoy the cake walk, pies by the slice and FUN GAMES for kids

We are NOW accepting donations and monetary gifts for:

Live auction- accepting monetary gifts and donations thru, Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.

Silent auction

Help offset the cost of the food, trimmings and paper goods by giving to the LF fund

One Worship service in the Sanctuary at 9:30 am

#### **NEEDED for Luther Fest Plates to go:**



- ◆ Cookies and brownies for the plates to go.
- ◆ Cakes for the Calk Walk
- ◆ Pies for the pie sale

Items can be delivered, Saturday, October 14 before the barbeque from 8:00 am-12:00 pm



#### **Octoberfest Sunday, October 29, 2023 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Ander**

Join us at the picnic area for food, fun, fellowship, and fundraising! 100% of funds raised will go to Cross Trails, the camping ministry of the ELCA's Southwestern Texas Synod, whose mission is to provide unique settings and experiences in which youth, adults and families are strengthened in their relationship with Christ, each other, the church, and the community.

**Country Store opens at 3:30 pm, kids' games begin at 4:00 pm, live auction begins at 5:00- Food serving begins at 6:30 pm, "Traditional German Meal", \$12 a plate- eat here or to go.**

#### **Please Help Us Load Them Up!**

**On Tuesday, October 31, we will pack, label, and load our quilts and school kits. They will be taken to the Ingathering near Seguin, then to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse for distribution around the world to our most needy neighbors. We will meet in the sanctuary at 9:00 and need all of your help in getting these items ready to ship. Thanks for your ongoing support of this vital ministry. If you have any comments or questions, please contact Barbara Zimmerman at 788-3842 or [sbzimmerman@suddenlink.net](mailto:sbzimmerman@suddenlink.net).**

