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God of all creation who gives us this beautiful day
and life itself, who hung the stars in the sky,
and who also generously provides our daily bread,
we welcome you into our presence.
Dear Lord, what can I do for you today?

August 26, 2018 — 14th Sunday after Pentecost



*For where
two or three are
gathered in my name,
I am there among them.*

John 6:56-69

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 5

In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

See Bulletin Cover

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

C Amen.

P Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Eternal God our creator,

C in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God ☩ forgives you all your sins.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King

ELW HYMN 408

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.

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we

giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -
au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes
name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one

will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,
sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to
liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord

heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we
ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in

praise you for your glo - ry.
ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.
God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - men.

The musical score is written on five staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are aligned under the notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff also continues the melody and lyrics. The fourth staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fifth staff concludes the hymn with a double bar line and a final note. The lyrics are aligned under the notes.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: JOSHUA 24:1-2A, 14-18

In the Near East, covenant means agreement or alliance. It describes relationships and is the primary word used to characterize the relationship between God and Israel. By delivering Israel, God has already begun the relationship. Joshua calls upon the people to respond.

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people,

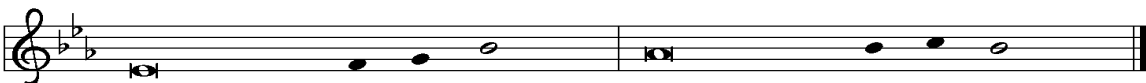
14“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. 15Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” 16Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; 17for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; 18and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

L The Word of the Lo

C Thanks be to God

PSALM 34:15-22 *Sung responsively*

Sung responsively



¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are up- | on the righteous,
and God's ears are open | to their cry.

**16 The face of the LORD is against those | who do evil,
to erase the remembrance of them | from the earth.**

¹⁷The righteous cry, and | the LORD hears them
and delivers them from | all their troubles.

**¹⁸The LORD is near to the | brokenhearted
and saves those whose spir- | its are crushed.**

19 Many are the troubles | of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers them from | every one.

**²⁰God will keep safe | all their bones;
not one of them | shall be broken.**

²¹Evil will bring death | to the wicked
and those who hate the righteous | will be punished.

²²O LORD, you redeem the life | of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 6:10-20

Like a general giving a rousing speech before battle, this letter closes by calling on Christians to be equipped for spiritual warfare against evil. The full armor of God includes truth, righteousness, peace, faith, the gift of salvation, and the word of God inspired by the Spirit.

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

A musical staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are written below the staff: "Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The first two phrases are separated by a comma, and the third phrase follows. The melody is simple and melodic, typical of a hymn tune.

Repeat alleluia

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

P The Holy Gospel, according to John, the sixth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: JOHN 6:56-69

The “hard saying” that offends Jesus’ disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about how odd this sounds. Simon Peter, on the other hand, knows something about the scarcity of living, gracious words. He asks the most important question: “To whom shall we go?”

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. ⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” ⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S TIME & SERMON

MARY HEALD

HYMN OF THE DAY

Children of the Heavenly Father

ELW HYMN 781

Verses 1-3

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

ELW PAGES 227-231

HYMN OF THE DAY

Children of the Heavenly Father

ELW HYMN 781

Please stand for the final stanza of the hymn.

Verse 4

THE PRAYERS

A Trusting in our loving and almighty God who abundantly provides the bread of life to all hunger, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A That God bless the church universal in every place, especially Bethany Lutheran in Webster Groves and Kent Memorial Lutheran in Sunrise Beach, both in Missouri, First Lutheran in Topeka and Hillside Community Lutheran in Spring Hill, Kansas, inspiring strength and courage to boldly proclaim the mystery of the gospel, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A That God the creator bless wild animals and family pets, prairies and kitchen gardens, beaches and sandboxes, mountains and hearths, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

