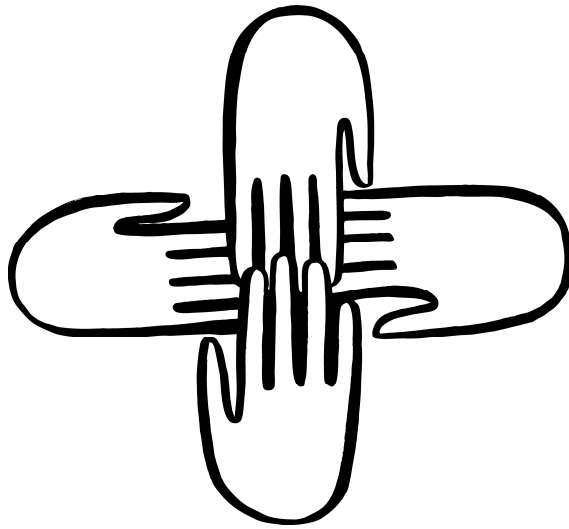


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*Holy Communion Setting Eight
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 17, 2017—8:30am*

Materials for worship are found in this bulletin or in the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. Page numbers, such as “p. 172,” refer to the small page numbers in the front of the book. Hymn numbers, marked with a # sign, refer to the large numbers in the back of the book.

At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Believing in the real presence of Christ, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church practices eucharistic hospitality. All baptized persons are welcome to commune here. Receive the bread first, then the common cup or individual glasses containing (red) wine or (white) grape juice. Gluten, yeast, dairy, egg, soy, nut, corn free communion wafers are available in covered glass dishes on stands near the front of each communion station. Place one in the palm of your hand, cover with the other hand (palm down) and your hand will be blessed during distribution of communion. Those desiring not to commune may fold their hands to receive a blessing.

+GATHERING+

Welcome

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

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Gathering Hymn

“Oh, Sing to the Lord”

Hymn #822

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.

Kyrie

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Verses sung by all.

Prayer of the Day

Please be seated.

+WORD+

Children’s Message

Holly Shipley, Minister of Faith Formation

First Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, ‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

*The assembly may respond **Thanks be to God.***

Psalmody

#103:1-13

Read responsively.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name.

**Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all God’s benefits—**

who forgives all your sins
 and heals all your diseases;
who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;
 who satisfies your desires with good things
 so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
O LORD, you provide vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.
 You made known your ways to Moses
 and your works to the children of Israel.
LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;
 you will not always accuse us,
 nor will you keep your anger forever.
You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.
 For as the heavens are high above the earth,
 so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.
 As a father has compassion for his children,
 so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

Second Reading

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
 and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The assembly may respond **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Announcement: The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Conclusion: The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Amy Onstad

Hymn of the Day

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

Hymn #359

Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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

Peace

+MEAL+

Offering

Setting the Table

“For Everyone Born”

For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble
for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
a shel - ter a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
for ev - ery - one born a star o - ver -
head and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and
joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes
God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice, jus-tice and joy.

Prayer after Offering

Great Thanksgiving

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Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Communion

Music during distribution, as time allows:

"Lamb of God"

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"Come and Fill Our Hearts"

Hymn #528

"I Come with Joy"

Hymn #482

"Goodness Is Stronger than Evil"

Hymn #721

Prayer after Communion

+SENDING+

Blessing

Hymn

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

Hymn #543

Announcements

Dismissal

Postlude

Thank you for worshipping with us!

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