

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Hayfield, Minnesota

Rev. Kristen Anderson, Pastor

Denise Phillippe, Director of Christian Education

Twelve Sunday After Pentecost

9:00am

August 20, 2023

Welcome to worship at Trinity!

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

Mark your calendars for **RALLY SUNDAY: SEPTEMBER 10!**



Musician: Nancy Matti

Lector: Corey Wagner

Ushers: Evan Schmeling Judy & Harry Follmuth

Communion Assistant:



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The floral arrangement on the altar is in celebration of the marriage yesterday of Carly Hauschild to Tate Halgrimson. The flowers are given by Carly's grandparents Gene and Evonne Phillippe and aunt Denise Phillippe. Carly's parents are Trinity's former Pastor Paul and Kristi Hauschild.

GATHERING

*Stand if able

PRELUDE

WELCOME & 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 the holy Trinity, † one God,
who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails,
whose promise is sure.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have hurt our community.

We have squandered your blessings.

We have hoarded your bounty.

In the name of Jesus,

forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Righteous God,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have failed to be honest.

We have lacked the courage to speak.

We have spoken falsely.

In the name of Jesus,

forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.
God offers boundless grace when we fail.
Claim the gift of God's mercy:
you are freed and forgiven
in the name of + Jesus Christ.

Amen.

*** GATHERING HYMN: "All Are Welcome"** verses 1,3,5 # 641

APOSTOLIC GREETING:

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.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BAPTISM HYMN: "Borning Cry" #732

SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM Jacee Jo Kruger p. 227-231

WORD

FIRST READING: **Isaiah 56:1, 6-8**

¹Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

PSALM: **Psalm 67**

L: ¹May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

C: ²**Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

L: ³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

C: ⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

L: ⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

C: ⁶**The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

L: ⁷May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

SECOND READING: **Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**

[Paul writes:] ¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

***GOSPEL: Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28**

P: The Gospel according to Matthew

C: Glory to you, O Lord

[¹⁰[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: ¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON:

“Persistence & the Gift of Faith”

Pastor Kristen Anderson

HYMN OF THE DAY: *“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

verses 1-4 #886

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

MEAL

OFFERING/CHILDREN'S NOISY OFFERING

Offertory: *“Let The Vineyards be Fruitful, Lord”*

LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL, LORD,
AND FILL TO THE BRIM OUR CUP OF BLESSING.
GATHER A HARVEST FROM THE SEEDS THAT WERE SOWN,
THAT WE MAY BE FED WITH THE BREAD OF LIFE.
GATHER THE HOPES AND DREAMS OF ALL;
UNITE THEM WITH THE PRAYERS WE OFFER NOW.
GRACE OUR TABLE WITH YOUR PRESENCE,
AND GIVE US A FORETASTE OF THE FEAST TO COME.

* WORDS OF INSTITUTION

* LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(All are invited to receive the Sacrament today...the Bread of Life from heaven! If you prefer juice (instead of wine) or a gluten-free wafer (instead of bread), please let the server know. Let the usher know if you'd like Communion brought to your pew.)

HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION: *“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”*

#773

*COMMUNION BLESSING

*THE BENEDICTION

SENDING

* **SENDING HYMN:** *“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”*

#774

* DISMISSAL

P: GO IN PEACE AND SERVE THE LORD! C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

POSTLUDE

Mark your calendars for **RALLY SUNDAY: SEPTEMBER 10!** On that day we will celebrate the 10th anniversary of God's Work, Our Hands, an ELCA- wide day of service. Our worship that day will focus on mission and caring for our neighbor through acts of service. Following worship, the **ENTIRE CONGREGATION** is welcome and encouraged to participate in mission/service project. Sunday School students will participate with their families, not their Sunday School classes. (Regular classes will begin the following Sunday.) Mission / service projects include a hymn sing at Field Crest Nursing Home and the Villa, a community prayer walk, bringing baked goods and putting together plates of goodies for our homebound and nursing home residents: more will be added. Following the service projects, Trinity will host a picnic/grill out potluck style. Grilled meat will be provided. Bring your favorite salad, dessert, veggie, or snack to share. We are excited to kick off a new year of faith formation!

New Orleans--ELCA Youth Gathering in July 2024!

Registration for the July 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering opens in under a month. We want all interested Trinity teens (grades 9-12) to be able to participate, and we don't want lack of financial resources to prevent anyone. If your family's financial situation is such that your teen will need to fundraise the entire or nearly entire amount, please talk now with Denise or Pastor Kristen, and be assured of the confidentiality of the conversation. If we don't know in September, we will miss an outside funding opportunity.

Every three years, thousands of ELCA youth gather for five days to grow in faith, through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service, and fellowship. If you haven't already, now is the time to have serious family conversations about this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. For more information, reach out to Denise.

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PLEASE NOTE: There will not be Tuesday morning Bible study this Tuesday, August 22 or August 29, as Pastor will be away. Bible study will resume on Tuesday, September 5.

