

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Chamberlain, SD 57325

"To unite all people in the love and fellowship of Jesus Christ
and to serve our growing community"

Ministers: People of Trinity

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16th Sunday after Pentecost

9/9/18

*** Please stand as you are able.**

Service of the Word



Gathering Music & Announcements

***Confession & Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the + holy Trinity, the one who fashions us,
the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and
again.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming
power. Source of all life,

**C: we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set
us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear
your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others**

to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

P: God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, + God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

***Opening Hymn:**

ELW #510

***Greeting & Kyrie: page 213**

***Canticle of Praise: page 213**

***Prayer of the Day: Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

These verses are a word of hope to the exiles in Babylon. Chapter 34 portrays God's vengeance on Edom, Israel's age-old enemy, which makes the path from Babylon to Zion safe for the exiles' return. The desert itself will flow

with water to give drink to the returning exiles.

⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

Psalm 146

¹ Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

³ Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

⁴ When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,

⁶ who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he

brings to ruin.

¹⁰ The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

Second Reading: James 2:1-10, 14-17

Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip-service to God's will. Instead, a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ?

²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? ⁸ You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps

the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill’, and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

***Gospel Acclamation: page 216**

***Gospel Reading: Mark 7:24-37**

In Mark’s gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus’ ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.

²⁴ From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, ‘Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.’ ²⁸But she answered him, ‘Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.’ ²⁹Then he said to her, ‘For saying that, you may go—the demon

has left your daughter.’³⁰ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.³² They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him.³³ He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue.³⁴ Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, ‘Ephphatha’, that is, ‘Be opened.’³⁵ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.³⁶ Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.³⁷ They were astounded beyond measure, saying, ‘He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.’

Sermon

* Hymn of the Day:

ELW #726

Backpack Blessing

* Apostles’ Creed: page 217

* Prayers: *Congregation responds, “Hear our prayer”*

*Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

MEAL

Offering / * Offertory

ELW #686

*Thanksgiving for the Word: page 220

*Lord's Prayer: page 221

SENDING

* Final Blessing:

*Closing Hymn:

ELW #543

Announcements

9/8 & 9/9/18

WOWSOME – Wowsome classes will begin this Wed., Sept. 12th @ 5:30 p.m.

FALL KICK-OFF – Our fall kick off worship service will be on Sunday, September 16th at American Creek Park. Third graders will receive their bibles and Wowsome Wednesday teachers and volunteers will be installed. A brunch will follow. If you would like to donate fruit or a fruit salad, please see the sign-up sheet. Thank you! Hope to see you all there!

CHOIR – We have begun our weekly rehearsals. We practice on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. We sing usually the 2nd and 4th Sundays. It is not too late to join us. Everyone is welcome.

DAKOTA MILESTONES – Is looking for a volunteer to interact with small groups of 3 or 4 people they support. Suggested activities are baking, crafts, reading, and morning coffee. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please call Sally or Ronda at 734-5542. Thanks!

TREEHOUSE HELPER NEEDED – Preschool is looking for volunteers to help with aft and snack time, to read to the kids, etc., as often as you would enjoy this opportunity. Call Lynn at 730-0855 or stop by Treehouse if you are interested in helping. Thanks!

NOISY OFFERING – In August we collected \$51.29 for National Alliance on Mental Illness. In September we will be collecting our offering for St. Dymas.

OUR SERVICE MINISTERS

Preaching: Pastor Lisa Heffernan
Musician: Rosemary Mohr/Stacey Tveit
Host: Marilyn Tounsley & Rosemary Mohr
Lector: Stacey Tveit
Deacon: Dotty Hieb
Altar Care: Dotty Hieb
Lawn Care: Dwain Blackwell (mow by 9-16-18)

Offering Tellers: Neoma Harris & TBD
Attendance: Saturday: 14 Sunday: 38

Offering for August: Actual:	\$6,370.75
Budgeted:	<u>\$9,679.17</u>
Difference:	(\$3,308.42)

Sanctuary Candle: In remembrance of those who died in the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center (9/11/2001); Happy Birthday to Diane Heskin (9/12); In memory of Steve Heffernan, Pastor Lisa's father (9/17/58-9/12/04).

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun, Sept 9: 9:30 a.m. Worship
Sun, Sept 9: 10:30 a.m. Church Council Meeting
Tues, Sept 11: 2:00 p.m. Text study
Wed, Sept 12: 5:30 p.m. Wowsome/Confirmation
Wed, Sept 12: 7:00 p.m. Choir
Thurs, Sept 13: 7:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting
Sat, Sept 15: 5:30 p.m. **No Worship**

Trinity practices open communion – All who believe the bread and wine are Jesus' body and blood given and shed for the forgiveness of sins are invited to commune with us.

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