Welcome to Trinity!

We rejoice in this opportunity to gather for worship in our sanctuary after having been prevented from doing so by COVID for so long! We know that some of you will feel more comfortable waiting for a bit longer to return in person. That's fine too! We will continue to rejoice in your presence with us virtually as you connect online!

Here at Trinity, we strive to follow our Lord Jesus in fully welcoming everyone into community. We seek to provide a place of true sanctuary in a world that too often offers judgment instead of grace and exclusion rather than embrace. As a Reconciling In Christ congregation, we rejoice to fully welcome LGBTQIA folks. We celebrate racial and ethnic diversity as a gift to the community. We seek to include those who are dealing with physical challenges and developmental disabilities. Beyond all this, we happily include people wherever they are on their faith journey, including seekers with deep doubts and questions, those who are new to the faith, and seasoned long-time believers.

In short, we believe that when Jesus commanded his followers to share the Gospel with ALL people – he meant it! Welcome! Join us on facebook, https://www.facebook.com/TrinityEvanston/

Recorded services will be archived on our website. *www.trinityevanston.org*



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 30, 2023 9:30 am

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Transforming lives by living the Gospel of Jesus Christ



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JOIN US FOR ONLINE WORSHIP

We continue to live-steam all of our services.

If you can't tune in for the live broadcast, or you want to go back and hear a part of the service again, you can access all of our previously recorded services archived on our website. **www.trinityevanston.org** with a link to our facebook page: <u>https://www.facebook.com/TrinityEvanston/</u>

Gathering

The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection.

Joyce Oakes, flute; Philip McPeek, piano

Confession and Forgiveness: (Stand as you are able)

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P Merciful God,
- C we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy. Amen.
- P Righteous God,
- C we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy. Amen.
- P God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.

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Greeting:

- P The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

Canticle of Praise: "This Is the Feast"



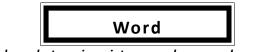


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Prayer of the Day:

- P Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

Please be seated.



God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.

Word for the Children

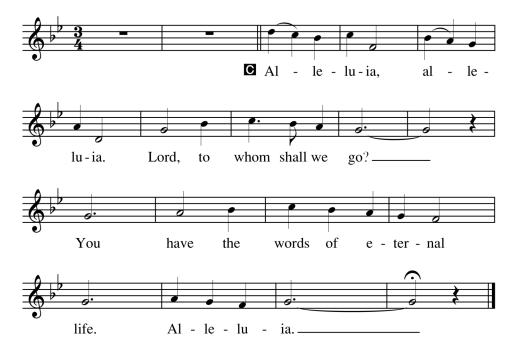
First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" ¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

- L Word of God, word of life.
- C Thanks be to God!

Psalm: Psalm 119:129-136 (Read responsively)

- L ¹²⁹Your decrees are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.
- C ¹³⁰ The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.
- L ¹³¹ With open mouth I pant, because I long for your commandments.
- C ¹³² Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your custom toward those who love your name.
- L ¹³³Keep my steps steady according to your promise, and never let iniquity have dominion over me.
- C ¹³⁴ Redeem me from human oppression, that I may keep your precepts.
- L ¹³⁵ Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.
- C ¹³⁶ My eyes shed streams of tears because your law is not kept.



P The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." ³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

Sermon



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 Christian church, the communion of saints, The forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession:

P Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

After each petition:

- A Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.

The prayers conclude:

- P Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.
- C Amen.

Peace

Please be seated.

Announcements



God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Raised to new life, filled with the Holy Spirit, and gifted richly by God, we respond with joy and thanksgiving for all that God has first given us.

