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Living with Gratitude

Fourteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

Traditional Worship
8:30 and 11:00 am
September 15, 2019



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Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church! Please sign the red Worship Witness booklet to record your attendance with us this day, and indicate how many are communing. Then pass the booklet to the worshipers beside you in your row. If you are a guest, name tags are available for you to wear--we would be delighted to greet you by name. Hearing assistance devices and large print bulletins are available from an usher.

about today's service

The grumbling of the Pharisees and the scribes in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God wills to seek and to save the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As Paul's first letter to Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.

P: Presiding Minister A: Assisting Minister L: Lector C: Congregation

✝ Gathering ✝

We gather together to praise God and receive God's love.

Prelude: "Holy, Holy, Holy" (*Four-Hand Piano*)
Ron Livingston, Tim Koch

arr. Joel Raney

Welcome

[Stand]

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the strength of our ancestors, the host of this meal, the holy Breath that inspires and gives life.

C: Amen.

P: If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God our helper,

C: we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You who were lost have been found. For the sake of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice with the angels at this good news.

C: Amen.

(11:00) Turn to face the cross as it enters our midst.

Gathering Hymn: No. 807: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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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.

Hymn of Praise

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

[Sit]

✠ Word ✠

We listen to the story of God's mighty acts for the sake of God's people.

First Reading

Exodus 32:7-14

While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today's reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God's own people and boldly asks mercy for them.

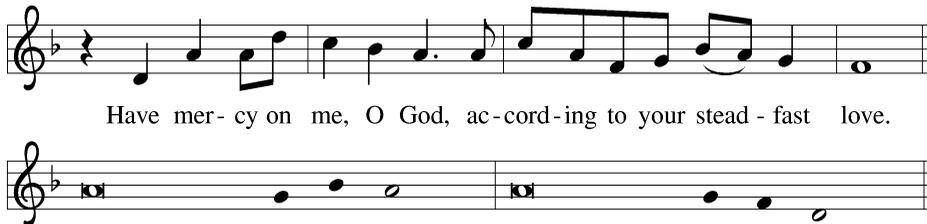
⁷The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" ⁹The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." ¹¹But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" ¹⁴And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The assisting minister will sing the refrain then the congregation will sing it.

Refrain:



A: ¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

**C: ²Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,
and cleanse me | from my sin.**

A: ³For I know | my offenses,
and my sin is ev- | er before me.

**C: ⁴Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.**

Refrain:

A: ⁵Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my | mother's womb.

**C: ⁶Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**

A: ⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

**C: ⁸Let me hear | joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.**

A: ⁹Hide your face | from my sins,
and blot out | all my wickedness.

**C: ¹⁰Create in me a clean | heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- | it within me.**

Refrain:

Second Reading:

1 Timothy 1:12-17

The letters to Timothy are called the Pastoral Epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God.

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: (8:30) "Great is Thy Faithfulness" (*Four-Hand Piano*) arr. Joel Raney
Ron Livingston, Tim Koch

(11:00) "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" arr. Mack Wilberg

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to His throne thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.*

*Praise the Lord for grace and favor to all people in distress;
Praise God still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious now God's faithfulness.
Fatherlike, God tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows;
Motherlike, God gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet God's mercy flows.*

*Angels from the heights adoring; you behold God face to face;
Saints triumphant, now adoring, gathered in from every race.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King. Amen!*

Chancel Choir

Children's Message

Pastor Liz Frey

[Stand]

Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 15th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-10

Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that his or her recovery brings joy in heaven.

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³So he told them this parable: ⁴"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

[Sit]

Sermon: "Living with Gratitude: Choose Life"

Pastor Jack Horner

[Stand]

Apostles' 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

Each petition ends:

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

Prayer Response (sung by all)



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:



peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.



