

A Mission Congregation of the ELCA  
**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
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Trust in the LORD  
*with all your heart,*  
and do not lean  
on your own  
understanding.

Proverbs 3:5



**Proverbs 1:1-7; 3:1-8**  
**July 23, 2023**



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## GATHERING

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- **Prelude** **Roxanne Groff**
- **Office of the Acolyte and Ringing of the Bell**
- **Welcome** **Mark Oswalt**

\* **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**C: Amen.**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

\* **HYMN OF PRAISE “Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak” LBW 403**



1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in  
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the  
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the  
 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so  
 wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that  
 pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that  
 til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
 we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.  
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y\_a heart.  
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

\* **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

\* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray... God of understanding and insight, you have spoken words too great for us interpret, and yet when you speak, our hearts are warmed, and our minds are stretched. Teach us your wisdom and show us how to live with joy and faith, in Jesus name.

**C:** Amen.

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**WORD**

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● **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

\* Please stand if able

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- **SCRIPTURE READING: Proverbs 1:1-7; 3:1-8**

P: Our scripture reading for this day is from Proverbs, Chapters 1 and 3.

**C: Glory to you O Lord.**

**1** The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel: <sup>2</sup>For learning about wisdom and instruction, for understanding words of insight, <sup>3</sup>for gaining instruction in wise dealing, righteousness, justice, and equity; <sup>4</sup>to teach shrewdness to the simple, knowledge and prudence to the young— <sup>5</sup>let the wise also hear and gain in learning, and the discerning acquire skill, <sup>6</sup>to understand a proverb and a figure, the words of the wise and their riddles. <sup>7</sup>The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

**3** My child, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; <sup>2</sup>for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare they will give you. <sup>3</sup>Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. <sup>4</sup>So you will find favor and good repute in the sight of God and of people. <sup>5</sup>Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. <sup>6</sup>In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. <sup>7</sup>Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. <sup>8</sup>It will be a healing for your flesh and a refreshment for your body.

R: This is the Word of the Lord!

**C: Praise to You, O Christ (*Spoken*)**

- **SERMON**

**Mark Oswalt**

*Silence may be kept for meditation...*

\* HYMN OF THE DAY “Lord, You Give the Great Commission” ELW 579  
*(Verses 1, 2, 4, & 5 Only)*



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: “Heal the sick and  
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: “In my name bap -  
 4 Lord, you show us love’s true mea - sure: “Fa - ther, what they  
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: “I am with you



preach the word.” Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
 tize and teach.” That the world may trust your prom - ise,  
 do, for - give.” Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure  
 to the end.” Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new  
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and  
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:  
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:  
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:  
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

*Refrain*



With the Spir - it’s gifts em - pow’r us for the work of min - is - try.

**\* APOSTLES' CREED**

*The Nicene Creed is said on all festivals and on Sundays in the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. The Apostles' Creed is said at other times. The Creed is omitted here if the service of Holy Baptism or another rite with a creed is used.*

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.**

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➤ *Or, He descended to the dead.*

**\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: Let us pray together for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

L: God of understanding and discernment, you have given us words to live by; wisdom that surpasses all human understanding. Show us how to live with faith and love, so that all the world may know of your faithfulness and love. God of wisdom,

**C: In mercy, hear our prayer.**

L: Your entire creation is fully alive, blooming, storming, nurturing, raging, evolving, sustaining, and creating. Protect your good creation with your loving hands and teach us to tread lightly on all that you have made. God of wisdom,

**C: In mercy, hear our prayer.**

L: The time is always right to learn and grow. Stir our hearts to learn more of your ways and give us a desire to open our hearts and minds to you. God of wisdom,

**C: In mercy, hear our prayer.**

L: Restore to healing and wholeness all who suffer; for those whose suffering is public and supported, and for those whose suffering is private and alone. Repair and restore all brokenness, (*especially*). God of wisdom,

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**C: In mercy, hear our prayer.**

L: In every land there is fear and there is faith. Where there is fear, bring healing and peace. Where there is faith, bring a desire to share God's love with all who will listen. God of wisdom,

**C: In mercy, hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

L: We remember the saints that have gone on before us and rejoice in the wisdom they shared with us, teaching us to be righteous and faithful. God of wisdom,

**C: In mercy, hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, loving God, we lift all for whom we pray, confident in your grace and mercy, through our savior Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

**\* SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*(The Sharing of the Peace that began when the congregation arrived is now shared with the Pastor at this time...)*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

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## MEAL

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**\* OFFERING PRAYER**

*While the congregation is still standing say:*

P: As we collect our offering here in person, those worshipping with us through the internet, may you go to our website located at [www.pitsburgtlc.org](http://www.pitsburgtlc.org) where you'll find a button labeled "Give to Trinity." You can make your offering to God through our secure website.

P: Let us pray for the offerings we receive this day...Abundant God, you have given us gifts that delight and bring joy. Today we give back to you a portion of the generous gifts you have given to us, a token of appreciation for your generosity and faithfulness. Receive our gifts with joy and share your abundance with all the world.

**C: Amen.**

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\* **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Jesus Christ is the tie that binds us together, so let's pray as Jesus taught...

**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.**

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**SENDING**

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• **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\* **SENDING BLESSING**

P: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

**C: Amen.**



\* SENDING HYMN

“Here I Am, Lord”

ELW 574



1 “I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2 “I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple’s pain.  
3 “I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

*Refrain*



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

\* DISMISSAL

P: Until the next time we gather together as God’s people to offer our worship and praise, depart in Christ’s Love.

C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving all. Amen!

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Scripture readings for next Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>  
Proverbs 8:1-11, 22-36

**Trinity Worship Assistants and Staff**

Ministers	All the People of Trinity
Organist	Roxanne Groff
Lector	Bev Erdmann
Parrish Nurse	PJ Musser
Custodian	Mark Groff
Secretary	Sharon Fourman
Facebook Live Recorder	PJ Musser
Altar Flowers	

**Health Tips for the Week**

**MIND:** Start a compliments file

**BODY:** Remember to take deep breaths throughout the day.

**SOUL:** Look for a least five beautiful things in nature.



**Trinity is on the Air at FM 88.3**

If you are near the Church on Sunday morning, you can tune in to FM 88.3 at 10:30 AM and hear the sermon from your car.

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**Holy Communion Delivery Available to ALL:**

If you or anyone you know would like to have Holy Communion delivered to a home or place of business, please call Pastor Mel at 937-626-7100. He will bring a prefilled communion chalice including both sanctified wine and a morsel of bread all prepackaged from the Concordia True Vine company. This is a safe way to stay connected to your brothers and sisters in Christ.

**This Week @ Trinity – July 23 thru July 30, 2023**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
<b>Sun, July 23</b>	9:30 am	Christian Conversations (Coffee/Juice and Donuts)
	10:30 am	Worship Service
<b>Tues, July 25</b>	10:00 am	Prayers & Squares Quilting
	<b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	
<b>Fri, July 28</b>	3:30 pm	FISH Choice Food Pantry
<b>Sun, July 30</b>	9:30 am	Christian Conversations (Coffee/Juice and Donuts)
	10:30 am	Worship Service w/Communion

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** is this Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. Send your news and articles to [secretary@pitsburgtlc.org](mailto:secretary@pitsburgtlc.org)

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