



Emmanuel Trinity Lutheran Church

October 4, 2026 at 10am
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Service

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

*For those joining worship via Zoom, we are celebrating Holy Communion today. If you wish to participate, please get something to represent the wine and the bread. We invite you to participate in worship by sharing your prayers in the **Chat box**. Write your prayers there and press "enter." You will be muted during the service so that you don't hear reverberations, but please speak and sing as you desire. You can unmute yourself if you wish to speak at the end of the service.*

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C: **Amen.**

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

C: **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ELW 803

When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

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: Beloved God, from you come all things that are good.

C: **Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

¹I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes. ³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

PSALM 80:7-15

A: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

C: **You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.**

A: You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

C: **The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

A: You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

C: **Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

A: The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

C: **Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;**

A: behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul writes: ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in

Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:33-46

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 21:33-46

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

Jesus said: ³³"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." ⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? ⁴³"Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you O Christ.**

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Kim Hintzman

HYMN

There in God's Garden

ELW 342

There in God's garden, stands the Tree of Wisdom,
whose leaves hold forth, the healing of the nations:
Tree of all knowledge, Tree of all compassion, Tree of all beauty.

Its name is Jesus, name that says, "Our Savior!" There on its branches
see the scars of suffering; see where the tendrils
of our human selfhood feed on its lifeblood.

Thorns not its own are tangled in its foliage;
our greed has starved it, our despite has choked it.
Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not destroyed it, nor fire consumed it.

See how its branches reach to us in welcome;
hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye weary!
Give me your sickness, give me all your sorrow, will give blessing."

This is my ending, this my resurrection; into your hands, Lord, I commit my spirit.
This have I searched for; now I can possess it. This ground is holy.

All heav'n is singing, "Thanks to Christ whose passion,
offers in mercy, healing, strength, and pardon.
Peoples and nations, take it, take it freely!" Amen!

: Király Imre von Pécselyi, c. 1590-c. 1641; tr. Erik Routley, 1917-1982. Text © 1976 Hinshaw Music, Inc

THE APOSTLES CREED

P: Let us profess our faith in the words of the 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

A: Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

A: God of every generation, we give thanks for all who have sought to renew and transform your holy church. Inspire us to follow their example in our own day. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You call us to care for your creation. Lead us into your promise of a better world through sustainable practices and respect for your handiwork. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of every tribe and nation, restore peace to the world's conflict zones, and shelter those who live within them. We pray especially for the safety of displaced people and refugees. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of every comfort, you made us in your own image. Grant healing and relief to all who are sick or suffering especially Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of every truth, you draw us nearer to you through your holy word. We give thanks for teachers of the faith. Fill their hearts with your Spirit, that they inspire others with your truth. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of every soul, you are the one who calls us home. We give thanks for all the saints who have been restored to perfect unity with you. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

We bring our offerings of our time, our talents and our treasures to serve God's mission.

P: God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.

C: **All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

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.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND WINE

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Jesus Loves Me!

ELW 595

Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! he who died heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.

Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! he will stay close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Sustaining God,

C: **with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

HYMN

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

ELW 729

The church of Christ, in ev'ry age, beset by change, but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage, and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry
or shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.

Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.

For he alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread, and feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve, in full obedience to our Lord;
to care for all, without reserve, and spread his liberating word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000. Music: William Knapp, 1698-1768

BLESSING

P: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

P: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

P: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week at ETLC

October 4 – Got Questions? 9am

October 4 – Sunday Worship Service, 10am

October 6 – Outreach Meeting, 10:30am

October 7 – Worship & Music Meeting, 10:30am

October 7 – Encountering the Word, 7pm

October 8 – Council Meeting, 5pm

October 10 – Food Bank Open, 10am

Upcoming at ETLC

October 11 – Got Questions? 9am

October 11 – Sunday Worship Service, 10am

October 14 – Encountering the Word, 7pm

October 18 – Got Questions? 9am

October 18 – Sunday Worship Service, 10am

October 18 – Blessing of the Animals, 2pm

The altar flowers this month are given to the Glory of God, given by Ruth Cramer.

FOOD BANK

On the first Sunday of each month, we invite you to bring in food donations. We have an updated list of requests for the food bank.

Cream of mushroom soup, vegetable soup, canned pumpkin, canned gravy, canned pears, canned pineapples, canned mandarins, cake mix, evaporated milk, dried beans (not black), mayo, ketchup, honey, oatmeal, SpaghettiOs, toothbrushes, and men's deodorant.

MATCHING HUNGER GRANT

ETLC's Food Bank has been awarded a Matching Hunger Grant by the Hunger Task Force of the DE-MD Synod. If we raise \$500 for the food bank, the synod will match that amount. Funds are for use by the end of this year, so please consider donating in the very near future to the food bank. Please designate "food bank" on your checks, envelopes, or online donations. Thank you for your continued support of the food bank and of the Frederick community.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Mark your calendar for 2pm on Sunday, October 18th for an outdoor service to bless the animals. Bring your animal friends, invite your neighbors, and gather around the outdoor cross for a blessing!

GOT AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE?

Please send a write up of what you'd like included in the weekly announcement to Kerry at office@emmanueltrinity.org by NOON on Tuesday to be included in the following Sunday's announcements.

GOT QUESTIONS?

Join Pastor Kim in the gathering space or on zoom (using the worship link) at 9am on Sundays. Bring your questions or come to hear other people's questions. We will be talking about what it means to be Lutheran. All are welcome. Want to see previous discussions? Check out our YouTube channel: <http://www.youtube.com/@Emmanueltrinity>

2026 COMMUNITY TABLE

ETLC will be serving dinner at the community table on Sunday, November 22, 2026.

COUNCIL NOMINEES

The congregational annual meeting and council elections are right around the corner. The nominating committee has asked you to consider running for council. We are still asking and praying for your discernment of calling. During the next month, members of the nominating committee will be personally asking members to run for council.

2026 COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Executive Committee members of the church council are: Ruth Cramer, President; Angelee Mullins, Vice-President; Emily O'Hara, Secretary; MaryAnne Golling, Treasurer, and Lasse Syversen, Mission & Outreach Chairman. If you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact any one of the Council members.

PRAYER LIST

Need a name placed on the prayer list? If there is someone who you want us to include just on the current Sunday, you may write it on the prayer book on the podium currently in the front of the church near the gathering space door. If you have any questions about the prayer list and how it is determined or maintained, feel free to ask Pastor Kim.

REMINDER: Never send cash or gift cards in response to online, text, or phone requests. Pastor Kim will never reach out asking for gift cards or money by email, text, video message, or phone call - even if it might look like or sound like her. Don't get scammed.