God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

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✝ Meal ✝

Peace

P: The peace of The Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

[Sit]

Announcements

Offering

Optional giving methods: Use the Give+ app on your mobile device • Use the Giving Station in the Gathering Space • Text an amount to 717-963-2281 (be sure to use a "\$") • Use the "DONATE" button on our website and e-blasts

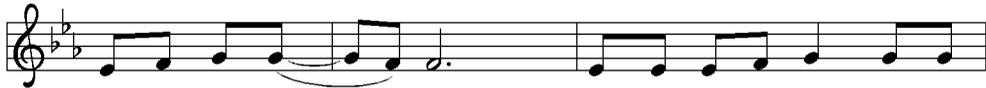
Worship Witness: *(Please sign booklet and return to center aisle.)*

[Stand]

Offertory



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your



pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.



Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me



with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,



and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray. God our provider,

C: we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

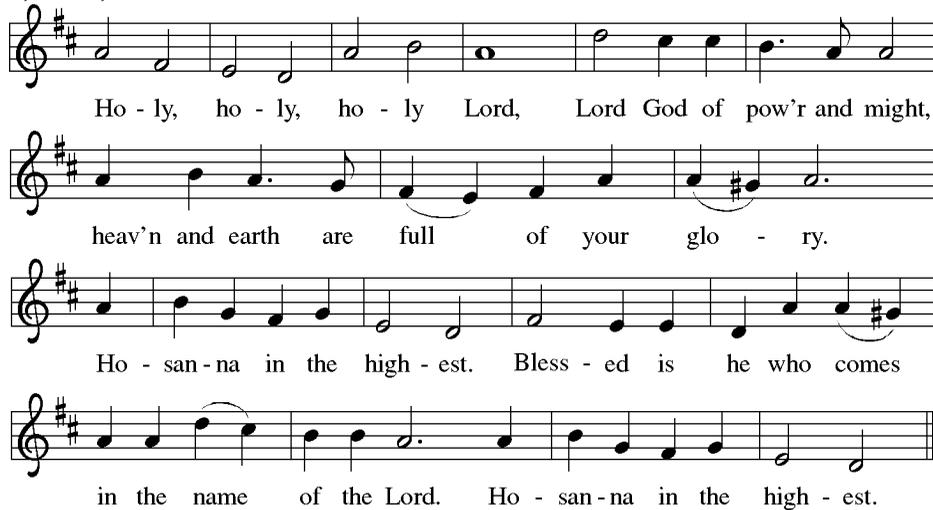
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P: Honor and glory be to you, Lord God... And so we enter that joy in the presence of angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: God of grace, in Christ you came into the world...

P: Great is the mystery of faith.

C: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

P: Searching and yearning God ... redeem your creation in the power of your Spirit, and draw all things through the free gift of your Son into the glory of your presence.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

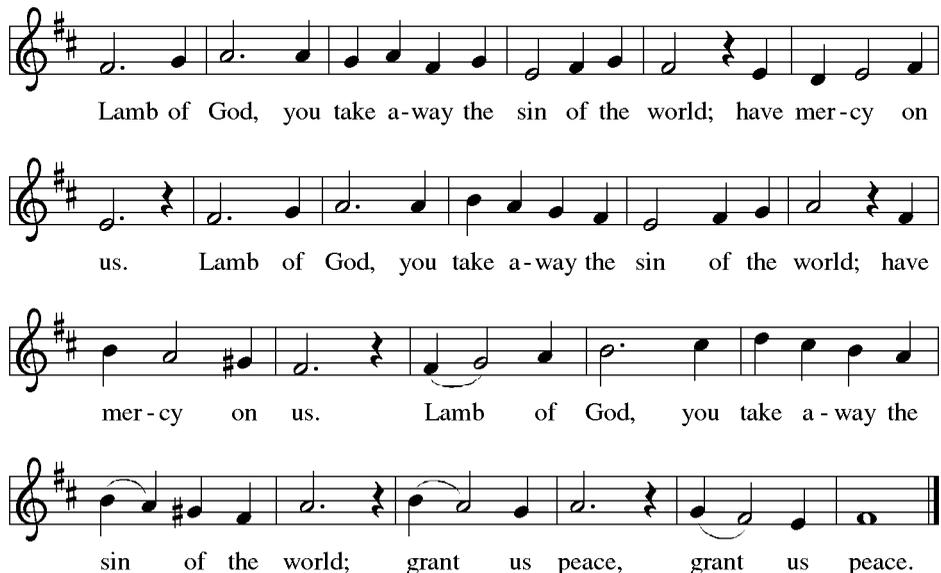
Invitation to Communion

P: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come, take your place at the feast.

