# Trinity Staten Island



17th Sunday
after Pentecost
September 15, 2024

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH'S MISSION STATEMENT

Trinity Lutheran Church is a diverse Christian community committed to sharing and teaching the Word of God. We welcome all people and serve to provide Christian education, witness and outreach. In response to God's grace, we are called to address the needs of our changing community, care for others, worship God, develop leaders in our faith, and manage our gifts.

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# INFORMATION FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING

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Please silence your cell phones while we gather.

#### INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Three weeks ago, we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of Messiah) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

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# **GATHERING**

### THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER

## **PRELUDE**

Toccata XVIII

Johann Froberger (1616-1667)

#### **WELCOME**

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

#### Cantate Domino

Giuseppe Pitoni (1657-1743)

Cantate Domino canticum novum; laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum. Laetetur Israël in eo qui fecit eum, et filii Sion exsultent in rege suo. Praise ye the Lord. Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints. Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King. (Psalm 149: 1-2)

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

## C Amen.

- P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.*
- P God, our provider,
- C help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

#### C Amen.

# GATHERING HYMN, ELW 806

# O God, My Faithful God

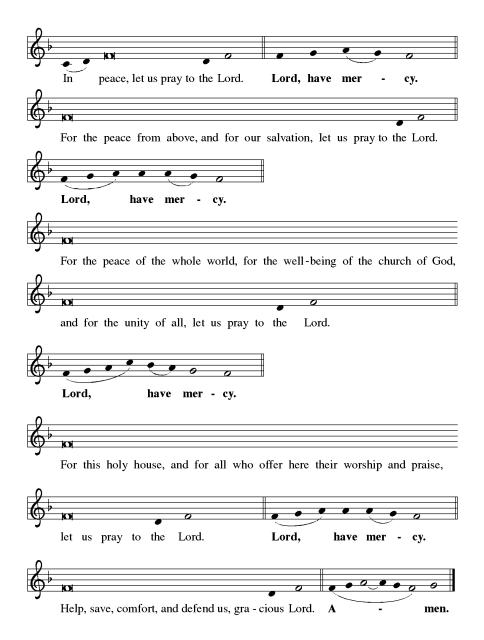
Text: Johann Heermann, 1585-1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878 Music: Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1629-1701



# 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**



# PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel

we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

#### C: Amen.

Please be seated.

# **WORD**

#### GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE, READING, PREACH AND SONG

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? Say to those who are of a fearful heart,"

Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,

and streams in the desert;

Be strong, do not fear!

the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

#### Word of God, Word of Life. Α

#### $\mathbf{C}$ Thanks be to God.

#### PSALMODY Psalm: 116:1-9

The choir sings through the refrain once and then all repeat it. Refrain



Tone



The choir chants the non-bold verses, the congregation joins on the bolded verses.

<sup>1</sup>I love the Lord, who has | heard my voice, and listened to my | supplication,

# <sup>2</sup>for the Lord has given | ear to me whenev- | er I called.

<sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me; I came to | grief and sorrow.

# <sup>4</sup>Then I called upon the name | of the Lord:

"O Lord, I pray you, | save my life."

<sup>5</sup>Gracious is the | Lord and righteous; our God is full | of compassion.

# <sup>6</sup>The Lord watches o- | ver the innocent;

I was brought low, | and God saved me.

<sup>7</sup>Turn again to your rest, | O my soul. for the Lord has dealt | well with you.

# <sup>8</sup>For you have rescued my | life from death, my eyes from tears, and my | feet from stumbling;

<sup>9</sup>I will walk in the presence | of the Lord in the land | of the living. *Refrain* 

# SECOND READING: James 3:1-12

# A: A reading from James, the 3rd chapter.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they

are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue — a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

- A Word of God, Word of Life.
- C Thanks be to God.

# CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (WHEN CHILDREN PRESENT)

Please stand.

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION, ELW P.205



#### GOSPEL READING: MARK- 8: 27-38

- P The holy gospel according to Mark, the 8th chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

Please be seated.

**SERMON** 

# HYMN OF THE DAY, ELW 660

# **LIFT HIGH THE CROSS**

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912 Music: Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947



#### **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**

The lector ends each prayer petition by saying, "God, in your mercy," after which the congregation responds with "receive our prayer."

The pastor closes the intercessions with a prayer after which the congregation replies: "Amen."

#### PEACE

We greet one another with the peace and love of Jesus Christ.

P: The peace and love of Jesus Christ be with you always.

# C: And also with you.

You are invited to share a sign of Christ's peace and love with one another, and then be seated.

