



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH GREENCASTLE, PA

“Sharing Christ in Word and Deed”

September 18, 2011

11 am

Pentecost 14

The Rev. William DeHass, Pastor
The Rev. Herbert Spomer, Guest Worship Leader
Cameron Schroy, Usher
Trisha Davis, Communion Assistant
Music by Trinity’s Praise Band

- **WE WELCOME ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE THIS DAY!** If you are visiting with us, we are honored by your presence. We encourage you to complete the Welcome envelope located in the pew rack and place in the offering plate. If you are seeking a church home, please speak with the Pastor.
- Holy Communion is celebrated in this morning's worship. Our Lord invites to this table all baptized Christians. Young children should follow the practice of their home congregation. Come forward by the center aisle receive bread from the Pastor, dip the bread into the chalice held by the Worship Assistant, then partake of the bread.
- Persons or concerns may be added to today's prayers by filling out a prayer request card located in the pew racks. The prayer cards will be collected following the scripture reading.

GATHERING SONGS

Your Name

As morning dawns and evening fades
 You inspire songs of praise
 That rise from earth to touch Your heart
 And glorify Your Name

Jesus in Your Name we pray
 Come and fill our hearts today
 Lord give us strength to live for You
 And glorify Your Name

Your Name is a strong and mighty tower
 Your Name is a shelter like no other
 Your Name let the nations sing it louder
 'Cause nothing has the power to save
 But Your Name

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hallelujah (Your Love Is Amazing)

Your love is amazing
Steady and unchanging
Your love is a mountain
Firm beneath my feet
Your love is a myst'ry
How You gently lift me
When I am surrounded
Your love carries me

Your love is surprising
I can feel it rising
All the joy that's growing
Deep inside of me
Ev'ry time I see You
All Your goodness shines through
I can feel this God song
Rising up in me

Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah
Your love makes me sing (*Repeat*)

Your love makes me sing
(*repeat 4 times*)

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Breathe

This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe
Your holy presence living in me
This is my daily bread

This is my daily bread
Your very word spoken to me
And I I'm desperate for You
And I I'm lost without You

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives our sin, heals every illness, saves us from death, enfolds us with tender care, and crowns us with steadfast love.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of abundant mercy,
we confess that we are more ready to be forgiven than to forgive others. We hold too closely your gifts to us. We trample your vineyard, our good earth. Have mercy, O God; turn us again to you and toward others; and grant that we may live for you and die in you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

God is generous and faithful, forgiving sins without number, welcoming all to the feast, giving us a place among the saints. Through the humble obedience of + Christ Jesus, who went to the cross for our sake, you are forgiven and made whole. Spirit of God is at work in you, enabling you to live for one another.
Amen.

Let us pray together... **Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Congregation may be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE SONG – Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks
#671 in With One Voice

RECEPTION OF PRAYER REQUESTS

SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about

three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

MESSAGE FOR THE DAY – Pastor Herb Spomer

SONG OF THE DAY -- Amazing Grace
#779 in Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Red worship book)

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 prayers will be offered in petitions ending in "Lord, in your mercy". The congregation will respond, "Hear our prayer"

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. Please remain standing after this.

OFFERING PRAYER

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

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

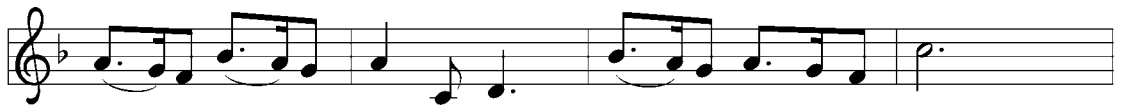
We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

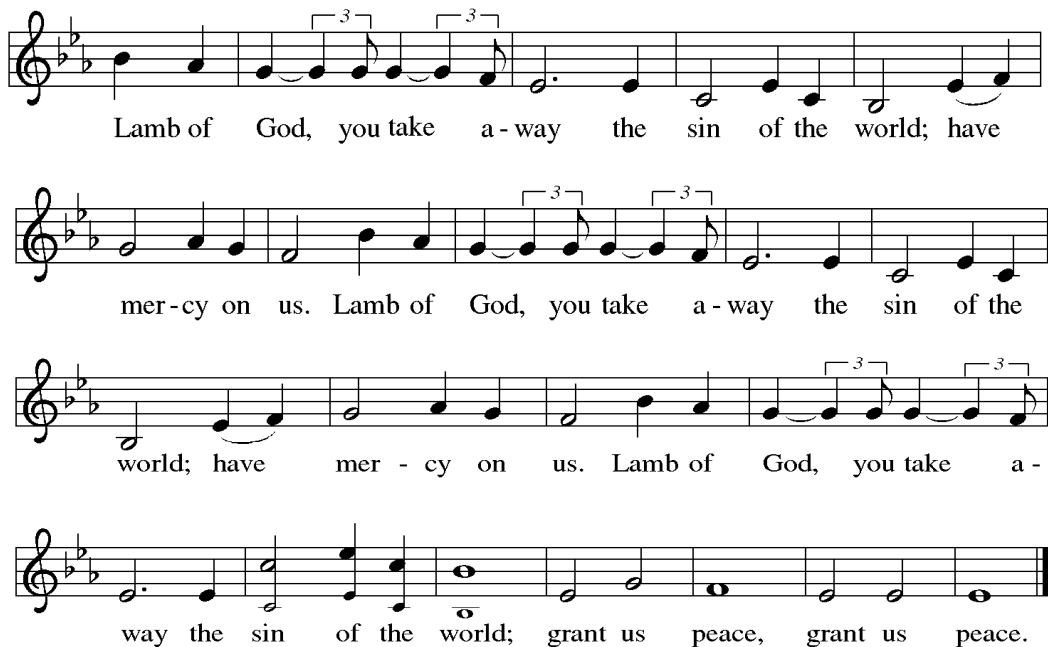
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

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

Come, you that are blessed by God. Come to the banquet.

