

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Shadow McKim, (Aug. 18); Ashtyn Witte, (Aug. 18); Norm Bock, (Aug. 19); Joan Dana, (Aug. 19); Niki Burke, (Aug. 21) and Amanda Wilkison, (Aug. 23). Happy Birthday!

TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF God by Judi Weatherwax in honor of Maia & Dustin Anderson's wedding anniversary.

SUMMER HYMNS: We still need hymns chosen for Aug. 24 and 31. 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.

OUR FINANCES: Jan-July budgeted expenses: \$128690.07
(yearly budget divided by 12 * 7)
Jan-July actual general fund expenses (checks written): \$124010.99
Jan-July actual deposits to general unrestricted account: \$120839.82
Financial status: Deposits versus expenses as of 7/31: - \$3171.17

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS: *Mark your calendars!* The first day of Sunday School will be **September 7, 2014** at 9:15 a.m. **ALSO,** There will be a Sunday School Teacher/planning meeting on **today** at 10 a.m. (after church). I know I will be in need of at least one new teacher, so anyone with a desire to serve in this capacity please either attend the meeting or contact Lindsay Conyers @ 399-4185 or yankeebeautiful@yahoo.com.

NURSERY COORDINATOR: We are now accepting applications. This is a paid position that involves scheduling the nursery attendants each month and working closely with church council liaisons to maintain and improve the nursery service. Anyone interested in this position can pick up an application from the church office or from Lindsay Conyers. Thank you. Applications will be accepted no later than **today**, August 17th."

HELP US CLEAN UP: We will be cleaning the church **next** Saturday, August 23rd starting at 8 a.m. for a couple of hours. See the list of "What Needs To Be Done" posted on the east wall in the Gruver Room. Please bring cleaning and polishing cloths for the sanctuary. Bagels and coffee will be provided.

TRINITY'S PRAYER CHAIN: Jennie Lawrence is organizing a prayer chain. If you would like to be a part of it, please contact her at Missjennae@yahoo.com (preferred), or 761-1085. Please contact her with any prayer requests.

THE WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S STUDY will be taking a break until September. Any woman, college age or older, is welcome to join us, we would love to have you. Again, we will not be meeting until September.

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 who are willing to sign up to **bring goodies and/or set up for our Coffee Time and start the coffee.** See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Gruver Room. Thank You!

SIGN UP! SIGN UP! Would you like to provide flowers Sunday services? There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Gruver Room. Flowers can be given in memory of someone, in honor of someone, or just because.

INTERFAITH is *really* in need of size 5-6 diapers, wipes, noodles, spaghetti sauce and cereal. 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!

MEALS ON WHEELS is seeking volunteer drivers to deliver meals a couple of days a week. If this is something you feel you are able to assist with, please contact the Eppson Center @ 745-1510.

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: The 11th Sunday after Pentecost: Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20.

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Serving the Church

	<u>TODAY (8/17)</u>	<u>NEXT SUNDAY (8/24)</u>
<i>Lector:</i>	9:00 a.m. Tracy Kidwell	9:00 a.m. Dan Gibson-Reinemer
<i>Acolyte:</i>	9:00 a.m. Lindsey Meyer	9:00 a.m. Emily Brande
<i>Ushers:</i>	9:00 a.m. Bob Campbell Roland Kidwell	9:00 a.m. Barb Rouse Georgia Mitchell
<i>Greeters:</i>	9:00 a.m. Debbe, Lindsay & Lily Conyers	9:00 a.m. Jason & Teresa Sherwood
<i>Nursery:</i>	9:00 a.m. Hailey Anderson	9:00 a.m. Tracy Kidwell

Stewards: Andrea Toven

Altar Guild: Cheryl Wilson

Coffee Fellowship: Mark & Tary Stayton

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, August 10	8:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship
	9:00 a.m.	Worship (HC)
Tuesday, August 12	9:00 a.m.	Quilters

A FEW WEEKS AGO after discovering that parts of the church basement had flooded, a group of members came together to help clean up, dry out and otherwise, remedy the problems in the basement. A **HUGE THANK YOU** is extended to (in alphabetical order); Steve Boss, Diane Fiedler/Mike Smith, the Henry family and Larry Hazlett. My apologies if I have forgotten anyone. Some of the problems that led up to the inside flooding still exist but the property committee is working on solving these issues. If you would like to lend a hand with this project, contact Steve Boss. Again, thank you to all of those who got involved!



Have pity on me!
MT. 15:22

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.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable, so that while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ²⁹for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL READING: Matthew 15:10–28**

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be pagan and unclean approaches him for help.