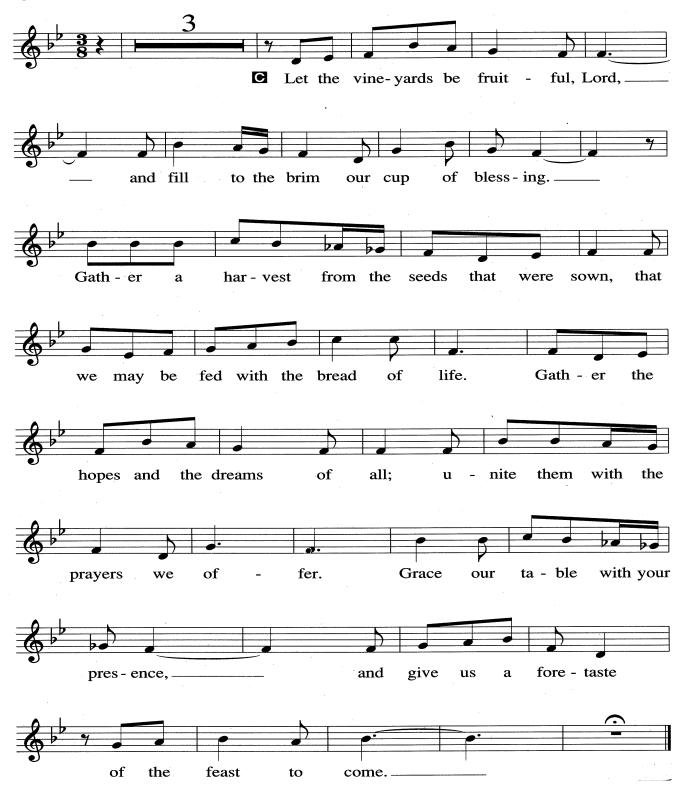
If you are joining us virtually, you may share your offerings by mailing your checks to the church office or by using your bank's bill-pay system. If you would rather, you can use our Vanco online giving option. Here's the link to the secure site: <u>bit.ly/TLCgives22</u> Or scan this QR code:

However it is that you share your offerings, we thank you for your faithful financial support of the ministry we share!

Joyce Oakes, alto flute

Stand as you are able.

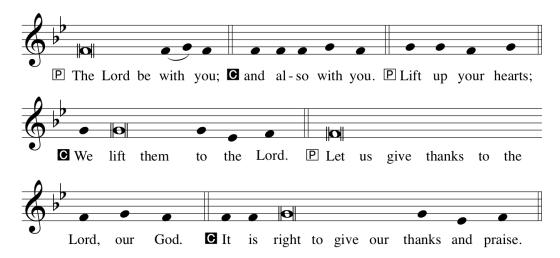
Setting the Table:



Offering Prayer:

- A God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

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:



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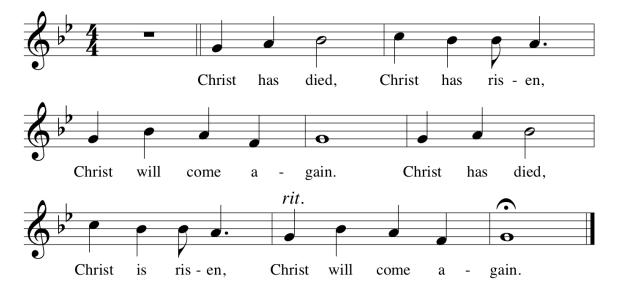
Thanksgiving at the Table:

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.

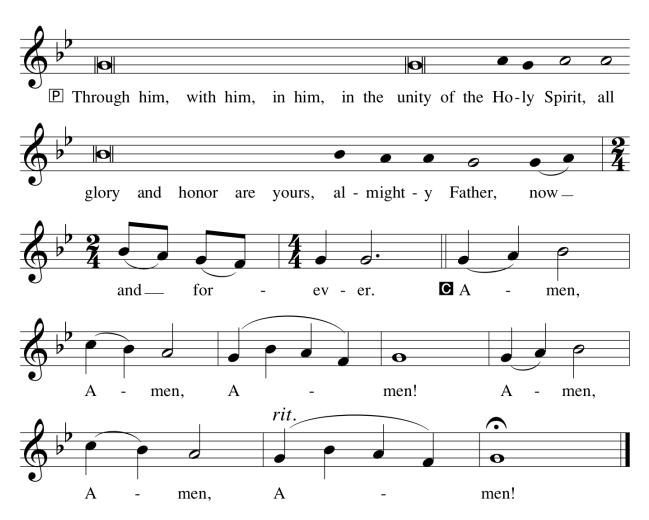
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: this cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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



P 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;





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The Lord's Prayer

Please pray the language of your heart.

