

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

We are so glad you are here!! May the joy of Christ be with you all!
Welcome!!

God's Work.



Our Hands.

8 September 2019

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GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

Silent Prayer Before Worship

Bells

Greeting

Call to Worship

L: Come to hear the Word.

C: Come to do the Word.

L: Come to experience Comfort.

C: Come to experience Challenge.

L: Come to find Cost.

C: Come to find Joy.

L: Come to find Humanity.

C: Come to find Community.

L: Come to find Church.

C: Come to find God.

Prayer of Brokenness/Confession

L: Rabbi, Teacher, Jesus,
You who taught thousands
and yet were willing to learn from the least of these,
we confess that we pretend to know
when in truth we still wonder.

**C: Forgive our pretense,
that we may open ourselves to unexpected teachers,
to fresh ideas,
to one another,
to You.**

L: Vulnerable Christ,
You who lived in generous love,
we confess that we have closed ourselves off,
that we have seen so much suffering
that we stop looking
rather than see and respond to those in need.

**C: Forgive our neglect
that we may care for one another
and follow in the example You set for us.
In your name we pray. Amen**

Words of Assurance

L: Disciples, followers, students of the living Christ,
know that You are forgiven always.

**C: We are freed to begin anew
through God's everlasting mercy and love. Alleluia. Amen!
Today I make this commitment with our community of Faith:**

**C: I intend to spend this day with all the curiosity and imagination
that God gave me.**

I will be aware of my heart and hands.

I will notice my neighbor, his house, her home and the needs of each.

Who do my eyes see?

Do I see as Christ sees?

Will I see their need and act with love, compassion and grace?

**I intend to spend this day with God that He might use my heart, hands, eyes, ears
and my life to do His will. Amen.**

Song

WOV #754 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Prayer of the Day

L: O God, we thank You this day for Christians
who seek to live out their faith in their everyday lives.

**C: We know that we cannot earn Your love,
but we can *respond* to Your love.
You call us to live holy lives
out of gratitude for all that You have done for us.**

L: We thank You for people who are doers of the word and not hearers only.

**C: O God, may we be counted among them.
Help us to hear Your word and to find joy in doing what You call us to do.
May we live our lives in thankful obedience. Amen.**

Gospel Response "I Will Hide Your Word Inside My Heart" (on screen)

Luke 14:25-33

Large crowds were walking along with Jesus, when he turned and said:

"You cannot be my disciple, unless you love me more than you love your father and mother, your wife and children, and your brothers and sisters. You cannot come with me unless you love me more than you love your own life.

You cannot be my disciple unless you carry your own cross and come with me.

Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. What is the first thing you will do? Won't you sit down and figure out how much it will cost and if you have enough money to pay for it? Otherwise, you will start building the tower, but not be able to finish. Then everyone who sees what is happening will laugh at you. They will say, "You started building, but could not finish the job."

What will a king do if he has only ten thousand soldiers to defend himself against a king who is about to attack him with twenty thousand soldiers? Before he goes out to battle, won't he first sit down and decide if he can win? If he thinks he won't be able to defend himself, he will send messengers and ask for peace while the other king is still a long way off. So then, you cannot be my disciple unless you give away everything you own."

We Are One In the Spirit

**We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.**

Chorus:

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our Land. Chorus:**

**We will work with each other, We will work side by side,
We will work with each other, We will work side by side,
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. Chorus:**

**All praise to the Father from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.
Chorus**

Message

Apostles' 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 into hell. On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the 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.

Sharing the Peace of the Lord

Offering

Offertory Response: "What Have We To Offer" (on screen)

Offertory Prayer:

L: Like the psalmist,
C: we worship with faithfulness and longing.
 L: God, give us understanding;
C: lead us on Your paths;
 L: turn our hearts to love;
C: turn our eyes to truth;
 L: confirm Your promise of life—
C: abundant and eternal life.
 L: May our worship be Your praise.
C: May our lives be holy offerings.
Amen.

Prayers of the People

L: Gathered together to follow Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.
 We give You thanks for this crowd of followers the whole world calls church.
C: Guide us as Your people on the way, transform our lives and our community to reflect You faithfully, even at cost to ourselves, and continue always to hold us in Your love.
 L: We ask Your blessing on our work together today as a community, a church, a family.
C: Guide our hands and our hearts to live as You lived, and lead us outward to serve the world You love, today and always.
 L: We pray for our neighbors here in Victoria, for the people whose homes, schools, and workplaces surround us.
C: May our following of Jesus be a blessing to them, and may we all turn toward each other in service and love.
 L: We intercede with wonder and pleading for the earth that You have made, its beauty and grief, and all its inhabitants.
C: Lead us to love creation as You love it, and show us what possessions we must give up that all Your creatures may live.
 L: We ask Your mercy on all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, especially ...
C: Grant them Your peace, turn their sorrow into laughter, and bring them to new wholeness.
 L: We praise You for all the saints who have followed you faithfully and, through Your grace, have been brought to eternal life.
C: Comfort all who grieve for their companionship, and grant us all wisdom as we remember the beauty of their lives with us.
 L: We place into Your hands all that we pray for and all that we need, trusting in Your generous compassion, through Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

