

Notice of Special Meeting

At its July 8 meeting, the call committee brought forward the recommendation that Pastor Rachel S. Larson be considered as the next pastor of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. The council unanimously voted in favor of this recommendation.

The church council has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, July 27. This meeting will take place at the conclusion of that morning's worship service. Two votes will be taken at this meeting. The first will be to call Pastor Rachel S. Larson to serve as pastor of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. The second vote will be to approve the compensation package for Pastor Rachel. All members are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting. A quorum of 52 is necessary to hold this meeting.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Michael Meyer, (July 15); Danielle Kunkel, (July 16); Janet Overman, (July 16); Paysen Witte, (July 17) and Jon Dalby, (July 19). Happy Birthday!

WE WELCOME Pastor Eugene Zeller and his wife, Cheri into our midst this morning. Gene will fill in as Interim Pastor until the call process for a permanent pastor is completed.

AN UPDATE ON KEITH: Pastor Keith's back surgery had to be postponed due to another medical issue that needs to be addressed before they operate on his back. Continued prayers and support are much appreciated.

QUARTERLY REPORTS for the 2nd quarter of 2014 are now available on the table in the north lobby area. Please pick yours up.

OUR FINANCIAL PICTURE:

Jan-June budgeted expenses: \$110305.78

(yearly budget divided by 12 * 6)

Jan-June actual general fund expenses (checks written): \$105663.87

Jan-June actual deposits, not including organ fund: \$108322.47

Financial status: Deposits versus expenses as of 6/30: \$2658.60

Jan.-June organ fund deposits: \$7629

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE urges the congregation to keep up its giving during the summer months because as the January-May report indicates we have little buffer in the general fund at this time and expenses are slightly exceeding revenues.

SUMMER HYMNS: Would you like to choose hymns during the summer months? The congregation is invited to pick their favorite hymns. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board on the east wall in the Gruver Room. This year we are asking for only 2 hymns each Sunday and if you would like to provide special music or not. Also listed on the sign-up sheet is the list of Gospel readings for each of the Sundays during summer to help with choosing appropriate hymns.

OUR COFFEE HOUR HAS CHANGED! For the summer months coffee hour will start at 8 a.m. and go until the 9 a.m. service. Please join us for coffee and light breakfast style food before service. This allows those who wish to enjoy the outdoors to get an early start after service is over. Please sign up if you wish to provide goodies. See you bright and early!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SHARING A CUP OF COFFEE with your fellow worshipers? We need people to be willing to sign up to bring goodies and prepare the coffee as well between the morning worship services. See the pole in the Gruver room. Thanking you in advance!

SUMMER OUTDOOR MID-WEEK SERVICES will take place on Wednesday evenings through July 23 on the Iverson lawn (weather permitting) from 6-6:45 p.m. This is a casual, come-as-you-are, time to sing and read scripture and reflect on the beauty of God's world. All Trinity members and guests are welcome; bring a lawn chair or blanket for your comfort. If you are interested in being involved in the planning and/or serving for these services, please contact Jennifer Lyford (jmlyford@msn.com /760-1411). We will be meeting on Tuesday evening to practice and prepare. Trinity youth & college ages are encouraged to be involved.

INTERFAITH is *really* in need of food, especially protein (canned tuna, salmon, etc.) and canned fruit. Of course any donation is always appreciated. People can leave the food in the box at the church, or take their donations directly to Interfaith. Thank you for your thoughtfulness!

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Serving the Church

	<u>TODAY (7/13)</u>	<u>NEXT SUNDAY (7/20)</u>
<i>Lector:</i>	9:00 a.m. Roland Kidwell	9:00 a.m. Diane Fiedler
<i>Acolyte:</i>	9:00 a.m. Derk Lyford	9:00 a.m. Trey Muhsman
<i>Ushers:</i>	9:00 a.m. Edward Hiller	9:00 a.m. Mark Rehwaldt Jennie Lawrence
<i>Greeters:</i>	9:00 a.m. Jason & Trey Sherwood	9:00 a.m. Tracy Bennett Janet Talbott
<i>Nursery:</i>	9:00 a.m. Hailey Anderson	9:00 a.m. Lexi Dockter

Stewards: L. Conyers / J. Lawrence *Altar Guild:* Margot Birkholz

Coffee Fellowship: Trinity

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, July 13	8:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship
	9:00 a.m.	Worship (HC)
Wednesday, July 16	10:00 a.m.	Women's Study

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: The 6th Sunday after Pentecost: Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17;
Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43.