Our Father who art in heaven,	Our Father in heaven,		
hallowed be thy name,	hallowed be your name,		
thy kingdom come,	your kingdom come,		
thy will be done,	your will be done,		
on earth as it is in heaven.	on earth as in heaven.		
Give us this day our daily bread;	Give us today our daily bread.		
and forgive us our trespasses,	Forgive us our sins		
as we forgive those	as we forgive those		
who trespass against us;	who sin against us.		
and lead us not into temptation	Save us from the time of trial		
but deliver us from evil.	and deliver us from evil.		
For thine is the kingdom,	For the kingdom,		
and the power, and the glory	the power, and the glory		
forever and ever.	are yours, now and forever.		
Amen.	Amen.		

Invitation to Communion:

P All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

We rejoice to share this holy meal with all baptized believers. Children not yet receiving communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

Please be seated.

Communion Instruction

You are invited to come forward via the center aisle at the direction of the ushers. Pastor will distribute the bread, and a deacon will distribute the wine in individual, recyclable plastic cups. Communicants will take a cup from the tray and will dispose of it in the basket provided before returning to their seat via the side aisle.

Gluten free wafers are available. Grape juice is located in the inner circle of the tray.

If you are unable to come to the altar and would like to receive communion, please tell an usher and communion will be brought to you.

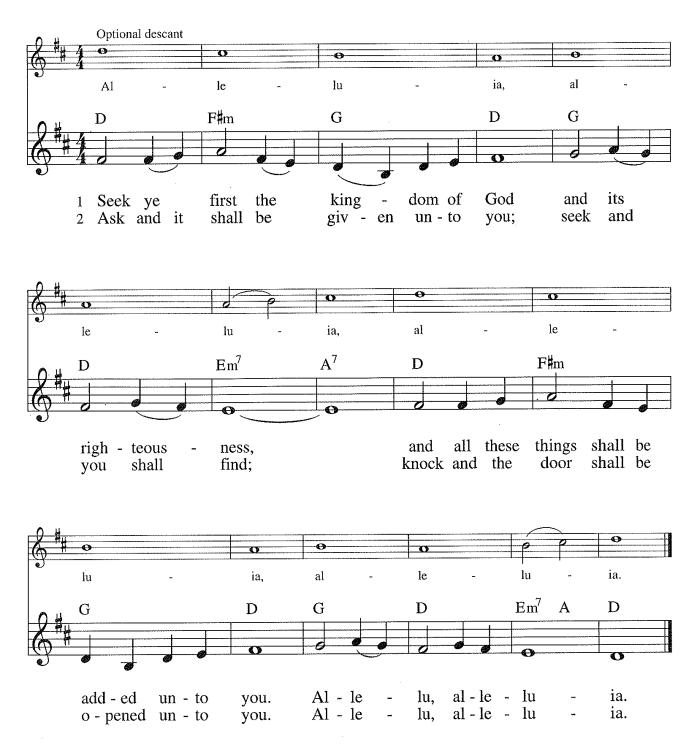
For those who prefer to remain in the pew, individual communion sets containing grape juice are available in the narthex as people enter.

Lamb of God:





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Prayer after Communion:

- A Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord..
- C Amen.

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The triune God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing: (Stand)

- P The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed + bless, keep and sustain you now and to the end of the age.
- C Amen.
- Sending Hymn: ACS 942..... "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Refrain: Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray

- 1 Upon the mountain my Lord spoke, out of his mouth came fire and smoke. *Refrain*
- 2 All around me looked so fine, asked my Lord if all was mine. *Refrain*
- **3** Jordan river, chilly and cold, chills the body but not the soul. *Refrain*

Dismissal:

- A Go in peace. Share the harvest.
- C Thanks be to God.

Postlude



COFFEE HOUR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SERVICE in the GATHERING SPACE.