C: Thanks be to God.

[Sit]

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution of Holy Communion

We invite all Christians to the Lord's Table to celebrate the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament. Communion is by intinction. You will receive a wafer. Dip it in the chalice of wine before consuming. You may then return to your seat or come to the altar rail for prayer. Children and adults who are not communing may come forward to receive a blessing. As a gesture of hospitality, we use dealcoholized wine (less than .5% alcohol). In addition, we offer gluten-free wafers, available upon request – please ask at the time of communion.

(11:00) "Great is Thy Faithfulness" (Four-Hand Piano)
Ron Livingston, Tim Koch

arr. Joel Raney

Communion Hymn No. 779

[Stand]

Post Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

A: Let us pray. God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

✠ Sending ✠

We have heard the Word of God, offered our gifts, and been fed at the table. Now we are sent out, strengthened by the Holy Spirit to be God's people in the world.

Blessing of Communion to the Sick and Homebound

P: Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament to those at home. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Almighty God ✠ bless you with grace, mercy, and peace, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn No. 733: Great is Thy Faithfulness

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

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Join us next week...
as we continue in our two-month sermon series
celebrating God's goodness and our response

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Pastor Liz Frey
"Living with Gratitude: You Are Never Alone"
(8:30 and 11:00) Matins Choir;
(11:00) Chancel Choir



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worship notes

Attendance at our worship services last week was 687. Copies of last week's sermons are available on the tables in Fellowship Hall, in the narthex, the tract rack in the Gathering Space, and on our website www.trinitycamphill.org.

The flowers in the Nave and Fellowship Hall, the communion elements for all services, and the sanctuary lamp candle, the symbol of God's abiding presence, are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of John and Virginia Baum by their children.

worship leaders

Presiding Minister: The Rev. Elizabeth E. Frey

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Jack M. Horner

Assisting Minister: (8:30) Jeff Weaver; (11:00) Christine Ream

Lector: (8:30) Michele Addams; (11:00) Tina Stauffer

Communion Assistants: (8:30) John Powell, Anne Stafford, Michele Addams;
(11:00) Margy Fox, Barb Kriebel, Julie Stambaugh, Amy Koch

Acolytes: (8:30) Xander Bishop

Book Bearer: (11:00) Ali Koch

Crucifer: (11:00) Heather McFadden

Soundboard: (8:30) Jay Killian (11:00) Jim Kincaid

Greeters: (8:30) Serena Fedor (head greeter), Carol MacConnell, Joan Waldner;
(11:00) Dan Drury (head greeter) Robert and Barbara Park, Bill Range

Ushers: John Lingenfelter and Bruce Bigelow (head ushers), Frank Bertovich,
Dorine Bollinger, John Brady, Joseph Dixon, Zach Dixon, David Edmiston, Jesse
and Jacqueline Fosselman, Jason and Karen Gavenda, Brad
Hollinger, Bill Miller, Mike Schmehl, Brett Warren

Altar Care: Michele Addams, Joy Snyder, Teresa Sheaffer, Mary Ann Landis

Carillonneur: Margaret Parker

Flower Delivery: Robert and Barbara Park

Garden of Eatin': (GOE I) Anne Stafford, John West; (GOE II) Mary Ellen Harner,
Julie Evanish

Bulletin Artwork: Patty Marshall

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Pastor for Parish Life – The Reverend John H. Brock
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