- A That God spread the gospel throughout the nations of the world, announcing the words of eternal life to peoples in every land and country, let us pray.
- C Have mercy, O God.**
- A That God remember the poor and the brokenhearted and rescue all those in trouble and illness, especially Carl Quarnstrom, let us pray.
- C Have mercy, O God.**
- A That God protect members of this congregation along all our ways and empower us to serve Christ in sincerity and faithfulness, let us pray.
- C Your mercy is great.**
- A That God, who calls us by name through baptism, welcome us into the resurrection of Jesus as He calls Camden Monroe Ralph and Carsyn Grace Ralph this day into the body of Christ in the world, let us pray.
- C Your mercy is great.**
- A That God bless Loni Reece, Heather Klamm, Adrienne Hutchison, and Bryah Wakes as they celebrate their birthdays, and Janeen Horton, Parker Jackson, and Don Longren as they remember their baptisms, let us pray.
- C Have mercy, O God.**
- P That God redeem the lives of those who have served in the faith and raise them up, according to the promises of Jesus Christ, the bread that nourishes eternal life, let us pray.
- C Have mercy, O God.**
- P Almighty and loving God, we look to you in hope and trust, knowing that you will do far more than we can ask or imagine, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.**

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Let us greet one another with God's peace.

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

Please stand as you are able.

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 un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

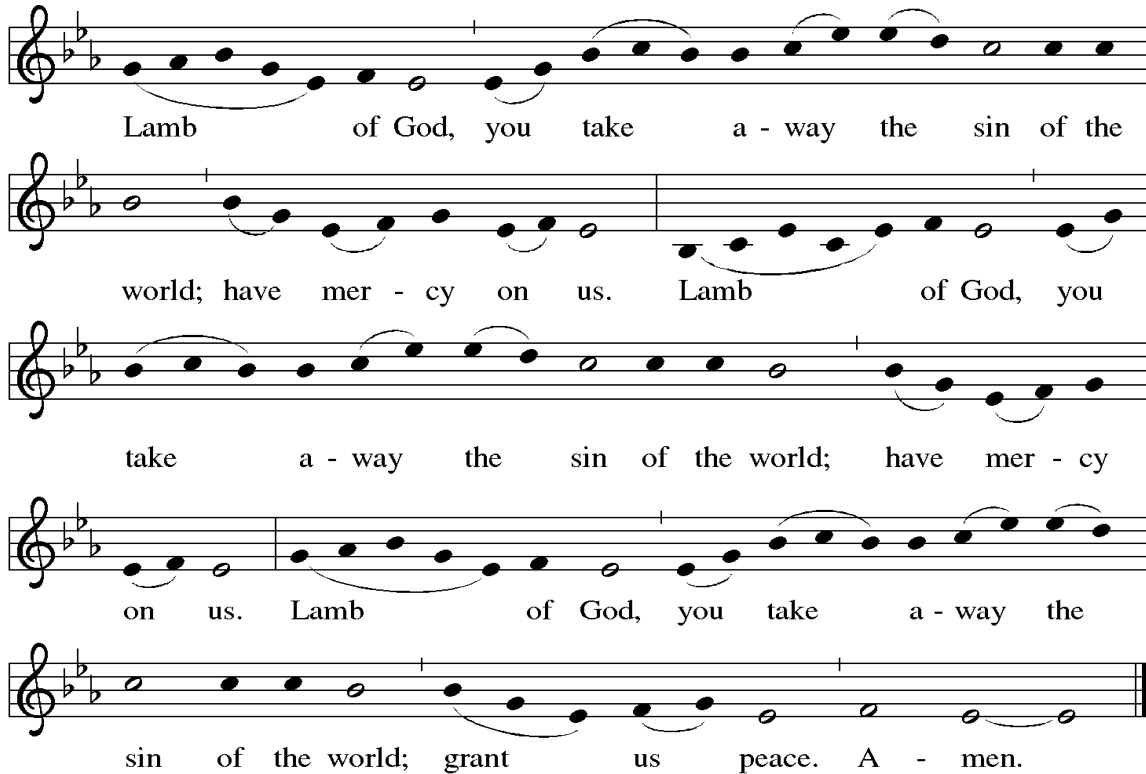
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD



We invite all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior to share with us in Holy Communion. All are welcome to join us at the Lord's table. White grape juice is available as an alternative to wine. Everyone is invited forward to receive communion or a blessing. Hands cupped open indicate an openness to receive communion; hands closed reflect a desire to receive a blessing.

Note: we have gluten-free communion wafers available. If gluten-free is your preference, please let the pastor know when you are at the communion rail.