Join us for refreshments and conversation. All are welcome!

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS for the family of Amelia "Mickey" Gaza, who passed away on July 21 at the age of 90. We remem-

ber her family and friends, and especially the Wielgus family, at this time of loss. A memorial service will be held at Trinity on Tuesday, August 8th at 11:00 am.

TRINITY PRAYER LIST:

Contact the office if you desire to add someone to our prayer list. To make changes, contact the office@trinityevanston.org You may reach out to Pastor Brian directly via email: brian.johnson@trinityevanston.org

MEMBERS:	Rick Corona (brother of Joe Corona, recovery from fall)
Joan Borgeson	Eleanor Ehresman (friend of Carol Wilson, battling leukemia)
Marilyn Crow	Sarah Graebner (cousin of Susan Hilkevitch)
Robert Gertenrich	Katie Grassmann (colleague of Charlie Slamar) injuries from riding accident.
Geof Hiltwein	Sanah Khan (friend of Cathi White, recovery from reconstruction surgery)
Signe Kilen	Dave Kallstead (cousin of Roy Skogsberg, recovery from hip surgery)
Judi McKiernan	Robert Lins (friend of Laurel Lovestrom, cancer surgery)
Bill Olson (rehab at home)	Mindy (request of Peg Lee, brain tumor)
Hortense Plummer	Vickie Nowakowski (Carole Rivera's sister-in-law, recovering)
Bill Sachse	Ryan (Lorna Van Houten's son, healing)
Donna Schroeder	Sherri (friend of Gina Musielski, healing from medical challenges)
Arlene Sigle	Dave Skvarla (friend of Sandie Schlauch, recovering from open heart surgery)
Gail Slamar	Debbie Stahr (sister-in-law of Julie McWilliams)
LaVerne Stamer	Ruth Straseske (friend of Carol Wilson, continued recovery from ovarian cancer)
Lorna Van Houten (healing in preparation of upcoming surgery)	Linda T (friend of Sandie Schlauch, recovering from a fall)
Chris Viau	Steve and Dawn Taskay
Dave Yandell (hospitalized)	Tito Urian (friend of Phos Rivera, recovering ALS)
	Jennifer McWilliams (niece of Gary McWilliams, treatment for breast cancer)
	Tim McWilliams (nephew of Gary McWilliams, recovering from a stroke)
FAMILY & FRIENDS:	Theresa Wilson (cousin of Carol Wilson, facing lupus and cancer diagnosis)
Jack Bakke, (brother of Bob Bakke, hospitalized/cancer treatment)	Sharon Yandell (mother of Dave Yandell)
Robert Bond (friend of Ken Schaefle,kidney related surgery)	
Whitman Brisky (Valerie Braun's dad, multiple myeloma; will need a bone marrow	SYMPATHY:
transplant this summer)	Family and friends mourning the death of Amelia (Mickey) Gaza, who died on July 21 at
Peter Burke (brother of Peg Lee)	the age of 90. We especially remember the Gaza and Wielgus families. A memorial service will be held at Trinity on Tuesday, August 8th at 11:00 am.

THIS WEEK:

Thursday, Aug 3 MUSIC UNDER THE STARS with the Wilmette Community Band under the direction of Dave Fodor — 5:30 pm Bounce House; 6:00 pm Hot Dogs; 7:00 pm Concert on Trinity's back parking lot. Bring a chair or blanket! This event is BYOB. Please park in the front, neighbors are encouraged to walk or bike over.

NEXT WEEK:

Sunday, Aug 6 FAMILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL & HOT DOG ROAST 5:00-7:00 pm lauren.busey@trinityevanston.org

Tuesday, Aug 8 MEMORIAL SERVICE—AMELIA (Mickey) GAZA 11:00 am

SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday, Aug 20 ACTIVE SHOOTER DRILL 10:45—11:45 am at Trinity with Officer Wilken of the Skokie Police Department

Wednesday, Sept 6 DINNER CHURCH 6:30—7:30 pm in the Gathering Space. Good food & good conversation — feed your body & your soul.

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