A SOWER WENT OUT TO SOW
MT. 13: 3

WE ARE HAPPY to have you with us today. We hope that our worship service has meaning for you and that you will come back and worship with us again soon. Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. If you are unable to approach the communion rail and would like to receive communion, please let one of the ushers know and we will come to you. Grape juice (yellow) is available in the center of each tray. For those who wish, a nursery is provided during the worship service just off the South Lobby area, for children ages 5 and younger.

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS are found in the back of the pew in front of you. If you wish, please fill them out and hand them to the usher during the hymn after the sermon. PEW PADS are found at the inside end of each pew. Please fill them out, pass them down to the end, and then return them to the center.

PLEASE RECYCLE THE BULLETINS: You are encouraged to take home any part of the bulletin that you would like. **Please** recycle the pieces that you do not choose to keep by putting them at either end of the pews at the back of the church. Help us save some trees! Thanks.

RIDE MINISTRY: Since there are now several people at church who need rides to worship, we are forming a Ride Ministry. If you are interested in helping out please call the church office @ 745-4222 or talk with Lois Hiller, 742-6455.

of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law — indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we

go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

life. Al - le - lu - ia! Repeat optional

***GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23**

Glory to you, O Lord.

In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!"

¹⁸Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME:

Pastor Gene Zeller

SERMON:

Pastor Gene Zeller

***HYMN: "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"**

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***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

Strengthened by the Spirit who gives us words to speak and hearts that care, let us bring our hopes and needs to God who listens.

A brief silence.

Merciful God, you give your word to guide, correct, teach, and inspire. Draw us into your story, and give us wisdom, understanding, and obedient hearts as we follow your Son Jesus. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The amazing cycle of birth, growth, and death sustains your creation. Bring forth an abundant harvest, keep farmers safe, and teach us to cherish life in all its forms and stages. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In places of war, bring peace, and in places of hatred, sow love. Help world leaders set aside their prejudices, put down their weapons, and work together for the good of all people. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We live in a land of plenty, and still there are those without enough to eat. Give us generous hearts to those who are hungry. Bless the hands of those who work so that others might eat. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Raise up leaders for your church who will tend to your harvest. We lift up seminaries and church colleges, bishops and synod staffs, Lutheran World Relief and the Lutheran World Federation, as they live out their callings to serve. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Bless the memory of those who now worship at your eternal throne and bless those who worship in hopeful expectation of your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, God of mercy, confident that all things are in your hands. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

*PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always,
And also with you.

by the holiness¹ of your temple.

⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of¹ our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans¹ far away.

⁶**You make firm the mountains¹ by your power;
you are girded a-¹ bout with might.**

⁷You still the roaring¹ of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor¹ of the peoples.

⁸**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your¹ marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to¹ sing for joy.**

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous;
the river of God is¹ full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide¹ for the earth.

¹⁰**You drench the furrows and smooth¹ out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and¹ bless its increase.**

¹¹You crown the year¹ with your goodness,
and your paths over-¹ flow with plenty.

¹²**May the fields of the wilderness be¹ rich for grazing,
and the hills be¹ clothed with joy.**

¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak them-¹ selves with grain;
let them shout for¹ joy and sing

**Glory be to the Father and¹ to the Son:
and to the¹ Holy Spirit;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and e-¹ ver shall be:
world without end.¹ Amen.**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:1–11

There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its slavery. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:** (In unison)

Let us pray.
Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: **Isaiah 55:10–13**

God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
¹²For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

PSALM: **Psalms 65:1–13**

¹You are to be praised, O ¹ God, in Zion;
to you shall vows ¹ be fulfilled.
²To you, the one who ¹ answers prayer,
to you all ¹ flesh shall come.
³Our sins are strong- ¹ er than we are,
but you blot out ¹ our transgressions.
⁴Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your ¹ courts to dwell there!
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY**

Refrain

Congregation:

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were

gath-ered in-to one to be-come our bread;

so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be

gath-ered in-to one in you.

Verses

1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst, _____
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

To refrain

may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre-a-tion shares this feast with you.

***PRAYER**

Let us pray.
Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al - so with
you. *Presider:* Lift up your hearts. *Congregation:* We
lift them to the Lord. *Presider:* Let us give
Congregation: thanks to the Lord our God. It is
right to give God thanks and praise.

*PROPER PREFACE

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Congregation: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

*NOW THE FEAST

Refrain
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has
Refrain
freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and
Refrain
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of
Refrain
God; to make all things new.