Benediction

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Song:

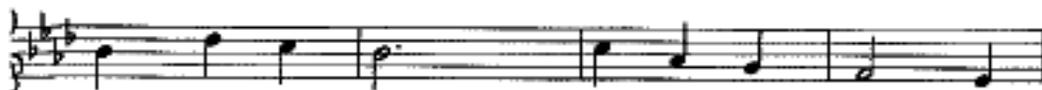
God's Work Our Hands



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
 2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
 3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
 4 God is at work in and a - round us:



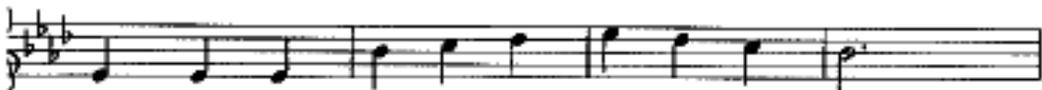
build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
 fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
 prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
 seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
 run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
 claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your Gos - pel.

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Trinity Lutheran Church
35th Luther Fest
Sunday, September 22, 2019

We need YOU to make this year another successful event.

Plates to Go – 10 AM – 1 PM

Serving – 10:30 AM – 1 PM

Meal Tickets - \$10 each – Shanna Mikulenka

Placemat Ads – Meredith Golden

Live Auction – 12 PM – Margaret & Ralph Howard

Silent Auction – 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM – Sally & Brian Wolter

Pie Sales – Diana & Von Tuch

Cake Wheel – Pam Stanford

Plant Sale – Cheryl Clark

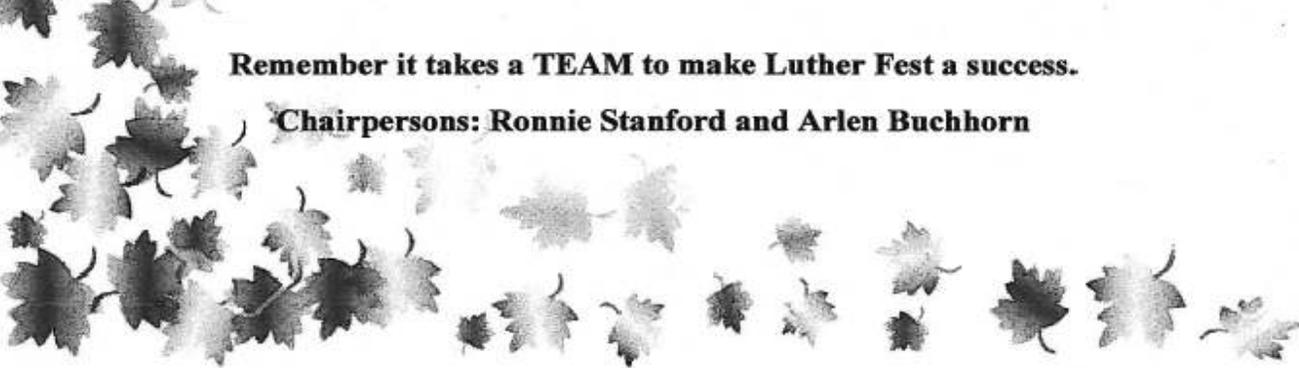
A sign-up sheet for cakes, pies, desserts and cookies – 144 dozen needed – will be in the church Narthex.

Placemat Ad forms are available in the church Narthex.

Monetary donations will be accepted to help defray the cost of the BBQ chicken meal. Please call Ronnie Stanford or Arlen Buchhorn for details.

Remember it takes a TEAM to make Luther Fest a success.

Chairpersons: Ronnie Stanford and Arlen Buchhorn



**There will be only one service (10:00 a.m.)
on Sunday October 6.**

Live and Silent Auction items may be brought to church and placed in the conference room located across from the workroom.

Please fill out an index card for live auction items and a purple slip for silent auction items. They are also located in the Conference room.

Thanks for your donation to Luther Fest.

Margaret Howard –361-571-3187 and Sally Wolter—361-920-3041

Plants for the plant sale for Luther Fest can be brought on Saturday the 21st or the morning of the 22nd—Luther Fest. Plants can be brought to the courtyard.

