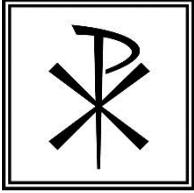


**Trinity Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
of Abita Springs, Louisiana**

**Third Sunday After Pentecost**

*June 25, 2017 — Set Apart and Rooted*



# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

*Abita Springs, Louisiana*

*The mission of Trinity Lutheran Church is to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ and to go and share the good news of Jesus Christ until he returns to take us home.*

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

*Welcome! We consider it a privilege to worship the Lord with you this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful word. If you are looking for a church home, we are happy to share ours with you. Please come again and worship with us very soon!*

- ❖ **Bring the kids.** Children are always welcome at our worship services. If your child is having a difficult morning, there is a speaker in the Fellowship Hall which will allow you to hear the service.
- ❖ **Restrooms** are located in the Fellowship Hall next door.
- ❖ **Hearing assistance** is available. Ask an usher if you would like a hearing loop.
- ❖ **Don't feel obligated.** Our members give offerings to the Lord as an expression of thanks for his love. When the offering plate is passed, you're not expected to give an offering; it's your choice. While the offering is gathered, we'll ask you to sign our Friendship Register. Leave any information you're comfortable giving us—we use it simply to thank you for coming and to invite you back.
- ❖ **Make yourself at home.** After our services, we normally join together in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, snacks, and conversation. We'd be honored if you could join us!

## BEFORE WORSHIP

*As you prepare to worship your Lord today, spend a few quiet moments in prayer before the service. Helpful prayers, including the one below, may be found in the front section of the hymnal, pages 10-11 and 134-139.*

O Lord—our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter—we are assembled in your presence to hear your holy Word. We pray that you open our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of your Word we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus, and grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP THEME

You are set apart. God has set you apart for something greater than anyone can even imagine. You are rooted in God's grace so you can stand firm against anything. You are set apart to like wheat among weeds. You are set apart for real spiritual wealth that you know God will provide. You are set apart for greatness.

Don't forget who you are. You are set apart. Planted by God's Word, you are rooted and secure. Jesus will hold you up to the end. You will grow up in him and bear fruit.

## SERVING OUR LORD TODAY

**Service Leader:** Pastor Patrick Freese

**Ushers:** John Filipowicz and Lester Palliser

**Greeter:** John Filipowicz

**Music:** Jan Blake and Karen Palliser

**Fellowship Refreshments:** Potluck

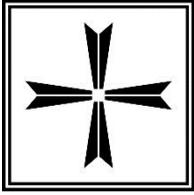
**Church Cleaning:** Lester and Karen Palliser

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## MORNING PRAISE

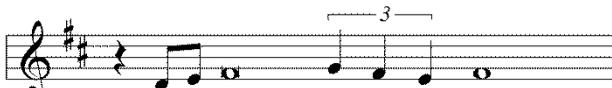
### *Matins*

#### OPENING HYMN

*Good News of God Above*

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STAND



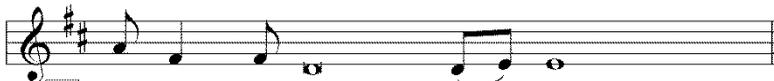
**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips.



**C** And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



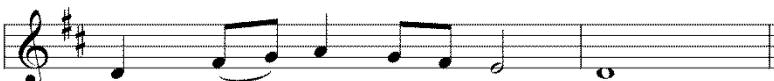
**L** Hasten to save me, O God.



**C** O Lord, come quickly to help me.



**L** Give glory to God, our light and our life.



**C** Come, oh, come, let us wor - ship.

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# PSALM 95

## Venite

The Leader will introduce the refrain and sing the verses. The congregation is invited to sing the refrain after it has been introduced.

①

Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,

②

let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;

③

come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,

*Repeat for use with canon*

come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.

*Verses*

1. You are a great and a won - drous God,  
2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,  
cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.  
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.