Pastor Kristen will be away on vacation from Monday, August 21 through September 4. While she is away, in the case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Jackie Short at 507-517-0769 or via email at pastorjackie2022@gmail.com

Confirmation Information

Meetings for 10th graders and their parents, for all 7th to 9th graders and their parents, and confirmation small group leaders are scheduled the evening of Wednesday, September 13. Confirmation classes for 7th, 8th, and 9th graders begin the following week, September 20.

Register Your Child or Teen Now!

Online registration for educational programs starting this fall is now open. A link is available on Trinity's website. Register children for Sunday School (grades PK-6) and/or WASS (Wednesday After School Special, grades 3-6). Register teens for confirmation (grades 7-9), 10th grade confirmation, and/or youth group (grades 9-12).

Interested in Teaching?

Are you looking to serve God and Trinity people in a new way or to return to the church classroom or to team teach with your parent/ grandparent / teen or young adult child / grandchild? If you are interested in being a Sunday School or other teacher/leader or helping in some way, please speak with Denise.

- Sunday School teachers, various grades
- Confirmation small group leaders, grade 7
- WASS leader or assistant (Wednesdays after school)
- substitute teacher or leader or music leader
- assistant in PK Sunday classroom

**AUGUST 20, 2023
TWELFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**



God blesses us to go into the world with mercy.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 15:10-28	A woman's faith
Monday	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8	God's saving power is everywhere
Tuesday	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	God saves Jews and Gentiles
Wednesday	Jude 1:17-23	Warnings and exhortations
Thursday	Jeremiah 42:7-17	The Lord will grant you mercy
Friday	Deuteronomy 4:25-31	Moses commands obedience
Saturday	Psalms 67	Tell the nations to praise God
Sunday	Matthew 16:13-20	Peter's confession of Christ

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, (Selah) that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. Psalm 67:1-2 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Merciful God, you have chosen us and blessed us to bless the world. Give us compassionate hearts to do your will through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, for blessing us with the fruitfulness of the earth that gives us food each day we give you thanks through Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God be gracious to you and bless you for the sake of the whole world. (Psalm 67:1-2)



AUGUST 20, 2023
HYMN OF THE WEEK
Great Is Thy Faithfulness



taking 
faith
home

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- How have you been blessed by others?
- How have you blessed others with the love of God?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Psalm 67.

God's mercy is shown through two distinct divine actions. First, God saves us through forgiveness, rescuing us from harm, and by saving us from death. God does a second great act that we sometimes overlook. God blesses us. God blesses us with the fruit of the earth, comfort, and joy. Psalm 67 asks for God's blessings and also affirms that God has already blessed us with abundance. God intends joy for all the earth (all the nations). We are blessed to bless the nations with joy and gladness by knowing the goodness, justice, and mercy of God. In Matthew 15:21-28 that joy is experienced by the Canaanite woman, a foreigner, who is relentless in seeking help for her daughter. Jesus, who was sent "to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (v. 24) resists her requests, but her persistence gains Jesus' mercy. She is acknowledged for having great faith and Jesus' mission expands to those beyond Israel. The point of both Bible texts: God's saving work and blessings are for all.

Discuss: Like the Canaanite woman, when have you persisted in asking for God's mercy?

Pray: **Blessing God, you care for us throughout our lives. Give us your joy and gladness and the heart to bless others with your goodness and mercy through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you serve others who are not part of your group or nation?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



The prophet Isaiah declared God's intention to make God's house (a temple in Jerusalem) a "house of prayer for all peoples" (Isaiah 56:7). Think or talk about prayer in your home. Is there a special place to pray? Is there a special time to pray? Is there a special way to pray? Do you pray alone or with others? In what ways do you feel your own home is a "house of prayer"? Pray the Lord's Prayer and then say: **Let the peoples praise you, O God. Let all the peoples praise you.** (Psalm 67:5)



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

- Sun:20** 7:30am: Council Meeting
9:00am: Worship—
Communion
9:00am: Kruger Baptism
- Mon :21** 7:00pm: AA
- Tues:22** 8:30: SAIL Exercise Class
10:00am: NO Bible Study
- Wed:23**
- Thur:24** 8:00am: SAIL Exercise Class
9:00am: Quilting
- Sun:27** 9:00am: Worship

July 2023 Finances

June Offering Income:	\$18,190.45
June Budgeted Exps:	<u>\$20,858.15</u>
Difference:	(\$2,352.10)
2023 Year-to-date Income:	\$208,586.39
2023 Year-to-date Expense:	<u>\$185,287.30</u>
Difference:	\$23,299.09

Prayer Concerns

For strength and healing: Russell Boul-
lion, Steve Demmer, Wayne Johnson, De-
lores Fjerstad, Herb Daleske, Pastor
Bagne, Lowell Bakkedahl, Skeeter Miner
and Cody Hegna.

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July/August Attendance

July 16:67

July 23:56

July 30:66

August 6:52

August 13:61