Let us know if—

- ⇒ You know the name of the plant
- ⇒ Growing conditions (ie. grow in full sun, shade etc.)
- ⇒ Label it

Thanks, Cheryl Clark

Call me for any information—361-649-8906



Thanks ahead of time for all your **CAKE—BAKING** efforts.
Don't forget to **BAKE, BAKE, BAKE.**

Luther Fest needs your cakes for the **CAKE WHEEL**

And **SLICES TO SELL**

Bring them Saturday Morning, September 21st before NOON or Sunday Morning before Luther Fest Begins. Cupcakes, Plates of Brownies, & etc. will also be accepted.

Don't forget to call Pam and let her know if can work in the **CAKE WHEEL** booth.

Hello everyone!!

Just a reminder:

Diana and Von Tuch will be in charge of the "Pie by the Slice" booth at Luther Fest again this year.

Get those recipes picked out to bake, bake, bake!!

So many people look forward to a great piece of pie after their barbecue meal.

Also, if we have a good supply of pies, some folks love

to buy a whole pie!

Please note: No refrigerator or meringue pie can be accepted.



Thank you!!



Last Week's Metrics

Attendance: 9-1 8am: 46 10:30am: 65

Offerings:	General Fund	Benevolence	Trinity Growth	Summer Challenge
Envelopes:	\$ 3,452	\$ 173	\$ 828	2,710
Online Giving:	\$ 1,320	\$ 75	\$ 405	200

Our Average Expenses in 2018 were \$6600/week, every week. This includes: \$4566/week for Salaries and Benefits, \$ 700/week for Utilities, \$ 502/week for Insurance, and \$ 832/week for Supplies, Ministries, Routine Maintenance and all other items

The Trinity Growth Program is used to pay our mortgage, which is about \$1220/week.

Benevolence Offerings are sent each month to our Southwestern Texas Synod, where it is used for many church-wide ministries and to support the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

These averages are intended to give you an idea of what it takes to maintain our facilities and minister to the congregation and the community around us. Of course, there is much more detail, if you are interested. Our books are always open to any member of the congregation, and I would be very excited to sit down with you and answer any questions you might have.

Thank you for all you do and your generous support.

Bruce Kaiser, Treasurer

Prayer List - for week ending Sept 7th

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES:

Alice Reha and family on the death of her brother, Mike Reha

THANKFUL PRAYERS

PRAYER CONCERNS

Tara Belcik

Wanda Booth & family

Shannon Borowicz

Joe Coffey

"Ike" Eichhorn

Tammi Hartman

Mildred Johnston

Kevin Mozisek

Cole Ohrt

Lael Cordes Pitts

Bryan Redding



It is time to reset our prayer list, if you wish to add someone to the prayer list or put someone back on, please email me at hitch211@suddenlink.net or use the attendance cards in the bulletin to do so. Remember to include folks who have been on the list and are healing, we can be thankful for their healing!

**TODAY: THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS**

8:00 Worship, Sanctuary
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship, Sanctuary

MONDAY: SEPTEMBER 9

5:15 Music and Worship Team
6:00 Boy Scouts

TUESDAY: SEPTEMBER 10

8:00 Walkers, LH
9:00 Sewing Day
12:00 WELCA Quarterly Meeting
Luncheon, Program , & Elections

WEDNESDAY: SEPTEMBER 11

6—7:30 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation
FOOD BANK

THURSDAY: SEPTEMBER 12

8:00 Walkers, LH

FRIDAY: SEPTEMBER 13

Compassionate Servers set-up in Luther Hall
Dawn Foerster

SATURDAY: SEPTEMBER 14

9:00-1:00 Compassionate Servers Workday
Dawn Foerster

SUNDAY: FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JAMMIN' 4 JESUS

8:00 Worship, Holy Communion
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship, Holy Communion

Set-up for LUTHER FEST Begins

All Facilities Reserved All Week
September 15th - 22nd

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL DUTIES:

Arlen Buchhorn and Curtis Connally

GREETERS—USHERS

8:00 Stanley and Mendy Dierlam
Cathy Dierlam
10:30 Ralph and Margaret Howard
Waylon Kern Family

ACOLYTES:

8:00 Allyson Schmidt
10:30 Seth Schulz
Kaylen Smith

READERS:

8:00 Mendy Dierlam
10:30 Tammy Talley

ALTAR GUILD:

8:00 Gretchen Sturm
10:30 Laura Schulz

WEDNESDAYS FRIENDS

COME AND JOIN THE FELLOWSHIP

**SEPTEMBER 18TH—SPEAKER ON 'BALANCE'
THEN BINGO**

OCTOBER 16TH—JOHN SPRIGG AND FRIENDS

NOVEMBER 20TH—MIKE RIPPAMONTI AND GLEN CHRISTIAN

DECEMBER 18TH—STAFF CHRISTMAS LUNCH—DEBBIE GROSENBACHER



**A MATTER OF
BALANCE**