COMMUNION HYMNS	<i>For the Bread Which You Have Broken</i>	ELW HYMN 494
	<i>Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup</i>	ELW HYMN 492

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

P May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

On Our Way Rejoicing

ELW HYMN 537

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Remember our shut-ins!

Kathryn Axelton	Marie Henriksen	Ron Owensby
Lucille Brill	Don Longren	Keith Springer
Peggy Buchholz	Shawn Nowak	Naomi Walker
Marlene Hassan	Roy O'Neil	



Please call the office, 233-0767,
promptly about hospitalizations in
our church family.



To share a prayer request please
contact Barbara Apps at 249-7244
She will get the prayer chain started.

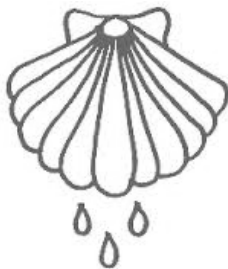
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We welcome Mary Heald as she leads us in worship today.

Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you, members and visitors, found the Spirit of God in our midst.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, or have other questions, please contact the church office at 785.233.0767



Today, we celebrate the **baptisms of Camdyn Monroe Ralph** and **Carsyn Grace Ralph**, twin daughters of David & Brooke Ralph. They were born June 7, 2018. Grandparents are Rick & Janice Greenlee, Dan & Reenie Henry, Stanley & Janell Ralph and Jim & Shirley Case. Great-grandparents are Charles Sodergren and Tina Henry. Sponsors are Brett Henry and Misty Lester.

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS							
Date	General	Other	Flowers	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion
July 29	\$1,554.00	\$466.00	\$0.00	\$2,020.00	-\$2,643.92	-\$623.92	60/55
Aug. 5	\$4,114.00	\$165.00	\$0.00	\$4,279.00	-\$2,643.92	\$1,635.08	36/32
Aug. 12	\$3,306.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$3,356.00	-\$2,643.92	\$712.08	39/40
Aug. 19	\$1,674.52	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$1,754.52	-\$2,643.92	-\$889.40	43/39
The money shown in the "Other" column is restricted and not available for our general fund.							
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead		
		July 2018	\$12,845.67	-\$11,572.83	\$1,272.84		
		Jan. - July	\$76,678.34	-\$78,684.41	-\$2,006.07		

You may find your contribution reports in the narthex. Please take yours with you as you leave today. Thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, August 26.....Worship with Holy Communion.....10:30 AM
Camdyn & Carsyn Ralph Baptisms
Youth Group Meeting5:30 PM

Mon., August 27 Women's AA.....5:00 PM

Tues., August 28..... Quilters9:00 AM
 TLHA Meeting.....7:00 PM

Wed., August 29 Women's AA.....5:30 PM

Thurs., August 30Men's AA7:00 PM

Sunday, Sept. 2.....Worship with Holy Communion.....10:30 AM

Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
August 26, 2018	Junior & Liz Utech	Duane Pomeroy	Mitchell Bean	Debbie Pomeroy	Ted Murphy	Jane Lewis & Team 2	Marcy Carlson & Janelle Meredith	Bob Horton	Mary Heald
September 2, 2018	Martha Nemeth	Walt Laughlin	Jolana Pinon	Duane Pomeroy	Curt Lewis	Donna Allen & Team 3	Dean McGinnis	Marsha Ridinger	
September 9, 2018	Howard & Loni Reece	Dean McGinnis	Laurie Jackson	LaVell Winsor	Duane Pomeroy	Donna Allen & Team 3	Junior & Liz Utech	Ted Murphy	
September 16, 2018	Linda Longren	Dean McGinnis	Mitchell Bean	Bob Horton	Loni Reece	Donna Allen & Team 3	Andy & LaVell Winsor	Vickie Jacobs	

Baker University Senior nursing students in the class, Nursing of Elders, have an assignment to interview someone who is age 65 or better. Interviews will be done during September. If you'd like to participate, the student who selects you for an interview will contact you to set up an appointment. The interview can take place at your home or at a mutually agreeable location. If you would like to be interviewed, please contact Diane Bottorff at 231-0379.



The mission of
**Trinity Evangelical
 Lutheran Church**
 is to

- worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
- serve those in need, and
- reach out to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ!

Together in Community • **L**iving with Christ • **C**aring for Neighbors

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