



The 14th Sunday after Pentecost

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10:00AM

14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

* THE 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, whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

Amen.

* Please stand as you are able

* **THE GATHERING SONG:** #655
Son of God, Eternal Savior

* **THE 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.

* **THE HYMN OF PRAISE** pg. 149

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia

C: **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia, alleluia.**

* **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵ O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. ¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. ¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious and not what is

worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. ²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. ²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 26:1-6

¹ Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

² **Test me, O LORD, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.**

³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴ **I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

⁵ I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶ **I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, that I may go in procession round your altar,**

⁷ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸ **Lord, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.**

Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it

depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰ Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord
C: Thanks be to God.

*** THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (Sung page 151a)

C: Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 16th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28

²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” ²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷ “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord!
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

GOOD NEWS 101

THE SERMON

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

For The Beauty of The Earth

#879

*** THE 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 THE CHURCH**

With bold trust in God’s unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

Merciful God,
Receive our prayer.

*** SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always,
And also with you.

THE OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

*** THE OFFERTORY: Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful #184**

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 bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

THE MEAL

*** THE OFFERING PRAYER**

Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus through the Spirit
abiding with us now and forever.
Amen.

*** THE GREAT THANKSGIVING pg. 152**

The Lord be with you.
And also 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.

*** THE PREFACE**

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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

*** THE THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER pg. 154**

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.

*** THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

THE LAMB OF GOD pg. 154

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION

*** THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this

holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

Amen.

RETIREMENT

Rev Russell Haab, we of Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church were blessed to have you appointed our interim pastor by the NJ Synod on September 27, 2020, and to be served by you in this place: to proclaim God's word, to baptize and teach, to announce God's forgiveness, and to preside at the Lord's table. With the gospel you have comforted us in times of sickness and trouble, and at the death of our loved ones. Sharing our joys and sorrows, you have been important to our life together in the church of Jesus Christ, in our service to this community, and in God's mission to the whole world.

People of God, members of Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, do you release Rev. Haab from service as your pastor?

We do, and we give thanks to God for our ministry together.

Rev. Haab do you recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with Holy Trinity Lutheran Church?

Response: I do, and I give thanks to God for our ministry together.

Thanksgiving and Sending

Let us pray.

Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock.

You equip your people with abilities that differ according to the grace given to them, and you call them to various avenues of service.

We give you thanks for the ministry of Rev. Haab among the people of God in this place.

You watch over our going out and our coming in: bless this time of ending and beginning.

You surround your people in every time and place: keep us close in your love.

You accompany your people in times of joy and times of trial: prosper all that has been done to your glory in this time together; heal and forgive all that has fallen short of your will for us.

Help Rev. Haab and all of us to live with courage and gladness in the future you give to us.

As he has been a blessing to us, so now send him forth to be a blessing to others; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Your sisters and brothers in the New Jersey Synod and Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church give thanks to God for the ministry you have shared. We promise you our continued support and prayer. Rejoicing in the blessings of God in this congregation and in the ministry of Rev. Haab, with hope in God's abundant grace in years to come, I announce that Rev. Haab has been released from service as pastor in this congregation at the end of August 30, 2026

SENDING

* THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

* THE SENDING SONG:

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Blest Be The Tie That Binds

* THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Serving Today: August 30, 2026

Communion Assistant : Laura Poethke

Acolyte: Allyson Schmalz

Lector: Laura Poethke

Ushers: Bonnie Mazza & Steve Anderson

Musician: Danny Allen

Sound System: Bonnie Mazza

Serving Next Week: September 6, 2026

Communion Assistant: TBD

Acolyte: Baylee Rodig

Lector: Allyson Schmalz

Usher: Rodig Family

Musician: Danny Allen

Sound System: Amber Johnson

RECEIVING THEIR
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION TODAY



Katrina Alizade

Violet Johnson

William Schmalz

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Today: 10:00am Worship

11:00: Pastor's Retirement Luncheon

Wednesday 5:00-7:00PM Sisters of Sobriety

Friday: 7:00- 10:00PM AA

Next Sunday: 10:00am Worship with Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE CALL the church office (609-387-1202) whenever a family member, neighbor, or friend who is a member of Holy Trinity is hospitalized.

BIRTHDAY FELLOWSHIP and LOUD OFFERING take place on the first Sunday of each month. We recognize those who celebrate their birthday that month and also pass *Philip the Bucket* to collect spare change to help those in need.

SUNDAY MORNING SUMMER WORSHIP: Everyone is invited and welcome to attend our Worship at 10 AM every Sunday. On the 4th Sunday of each month our contemporary band Voices That Reign leading us in song.



RALLY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13: We welcome back our Sunday School classes. Please join us after worship at 11 in the parking lot for a Kona Ice fund raiser. Buy and enjoy Kona Ice, a percentage of the sales will benefit our SS.



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: cereal, juice, coffee, granola bars, rice, canned tuna, canned chicken, mustard, ketchup, mayo, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, marinara sauce, soup, ramen noodles, diapers size 5-8, baby wipes, adult diapers, woman feminine products, cleaning supplies, sponges, lady deodorant, dish detergent, toilet paper, paper towels, pancake mix, and syrup.