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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?

September 2, 2018 — 15th Sunday after Pentecost



What
comes out of a person
is what
defiles him.

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 5

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We, having been washed in the word when we were born in the font, return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

See Bulletin Cover

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

P Blessed be the ☩ holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us,
the one who reforms us again and again.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Source of all life,

C we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

P God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, ☩ God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Let Justice Flow like Streams

ELW HYMN 717

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.

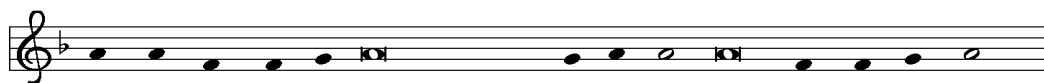
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



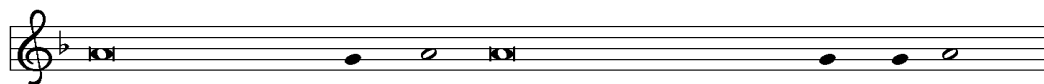
Lord, have mer - cy.



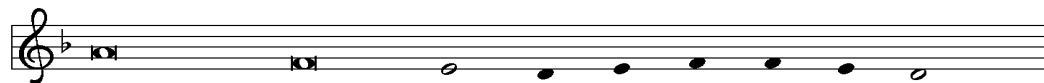
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



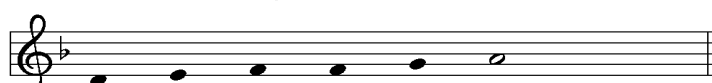
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



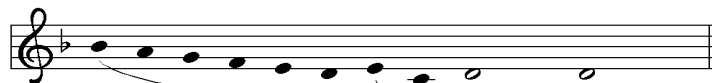
Lord, have mer - cy.



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 half notes. The lyrics are aligned under the notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff 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.

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 4:1-2, 6-9

The Israelites believed the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant. Moses commands the people to obey the law and to neither add to nor subtract from it. The Israelites are also to teach the law to their children and their children's children.

¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? ⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 15

Sung responsively



¹LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your | holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right,
who speak the truth | from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil | to their friends;
they do not cast discredit up- | on a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who | fear
the LORD.**

They have sworn upon their health and do not take | back their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes a- | gainst
the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be | overthrown.

SECOND READING: JAMES 1:17-27

The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here, Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. ²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. ²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation



Repeat alleluia



P The Holy Gospel, according to Mark, the seventh chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ ⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S TIME & SERMON

PASTOR SHAWN NORRIS

HYMN OF THE DAY

Be Thou My Vision

ELW HYMN 793

Please stand for the final stanza of the hymn.

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

C 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.

THE PRAYERS

A Freed by God in Christ to live and love and serve, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's beloved creation.

A brief silence.

A Gracious God, we pray for all those who labor to bear your word into the world by welcoming the stranger, healing the sick, and caring for the orphan. Embolden your church, especially Good Shepherd Lutheran in Lawrence and Denmark Lutheran in Lincoln, Kansas, St. Paul Lutheran in Lohman, Missouri, and Lutheran Men in Mission, to take up the cross against the powers of oppression and death. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Creative God, we pray for the earth. Keep watch over those who rescue endangered species and repair scorched landscapes. Make us good stewards of creation. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Sovereign God, we pray for the nations of the world, for governments, leaders, and citizens. Watch over refugees and immigrants. Inspire us to welcome them with glad hearts when they arrive on our shores and in our neighborhoods. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Loving God, you call us to serve our neighbors. Bless our vocations as we fill the cups of the thirsty, the plates of the hungry, and the hearts of the lonely. Make our presence your presence for all who sorrow. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Welcoming God, at tables around the world, through story and meal, strangers become guests and guests become friends. Embolden this congregation to always extend the wide-armed welcome you extend to us. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Life-giving God, we pray for your blessings on Ellen Irwin, David Ralph, Bob Horton, and Laurie Jackson as they celebrate their birthdays, and for Parker Jackson, Don Longren, Asher Klamm, Charlotte Blenden, Vickie Jacobs, and Hudson Ralph as they remember their baptisms. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P With thanksgiving, we remember the cloud of witnesses whose lives inspire us to loving service. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into your wide embrace, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

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 God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.