*KYRIE

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy,

3rd time to Coda

For the reign of God, and for
For your peo - ple here who have

Christ, have mer-cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the

Coda

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

cy. A - men.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread;
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us;
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.


*LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,
grant us peace, grant us peace.


DISTRIBUTION

*POST COMMUNION HYMN


Congregation:




1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:
2. From of old you loved and sought us:



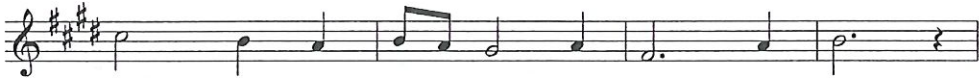
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice



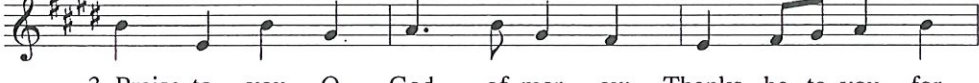
weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!




Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



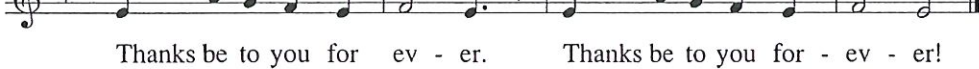
mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



3. Praise to you O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



Thanks be to you for ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

In the presence of God,
who sees our hearts and our minds.
let us confess our sin.

(Silence for reflection)

God our strength,
**We confess that we are captive to the power of sin
that dwells within us.**
We put ourselves first and others last.
**What we think will make us happy
leaves us longing for more.**
Even when we want to do what is good,
We find ourselves doing the opposite.
Rescue us from death's grip on our lives,
and raise us up day by day,
that we may be alive to God in Christ Jesus.
Amen.

Sisters and brothers,
all have fallen short of the glory of God;
therefore we are justified by God's grace as a gift.
Nothing can separate us
from the love of God in + Christ Jesus,
in whom we have forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation.
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.

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God's Work...
... Our Hands

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Sunday, July 13, 2014 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion

*Standing

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*HYMN: “Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory”

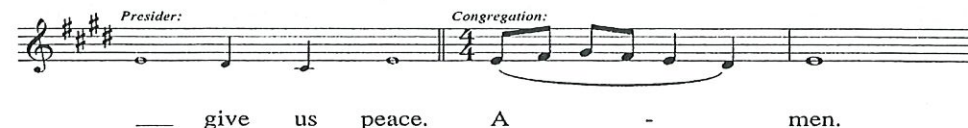
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*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

*BLESSING

Presider: May God bless us and keep us.
May God's face shine on us and be gracious.
May God look on us with favor and + give us peace.



PARISH SHARING TIME

*HYMN: “Sent Forth by God's Blessing”

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*SENDING

*POSTLUDE

Good Soil

Just like a seed needs good soil to grow, the "word of the kingdom" (Matt. 13:19) also requires certain conditions in order to do its work among God's people: understanding, perseverance in hardship, and strength in temptation.

That is why we *gather* in community to hear the word proclaimed. Reading the Bible on our own is a fine and important discipline for deepening our relationship with God, but it is not enough. On our own, we might misunderstand the word. But through the preaching, witness, and guidance of our sisters and brothers we see the words of scripture in a fuller light, a light that breaks in through the many shades and perspectives of their lives as sunbeams through stained glass. The full beauty and power of God's word comes out in the community's reflection and leaves us transformed.

Also, by ourselves we might not have enough strength to keep God's word in the face of daily challenges. Can we really stand up for justice even if this makes us unpopular? Can we make room in our budget for generosity when advertisements everywhere invite us to spend our money only on ourselves? Can we stay grounded and humble in the face of success? Can we be bold witnesses for the gospel or will we shrink away from the challenge? Maybe we cannot do it perfectly right now, but certainly we are able to more and more every day.

After all, we are following in the footsteps of the Christ who has gone before us in the flesh and taken up all hardships on the cross. This is the one who promises later in this gospel that "where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" (Matt. 18:20). So when we gather with others around word and sacrament, Christ's presence in his body turns our hard and barren hearts into good soil.

COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Thursday, July 17, 2014

Bartolomé de Las Casas, missionary to the Indies, died 1566

A native of Spain, Las Casas first came to the Western hemisphere while serving in the military. Granted a large estate with indigenous slaves, he freed them after he was ordained a priest. He worked in the Caribbean and Central America to improve the lives of the native peoples.

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