As you come forward receive the bread from the Pastor and then dip it in the cup held by the Communion Assistant. Then partake of the elements together. You may return to your place by using the side aisle. The Praise Band will be singing during distribution. You are welcome to sing along.



The image shows a musical score for a Communion song. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: "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, grant us peace." There are triplets in the first two staves. The first staff ends with a double bar line.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

God our shepherd, you have gathered us again from scattered places and nourished us with rich food in word and sacrament. Go with us now, that we may seek the lost, bind up the injured, and strengthen the weak, until you gather us and all the saints into your eternal feast with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, + guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG – You're Worthy Of My Praise

I will give You all my worship
I will give You all my praise
You alone I long to worship
You alone are worthy of my praise

I will worship (I will worship)
With all of my heart (with all of my heart)
I will praise You (I will praise You)
With all of my strength (all my strength)
I will seek You (I will seek You)
All of my days (all of my days)
I will follow (I will follow)
All of Your ways (all Your ways)

I will bow down (I will bow down)
And hail You as King
(and hail You as King)
I will serve You (I will serve You)
Give You everything (everything)
I will lift up (I will lift up)
My eyes to Your throne
(my eyes to Your throne)
I will trust You (I will trust You)
Trust You alone (You alone)

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance last Sunday:

8:30 a.m. Service – 82 (20 visitors and 62 members)

11:00 a.m. Service –43 (5 visitors and 38 members)

Offering last Sunday: Regular -\$1722.00; Benevolence - \$147.00; Building Fund - \$456.00; Special Appeal – \$93.00

THE ALTAR FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given to the glory of God by Minerva Trimmer in memory of Elta Warrenfeltz and William Trimmer.

THE SPECIAL APPEAL FOR SEPTEMBER is designated for Lutheran World Relief (Ingathering). If you desire to make a monetary donation, please mark your envelope for Special Appeal or use the white envelope in the pew rack and mark it “Special Appeal.”

IN THE CHURCH THIS WEEK:

TODAY- Worship with Holy Communion – 8:30 & 11 a.m.

Fellowship time following 8:30 a.m. worship

Sunday School for all ages – 10:00 a.m.

Little Lambs Picnic – 3:00 p.m.

Monday – Steering Campaign Committee – 7:00 p.m.

AA - 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday – Bunco – 6:30 p.m.

Thursday - Praise Band – 5:00 p.m.

Choir Practice – 6:45 p.m.

Friday - AA – 8:00 p.m..

Sunday - Worship – Service of the Word – 8:30 a.m.

Fellowship time following 8:30 a.m. worship

Sunday School for all ages – 10:00 a.m.

Worship with Holy Communion – 11:00 a.m.

LITTLE LAMBS youth group will 'kick-off' their meetings with a picnic this afternoon, September 18th. ALL youth in grades K-5 are invited to attend. This will be a family picnic; coordinated by Deb Cline. The planning meeting to set the 2011-2012 schedule will take place during the picnic. If you have questions please see Deb Cline or Doug McCullough.

WE NEED PEOPLE to provide snacks and cold drinks for Sunday morning fellowship time. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship room if you or a couple people would be willing to provide snacks.

NURSERY HELPERS NEEDED – People to care for small children in the church's nursery during worship. Two people are assigned to the nursery each week. Please see Donna Wolfe if you are able to help.

USED BOOK SALE will be held on November 3rd, 4th and 5th. We are now collecting books for the sale. You may bring them to church from now until October 23rd. Just a reminder we cannot accept Encyclopedia's, textbooks, Reader's Digest condensed books, or any books which smell of smoke or are musty. If you are interested in helping price books, we begin Monday September 19th, and continue on succeeding Mondays, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. here at the church. If you have any questions, please see Scott Valentine. Thank You!

ATTENTION TLC GOLFERS:

We are putting together a fall golf outing to be the first of more to come. The plan is to take place at Greencastle Greens in October but we need to get a number of interested players to schedule the date. Please see a sign up sheet and look for more information to come. Any questions see Darrell Swart.

CELEBRATION DAY - The Auxiliary to Lutheran Social Services will hold its 22nd annual Celebration Day Flea Market at the Luther Ridge Retirement Community on Saturday, September 24, 2011 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this event at Luther Ridge. There will be activities and entertainment for children and adults as well as many flea market tables, craft vendors and of course delicious homemade food under the tent! Come and bring friends for a day of fun as we celebrate the arrival of fall. This special day is sponsored by the Auxiliary to Lutheran Social Services and all proceeds benefit programs in Franklin and Fulton Counties

Pies, cakes, cookies, fudge and other sweet treats are needed for the food stands. Food donations can be dropped off at Luther Ridge on Celebration Day.

GREENCASTLE-ANTRIM WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP will meet on Tuesday, September 27th from 9:30 – 11 a.m. at Evangelical Lutheran Church, Memorial Fellowship Hall, 130 N. Washington Street. The speaker will be the Rev. Richard Overcash whose topic is “Mary and Martha with Jesus”. Men are cordially invited to meetings.

“Catch the Vision ...Growing to Share”

PRAYER VIGIL – members of the congregation are asked to sign up for the prayer vigil, in conjunction with Commitment Sunday, to be held on Saturday, October 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There are 15 minute blocks and you can sign for as many blocks as you like. There will be prayer sheets available for your use.

PRAYER VIGIL GREETERS are also needed for October 15th to greet and give out information as needed. These are 1 hour slots. Please sign the sheet for the hour you can serve.