You made the hills and the moun - tains high,  
You are the God whom we call our own,

*to Refrain*

you made the seas and the dry land.  
we are the flock that you shep - herd.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

### LESSON

**Isaiah 55:10-13**

<sup>10</sup>As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, <sup>11</sup>so is my word that goes out from my mouth:

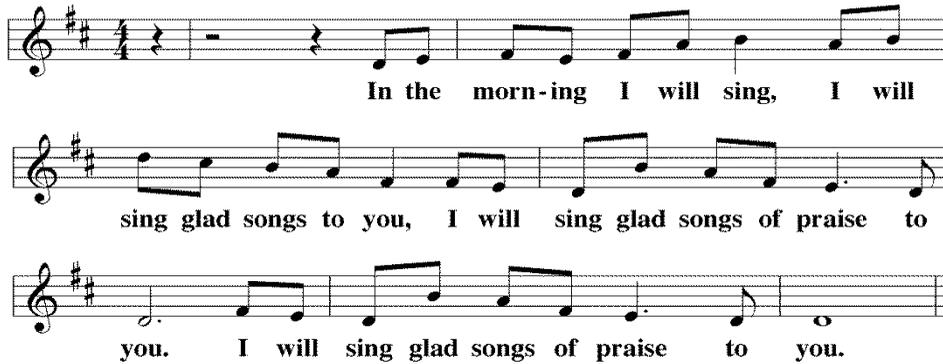
It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup>You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. <sup>13</sup>Instead of the thornbush will grow the pine tree, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the LORD's renown, for an everlasting sign, which will not be destroyed."

**M:** This is the Word of the Lord.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 63

*Refrain – Sung by the Congregation*



In the morn-ing I will sing, I will  
sing glad songs to you, I will sing glad songs of praise to  
you. I will sing glad songs of praise to you.

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**C:** *Refrain*

**M:** (*Sung*) O God, you are my God; for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.

**C:** *Refrain*

**M:** (*Sung*) For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.

**C:** *Refrain*

**M:** (*Sung*) On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night, for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

**C:** *Refrain*

STAND

## GOSPEL

**Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23**

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. <sup>2</sup>Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. <sup>3</sup>Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. <sup>4</sup>As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup>Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. <sup>7</sup>Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. <sup>8</sup>Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop-- a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. <sup>9</sup>He who has ears, let him hear."

<sup>18</sup>"Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path. <sup>20</sup>The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. <sup>21</sup>But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away. <sup>22</sup>The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful. <sup>23</sup>But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*BE SEATED*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

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*Preach You the Word*

## SERMON

**Matthew 13:1-9**

*Set Apart and Rooted*

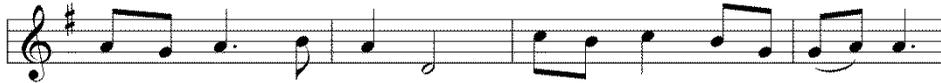
*STAND*

# YOU ARE GOD; WE PRAISE YOU

## *Te Deum*

*The Congregation will sing the refrain and the sections marked in bold. The Pastor will sing the verses.*

### *Refrain*



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.



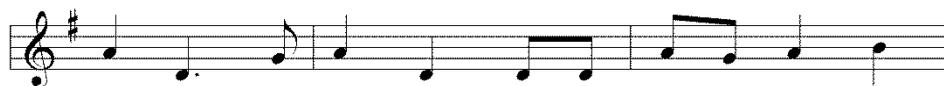
1. With the an - gels in heav - en,  
2. Cre - a - tor of all things, **We praise you, we**  
3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



praise you! With the cher - u - bim and ser - a-phem,  
O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, **We**  
You be - came a man to set us free;



praise you, we praise you! With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,  
O Spir - it, most ho - ly, **We**  
You have ris - en to free us;



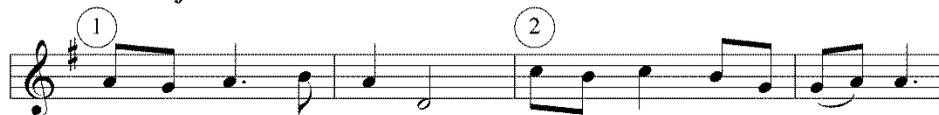
praise you, we praise you! With the mar - tyr - s and your  
 To the Trin - i - ty most  
 And with all your saints in



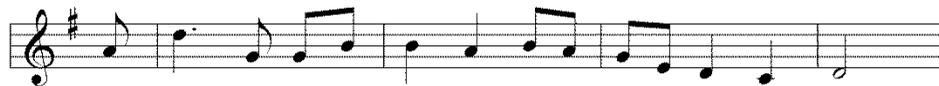
ho - ly Church, *to Refrain*  
 bless - ed, We sing in end - less praise! *to Refrain*  
 glo - ry, *to Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain – Sung by the Congregation*

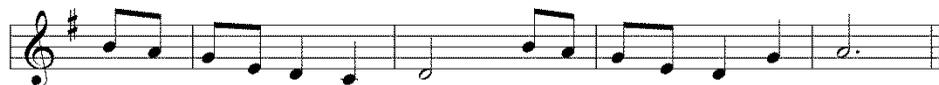
*Final Refrain*



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa - ther ho - ly, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise,



all cre - a - tion of - fers praise, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.

