


# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



the smallest of all seeds

becomes the greatest of all shrubs

**Sunday, June 17, 2018**  
**4th Sunday after Pentecost**

# *Welcome to Trinity!*

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## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME**

## **GATHERING HYMN: *When Morning Gilds the Skies* (ELW 853)**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.*

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✙ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

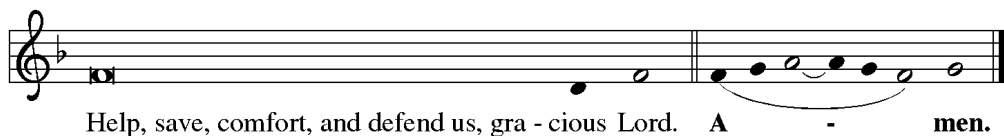
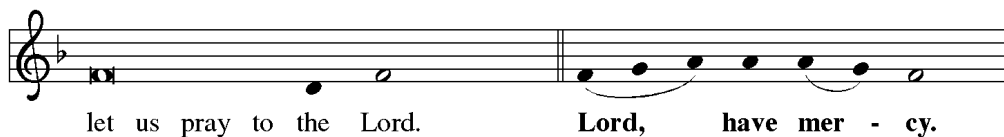
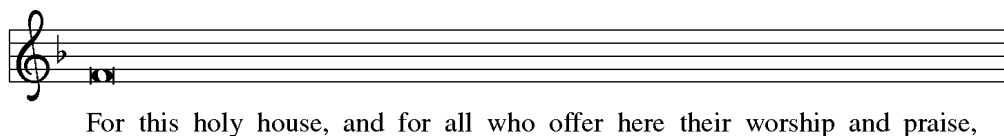
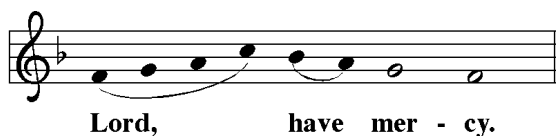
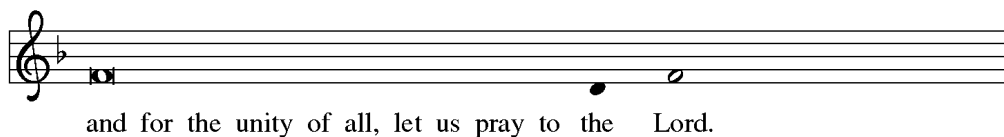
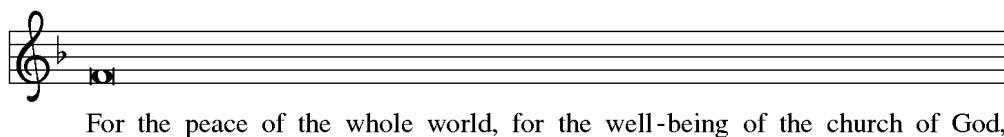
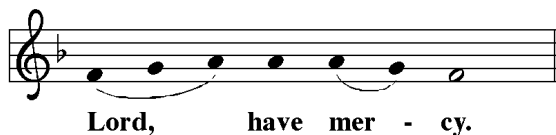
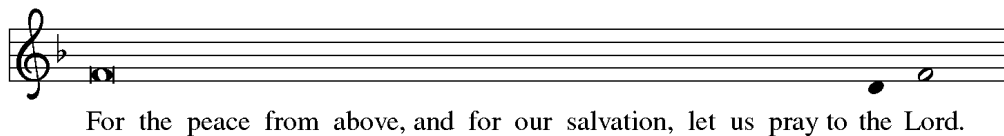
**Amen.**

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

# KYRIE



CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



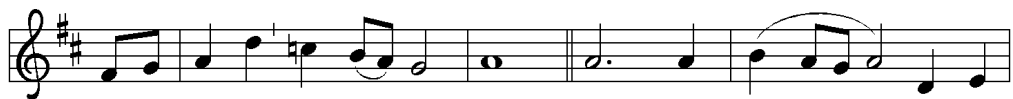
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray together.

**O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24

A reading from Ezekiel.