¹⁰Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: ¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false

witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

Gene Zeller

SERMON:

Gene Zeller

HYMN: "O Christ the Healer, We Have Come"

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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

Filled by the Spirit, let us join the whole people of God in Christ Jesus in praying for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Lord, your house is a house of prayer for all peoples, all outcasts, and all who love your name. Reach into our hearts and focus our attention on this central mission of your gospel. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Embrace all of creation in your loving arms and show us a better way to care for your earth. Increase our understanding of the atmosphere and oceans, and help us protect endangered species. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You ask us to maintain justice and do what is right, that all nations know peace. Uphold those international organizations striving to work together for the good of all. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Shine your face upon those in need of healing for bodies, minds, and spirits. Strengthen our faith and fill us with hope as we humbly kneel before you. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Open our hearts to the visitors among us, and to their gifts and questions. Fill them with your welcoming presence. Watch over those who are absent and bring them safely home. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

As you gather the faithful who have died into your eternal home, remind us of everything they have taught us in your name. Thank you for their presence among us. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your loving hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant —

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

PSALM: Psalm 67

¹May God be merciful to ¹us and bless us;
may the light of God's face ¹shine upon us.

²**Let your way be known ¹upon earth,
your saving health a- ¹mong all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise ¹you, O God;
let all the ¹peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and ¹sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the na- ¹tions on earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise ¹you, O God;
let all the ¹peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has brought ¹forth its increase;
God, our own ¹God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God ¹give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth ¹stand in awe.

**Glory be to the Father and ¹to the Son:
and to the ¹Holy Spirit;**

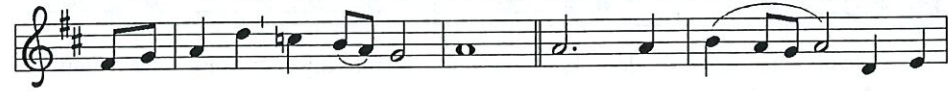
**As it was in the beginning, is now and e- ¹ver shall be:
world without end. ¹Amen.**



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:** (In unison)

Let us pray.

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

***PEACE**

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

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY**

***CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY**



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERING 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

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

*PROPER PREFACE

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*HYMN 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,

***Kyrie**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

***LAMB OF GOD**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

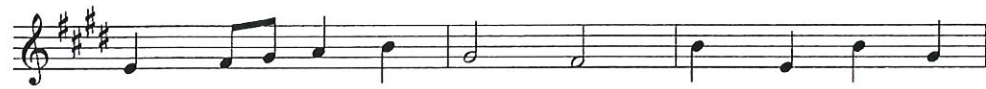
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

*POST COMMUNION HYMN



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!

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, August 17, 2014—10th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion

*Standing

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

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.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*HYMN: "When Morning Gilds the Skies" #853

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

*POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*BLESSING

PARISH SHARING TIME

*HYMN: "Oh, Sing to the Lord" #822

*SENDING

*POSTLUDE

Great Faith in a Great God

Her name was Rebecca. She was torn from her husband and children during a terrible time of war. She ran and hid in the bush without eating for days. She eventually made it into a refugee camp where there was some help and food, but no sign of her family. During what turned out to be years in the camp, Rebecca looked for her children, but no one had seen them or heard of them. She feared the worst.

Given the opportunity to apply for resettlement in another country, she took it, praying God would help her. God heard her prayer. She was resettled to the United States and slowly made a new home, but she kept asking others from her homeland about her children. Finally, one day, she got word that they were alive! She was soon able to talk with them on the phone after not having heard their voices for years. Thanking God, she began the long and expensive process of applying to bring them to the United States.

With the help of her Lutheran congregation and a Lutheran agency, and many, many prayers, Rebecca's daughter, who had been two years old when they were separated, was reunited with her mother after twenty years. Rebecca had cried out to God for mercy, sometimes pestering Jesus' disciples of today on behalf of her children. She was often dismissed as someone different from another country, and thought of as annoying and even unrealistic in her persistent hope that God would provide a way for her children.

Yet God's grace and provision are abundant. Great was Rebecca's faith in a great and loving Savior! Though she understood herself as undeserving, God provided more than scraps. Rebecca and her family were welcomed to the feast of Christ's table where all are welcome.

COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday, August 20, 2014 - Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, died 1153

Bernard, a Cistercian monk, was a man of great spirituality who wrote mystical works and criticized those whom he thought took an overly intellectual approach to the faith. He became an abbot, and wrote several hymns that are still beloved today.

Sunday, August 24 - Bartholomew, Apostle

Mentioned as one of Jesus' disciples in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Bartholomew's name is replaced in John's gospel by Nathanael, leading many to believe that the two are different names for the same person. Little is known about his work, though some traditions place him later in India or Armenia.

So that he may be



merciful to all