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BE SEATED

# THANKSGIVING

## THE OFFERING

*Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him.*

STAND

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

*Kyrie*

**L** In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you;  
be mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer.

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

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C:** 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.

*BE SEATED*

## PRAYER HYMN

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*Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening*

*STAND*

## PRAYER FOR GRACE

**M:** (*Sung*) O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.





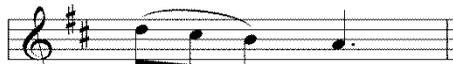
**L** Let us praise the Lord.



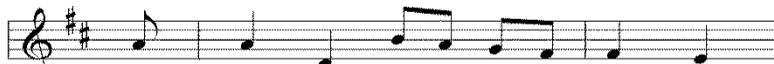
**C** Thanks be to God.



**L** The Lord bless and keep you.



**C** A - men.



**L** The Lord's face ev - er shine up - on you.



**C** A - men.



**L** The Lord grant you peace for all your days.



**C** A - men.

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## CLOSING HYMN

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*God's Word Is Our Great Heritage*

*BE SEATED*

**THIS WEEK AT TRINITY**

TODAY (June 25, 2017)

10:00 am	Worship
11:00 am	Potluck

NEXT SUNDAY (July 2, 2017)

10:00 am	Worship with Communion
11:00 am	Bible Class/Fellowship

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE LAST WEEK (June 18, 2017)**

Sunday Worship Attendance	48
Offerings	\$1,630.00
2017 Weekly Goal	\$1,770.00

*“Praise the Lord, and forget not all his benefits” Psalm 103:2*

## SERVING OUR LORD NEXT WEEK (July 2, 2017)

**Service Leader:** Pastor Patrick Freese

**Communion Assistant:** Bill Blake

**Ushers:** Tony Giancontieri and Greg Wood

**Greeter:** John Filipowicz

**Music:** Jan Blake and Karen Palliser

**Fellowship Refreshments:** Karen Palliser

**Church Cleaning:** Bill and Jackie Overton

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **Welcome to guests and visitors!** We are glad that you are here and hope that you will join us again soon. If you have any questions about anything Trinity related, feel free to contact Pastor Freese at [freesepts@gmail.com](mailto:freesepts@gmail.com) or (985) 502-4021.
- ❖ **WELS Locator:** You don't need to take a vacation from God's Word if you're traveling out of town. Check out <http://wels.locatorsearch.com> to find a WELS church near you.
- ❖ **Vacation Bible School (VBS)** will be held on July 17-21 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Children ages 3-11 are welcome to join us as we marvel at how our God is a Mighty Fortress. You can find registration information at <http://www.trinityabita.org>, or you can scan the QR Code below to register.



We need your help to promote Vacation Bible School. We have posters that can be placed in businesses and postcard invitations. If any of your friends, relatives, acquaintances, or neighbors would benefit from our Vacation Bible School, please let them know.

- ❖ **LWMS Conference:** The Lutheran Women’s Missionary Society (LWMS) Annual Convention was held this week from Thursday, June 22 through Sunday, June 25, at the Hyatt Regency in Orlando, Florida. The convention typically begins with a communion worship service on Thursday evening and ends with a service on Sunday morning. Friday and Saturday are filled with a mixture of mission speakers, workshops, devotions and entertainment. Sarah Freese served as the delegate for Trinity at the convention.
- ❖ **Church Cleaning:** Are you looking for an opportunity for service at Trinity? If so, you can help Trinity by volunteering to clean the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. A suggested list of cleaning instructions is posted in the Sacristy. Cleaning supplies are provided in the Fellowship Hall pantry. If you would like to help clean, there is a sign-up sheet located at the entrance of the church.
- ❖ **Stain Glass Window Update:** Trinity invites you to participate in our stain glass window renovation. Offering envelopes toward the stain glass window project have been distributed in the mailboxes located at the entrance of the church. Please prayerfully consider donating toward this effort, over and above your regular offerings. An \$800 donation would restore a complete window. Smaller donations add up.

Phase 1 has been completed. Take a look at the north and south windows to see the work that was done. Phase 2 work is envisioned to begin around July 2017.

<b>Total Cost for Phase 2:</b>	\$6,186.90
<b>Contributions from Individual gifts:</b>	\$6,162.23
<b>Remaining Cost for Phase 2:</b>	\$24.67