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD:  
I myself will take a sprig  
from the lofty top of a cedar;  
I will set it out.  
I will break off a tender one  
from the topmost of its young twigs;  
I myself will plant it  
on a high and lofty mountain.  
<sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel  
I will plant it,  
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.  
Under it every kind of bird will live;  
in the shade of its branches will nest  
winged creatures of every kind.  
<sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field shall know  
that I am the LORD.  
I bring low the high tree,  
I make high the low tree;  
I dry up the green tree  
and make the dry tree flourish.  
I the LORD have spoken;  
I will accomplish it.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

*The psalm is spoken responsively.*

<sup>1</sup>It is a good thing to give thanks | to the LORD,  
to sing praise to your name, | O Most High;  
<sup>2</sup>**to herald your love | in the morning  
and your faithful- | ness at night;**  
<sup>3</sup>on the psaltery, and | on the lyre,  
and to the melody | of the harp.  
<sup>4</sup>**For you have made me glad by your | acts, O LORD;  
and I shout for joy because of the works | of your hands.**  
<sup>12</sup>The righteous shall flourish | like a palm tree,  
and shall spread abroad like a ce- | dar of Lebanon.  
<sup>13</sup>**Those who are planted in the house | of the LORD  
shall flourish in the courts | of our God;**

<sup>14</sup>they shall still bear fruit | in old age;  
they shall be | green and succulent;  
<sup>15</sup>that they may show how up- | right the LORD is,  
my rock, in whom there is | no injustice.

## SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

<sup>6</sup>So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—<sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

<sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*



## GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup>Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,<sup>27</sup> and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the

head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

<sup>30</sup>He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* (ELW 533)**

## **BAPTISM OF RHETT LEE BLACKMON**

Parents: Christopher and Amanda Blackmon

Sponsors: Kelby and Brady Wilkison

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**



Congregational response:

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:  
join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative  
and redeeming word to all the world.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves.

*A brief silence.*

O Most High, your divine realm is like a noble tree whose boughs and branches give shade and rest to the peoples of the earth. Make your church a nesting place for all who need your peace and healing. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

O Most High, all the world is a garden for your creativity. Refresh places of drought with abundant rains. Strengthen and keep safe those who fight fires in your forests. Help us tend your mountains and plains, oceans and rivers with loving care. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

O Most High, you speak and your word is accomplished. Speak to the leaders of the nations so they might end cycles of violence, giving people everywhere tranquility and peace. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

O Most High, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Bring the abundant healing blessings of the new creation into the lives of those who suffer illness or deprivation of any kind. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

O Most High, your steadfast love and faithfulness sustain your people. Bless fathers and all father figures with such love and faithfulness that children flourish and grow in uprightness and joy. Bless those who long to be fathers and those for whom this day is difficult. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

O Most High, just as the earth produces of itself and the harvest comes, you gather up your people from all times and places. Bring us along with those who have died into the lasting harvest of your kingdom. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Brief announcements will be made by the pastor and thanks given for what our offerings provide towards the church's mission.*

## OFFERING

### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

## PREFACE

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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 assembly is seated.*

## **COMMUNION**

*White grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.  
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*  
The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*and each person may respond*  
Amen.

## **DISTRIBUTION MUSIC**

*Reflective music provided for Communion contemplation*

## **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

*The assembly stands to receive the blessing.*  
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.  
**Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray together.  
**We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

## **FATHER'S DAY BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN: *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* (ELW 547)**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

# Trinity Happenings

Sunday, June 17	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Baptism
	10:15 am	Fellowship
Sunday, June 24	9:00 am	Worship
	10:15 am	Fellowship
Tuesday, June 26	7:00 pm	Committee Night
Sunday, July 1	9:00 am	Worship
	10:15 am	Fellowship

**THOSE NEEDING OUR PRAYERS:** Please keep the following members in your prayers this week: Ed Dolan, Bob Thymian, Jane Kidwell, Addie Hopper, Marilyn Moen, JoAnn Merrill, and Gladys Crane. If there is someone that could be added to the Trinity Prayer Chain, please inform Jennie Lawrence by email at [missjennae@yahoo.com](mailto:missjennae@yahoo.com).

**TRUMPET DEADLINE:** Please submit any items for the weekly Trinity Trumpet ***in writing*** by 9 am on Wednesday. The Trumpet is emailed at noon each Wednesday.

**WELCOME RHETT!** Today, we welcome Rhett Lee Blackmon into the family of Christ through Holy Baptism. Rhett's parents are Christopher and Amanda Blackmon, and his sponsors are Kelby and Brady Wilkison.

**CONGRATULATIONS LEROY AND KAREN!** Leroy and Karen Dockter invite everyone present to join them for coffee hour following the service to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary which was last Friday.