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS (SEE BACK OF BULLETIN) MUSICAL OFFERING

Ye Followers of the Lamb

Edwin Ferguson (1910-1999)

O Brethren ain't you happy, Ye followers of the Lamb.

Sing on, dance on, followers of Emanuel.
Sing on, dance on, ye followers of the Lamb.

O Sisters ain't you happy Ye followers of the Lamb.

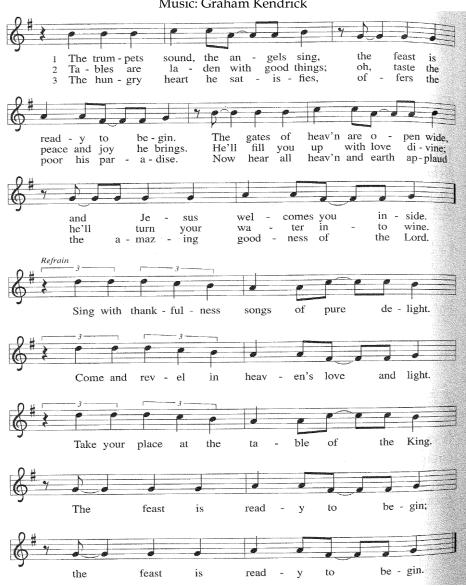
I'll cross my ugly nature, Ye followers of the Lamb.

I'm glad I am a Shaker, Ye followers of the Lamb

# PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING, ELW 531

# The Trumpets Sound the Angels Sing (vs. 1)

Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950 Music: Graham Kendrick



#### OFFERING PRAYER

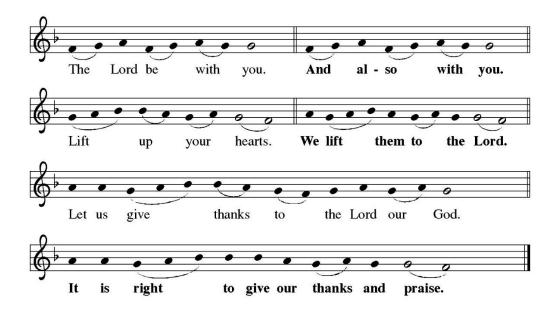
A Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.

C Amen.

# **MEAL**

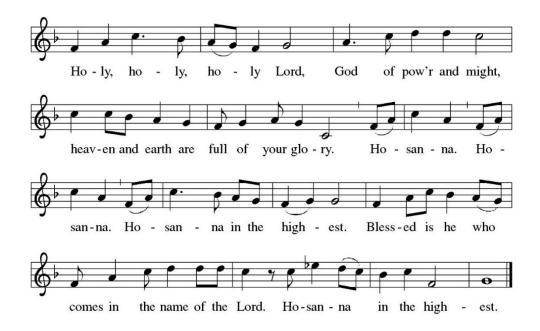
GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



. 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:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, ELW P.207



P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,

the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

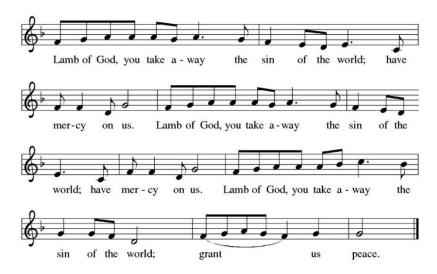
## LORD'S PRAYER

- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- 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 Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come to the feast!

# LAMB OF GOD, ELW P. 208



# COMMUNION HYMN, ELW 774

# What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839-1929 Music: Anthony J. Showalter, 1858-1924



# COMMUNION HYMN, ELW 491

#### Come, Let Us Eat

Text: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925, sts, 1-3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr. b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927 Music: Billema Kwillia, adapt.



# TABLE BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in God's grace.

# C Amen.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A Jesus, Bread of life,
  we have received from your table
  more than we could ever ask.
  As you have nourished us in this meal,
  now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
  In your name we pray.
- C Amen.

# **SENDING**

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD.

#### CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE

P Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### **BLESSING**

- P The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, 

  the be upon you now and forever.
- C Amen.