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.

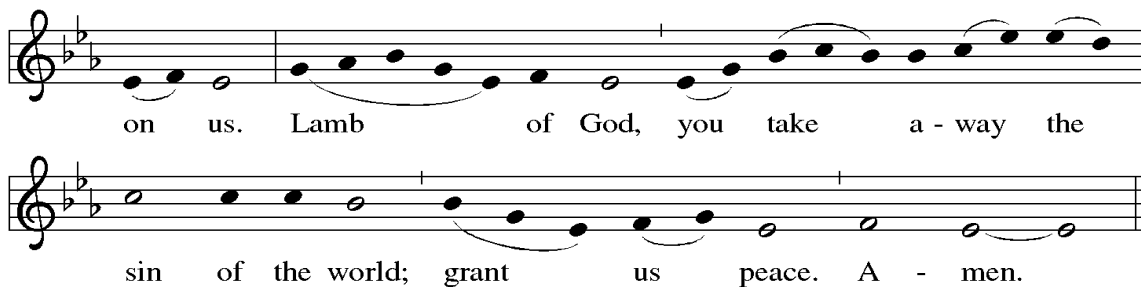
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.
Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD

The musical notation is written on three staves in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The lyrics are: "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".



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

Just As I Am, without One Plea
Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

ELW HYMN 592

ELW HYMN 520

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 Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

This Is My Father's World

ELW HYMN 824

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Sound the good news.

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 Pastor Shawn Norris as he 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

Doorstep is low on some items for hygiene kits. If you can help out by providing some of the items listed below, it would be appreciated.

Shampoo + Conditioner in 1

Deodorant

Shaving Cream & Razors

You can bring donations to Doorstep at 1119 SW 10th St. (10th & Buchanan).

Monday – Friday from 8am – 3pm.

We will be closed Monday in observance of Labor Day.

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS							
Date	General	Other	Flowers	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion
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
Aug. 26	\$1,366.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$1,406.00	-\$2,643.92	-\$1,237.92	63/45
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		

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Sept. 2Worship with Holy Communion.....10:30 AM
Youth Group Meeting5:30 PM

Mon., Sept. 3..... Labor Dayoffice will be closed
 Women's AA.....5:00 PM

Tues., Sept. 4 Quilters9:00 AM

Wed., Sept. 5..... Women's AA.....5:30 PM

Thurs., Sept. 6 Men's AA7:00 PM

Sunday, Sept. 9..... Adult Sunday School.....9:00 AM
 Hymn Sing-A-Long10:15 AM
Worship with Holy Communion.....10:30 AM
Blood Pressure Checks after worship

Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
September 2, 2018	Martha Nemeth	Howard Reece	Jolana Pinon	Duane Pomeroy	Duane Pomeroy	Donna Allen & Team 3	Dean McGinnis	Walt Laughlin	Pr. Shawn Norris
September 9, 2018	Howard & Loni Reece	Dean McGinnis	Laurie Jackson	LaVell Winsor	Curt Lewis	Donna Allen & Team 3	Junior & Liz Utech	Ted Murphy	Pr. Elwyn Luber
September 16, 2018	Linda Longren	Dean McGinnis	Mitchell Bean	Bob Horton	Loni Reece	Donna Allen & Team 3	Andy & LaVell Winsor	Marsha Ridinger	Pr. Shawn Norris
September 23, 2018	Chuck Sodergren	David McGinnis	Laurie Jackson	Shelley Andrews	Ted Murphy	Donna Allen & Team 3	Duane & Debbie Pomeroy	Bob Horton	Pr. Michael Haar

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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