**WORSHIP SERVERS NEEDED:** The worship servers sign-up sheet for July and August is now available. A paper sign-up sheet has been posted on the sign-up board in the Gruver Room. Online sign-up is also available at [www.tinyurl.com/TELCServers782018](http://www.tinyurl.com/TELCServers782018).

**SEEKING AN ORGANIST/PIANIST:** Trinity Lutheran is looking for an Organist and/or Pianist to lead worship on Sundays at 9am. This is a paid position!! If you would like to give the gift of worship to our faith community, or if you know someone who is able and willing, please email Pastor Nate at [pastornate3421@gmail.com](mailto:pastornate3421@gmail.com).

**FREEDOM HAS A BIRTHDAY:** In past years Trinity has had a booth at Freedom Has a Birthday, where we have offered cookies, limeade, and fellowship. If we are to participate in this event again this year, one or two people need to step forward to lead the effort (plus another 6 or so people to be work with them on July 4th). While any leaders can count on expertise and cookie baking, we will not be participating without volunteers stepping forward. If you are willing to take on the task please contact Pastor Nate.

**GRUVER ROOM TEAM MEETING:** The Gruver Room remodel team will meet on Sunday, July 8, at 10:15 am.

The  
VBS  
gang!



**Readings for Next Sunday, June 24, 2018 — 5th Sunday after Pentecost**

Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

**\*\*\*Find the weekly lectionary readings and more at [www.textweek.com](http://www.textweek.com)**



## **The Bishop of the Rocky Mountain Synod is coming to Trinity Lutheran!**

Bishop Jim Gonia has requested the gift of our time  
on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>.

**This is a Saturday, so the Church Council decided to  
move worship from Sunday to Saturday July 21<sup>st</sup> to  
create a unique ministry event.**

We'll begin at 10:30 am with worship including a blessing and  
sending of our Leadership Lab participants. After worship, we'll  
enjoy a luncheon at 11:30 am and time with our Bishop at 12:00  
noon.

Please adjust your schedules to attend this wonderful opportunity  
to be Church Together!!

## A Father's Day Blessing

This blessing is for fathers who held the hands of their wives during childbirth.

This blessing is for all the fathers who held soft babies in their calloused hands.

This blessing is for our dads who have red, tired eyes who forgot to make sure the diaper is on tight at 3am.

This blessing is for fathers who hold babies and children that are not their own.

This blessing is for dads who loudly support their children at games and for those who hold their children when disappointment comes.

This blessing is for those who have had to say goodbye to their own dad.

This blessing is for our dads who fall to their knees beside their children's grave.

This blessing is for all our fathers who sat down with their children and explained all about making babies. And for all the fathers that turned to their wives for help.

This blessing is for all single fathers who cook, do laundry, and homework for their children.

This blessing is for fathers who teach their daughters and sons to stand tall.

This blessing is for fathers who learned to tie pony tails and wrestle.

This blessing is for fathers who can't speak to their children.

This blessing is for new fathers and for old fathers whose hands have grown tired and weak.

This blessing is for fathers who teach their kids how to shave, how to change oil, or shoot a gun.

This blessing is for strong fathers, vulnerable fathers, loving fathers, and fathers who struggle to be fathers.

This blessing is for all us who strive to be faithful in our roles of being loving and caring with God's children.



# Serving the Church

**THIS WEEK — June 17, 2018**

**Lector:** Judi Weatherwax  
**Communion Assistant:** **OPEN**  
**Ushers and Greeters:** Maia Anderson  
Sharon Leder  
Iris Brunett  
**Nursery:** **OPEN**  
**Stewards:** Jennifer Zenor  
**Altar Guild:** Diane Fiedler and Mike Smith  
**Fellowship:** Leroy and Karen Dockter  
**Flowers:** Randy and Andrea Wilkison in honor of Rhett Lee Blackmon's baptism

**NEXT WEEK — June 24, 2018**

**Lector:** Martin Greller  
**Communion Assistant:** **OPEN**  
**Ushers and Greeters:** The Zenor Family  
Mike Smith  
**Nursery:** **OPEN**  
**Stewards:** Jennifer Zenor  
**Altar Guild:** Diane Fiedler and Mike Smith  
**Fellowship:** Jennifer Lyford  
**Flowers:** Leroy and Karen Dockter

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