# SENDING HYMN, ELW 535

# Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Text: South African; tr. *Freedom is Coming*, 1984 Music: South African; arr. *Freedom is Coming* 



#### **DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** 

Sortie Fanfare

Jean-Baptiste Maillochaud (1841-1928)

## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY**

Altar Guild	Richard and Lorraine Schrader
Assisting Minister and Lector	Richard Schrader
Ushers	Pat Zulch, Joyce LaMorte
Counters	Kathy Klein, Hillie Grossarth
Preacher/Presider	Rev. Stephanie Jaeger

# PRAYER REQUESTS

FOR OUR PRAYERS ~ Please contact us with names to be added or removed. Marjorie Lawrence, Reath Edwards, Steven Chase and the Chase Family, Ronald Campbell, Carmen Acosta, Elizabeth N. Beyan, Roe Regan, Kim Russell, Helen O'Reilly, Diane Deutsch, Sylvia Ann Scott, Judy Killian, Carmen Cognetta. Mary & Israel Montalvo, Bob Rautenstrauch, Joan Nellis, Deacon Margaret-Ann O'Donnell, Barbara Stack, George Skilbred, Jessica Desens, Migdalia Jimenez, Laura Lupo, Ruth Dowling, David Dowling, Lura Hellem, Bobbie Wood & her daughter, Elizabeth Martin, Virginia Gill & Family, Roald & Marlies Meyer, Victor Mistretta, Carol Vikse, Steven Tercovich, Linda Donlan, Laura Konczynski, May Moore, Marlin Campbell, Ka-Ka, Kashief Campbell, Dianne Bombardi, Ian Grande, Edie Piazza, Christopher Jarrett, Laura Bunnell, Tony Leonardi, John Niemiec, Steve, Sonia Nunez, Ellen Nelson, Darlene Nellis, Cynthia Marsh Crowell, Pastor Wolfgang Laudert, Jackie LaMorte, the Pennington Family, Kristine Klumbach, Maryann, Frank and Dawn Fazio, Barbara Sanders and those who are suffering from the effects of the 9/11 attacks.

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR ARMED FORCES** Joshua Lentini, Sgt George E Turner, US Army, Cpl Brendan Jocsak, US Marines.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **TODAY! CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:**

**Sun., September 15**, immediately following the 10:30 am worship: A special congregational meeting to consider adjusting the size of church council from "15 to 12 members" to "12 to 8 members."

Please see Council President Roy Danischewski with any questions.

**TRINITY SCHOOL ALUMNI SUNDAY: September 22,** at the 10:30 service (Tour of School Building at 10am before worship)

We will be welcoming a group of alums who are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> school re-union that weekend. We are planning to have a special luncheon after the service, as well as special guest speakers and performers. We will be celebrating our continuing educational mission by honoring the leaders of Eden II, who currently rents our school building. Do you know a Trinity School alum? Do you have any memorabilia that you would like to have us display? If so, please contact the church office at {718} 447-0526. Be sure to spread the word about this exciting event!

**Trinity Minis Concert- Sunday, September 22**<sup>nd</sup> at 4pm! Featuring the Artemis Guitar Duo, with classical guitarists Katty Mayorga and Isabella Abbonizio, who combine Latin American rhythmic vibe with Italian lyricism, playing a varied repertoire from the past to present era, with new music from female composers. Don't miss it!

Coming this Fall- Trunk or Treat! Save the date - Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup>, from 3 to 5pm in our parking lot. We will once again be partnering with Tiny Treasures Academy, who had their summer camp program at Trinity. We are looking for your ideas, your spooky decorations, and donations of candy. Contact Cara Kay at the church office or by emailing her at <a href="mailto:ckay@tlcsi.org">ckay@tlcsi.org</a>.

**The Girls Scouts are coming!** Vanessa Carter and Pastor Stephanie are looking for girls who are interested in being part of Daisy, Junior or Cadet Troop program. This program will be happening every two weeks at 11am on Saturdays. Please call the office at (718) 447-0526 if you know a girl who would be interested.

#### FEEDING WITH TLC ON SATURDAYS

Show God's love to our neighbors by helping with Feeding with TLC, our Saturday food and meal service. Please contact Luann Martin to volunteer! 917-865-8442 (cell).

#### FALL CONCERT SERIES: TRINITY MINIS-

Intimate, one of a kind music series, Small Concerts in Historic Spaces! Event dates are:

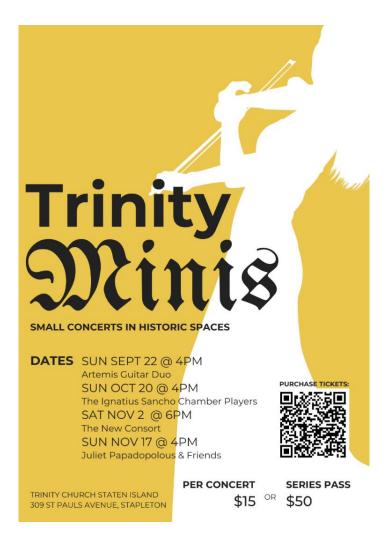
Sunday, September 22 at 4pm

Sunday, October 20 at 4pm

Saturday, November 2 at 6pm

Sunday, November 17 at 4pm

Tickets are \$15 per concert or a series pass can be purchased for \$50 from the church office. See performance schedule below.





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