



Emmanuel Trinity Lutheran Church

September 6, 2026 10am
Fifteenth 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: Let us confess our sin to God.

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

Earth and All Stars!

ELW 731

Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Oh, victory! Loud shouting army! Sing to the Lord a new song!
He has done marvelous things. I too will praise him with a new song!

Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Flowers and trees! Loud rustling dry leaves! Sing to the Lord a new song!
He has done marvelous things. I too will praise him with a new song!

Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos! Sing to the Lord a new song!
He has done marvelous things. I too will praise him with a new song!

Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Limestone and beams! Loud building workers! Sing to the Lord a new song!

He has done marvelous things. I too will praise him with a new song!

Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and band! Loud cheering people! Sing to the Lord a new song!

He has done marvelous things. I too will praise him with a new song!

Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son! Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song!

He has done marvelous things. I too will praise him with a new song!

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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: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. ¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them: As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

PSALM

Psalms 119:33-40

A: Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

C: **Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

A: Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

C: **Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

A: Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

C: **Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

A: Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

C: **Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

GOSPEL READING

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 18:15-20.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹⁵"If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses.

¹⁷If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Kim Hintzman

HYMN

God, When Human Bonds Are Broken

ELW 603

God, when human bonds are broken, and we lack the love or skill
to restore the hope of healing, give us grace and make us still.

Through that stillness, with your Spirit, come into our world of stress,
for the sake of Christ forgiving, all the failures we confess.

You in us are bruised and broken: hear us as we seek release
from the pain of earlier living; set us free and grant us peace.

Send us, God of new beginnings, humbly hopeful into life.
Use us as a means of blessing: make us stronger, give us faith.

Give us faith to be more faithful, give us hope to be more true,
give us love to go on learning: God, encourage and renew!

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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: Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

A brief silence.

A: Proclaiming God, empower your church throughout the world to announce the words you give us. Open us to receive your word in unexpected ways. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Forming God, renew the cycles of your creation that provide for the needs of all. Protect grasslands, marshes, swamps, and all places of transition. Heal communities crying out after disaster. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Governing God, turn all who create, enforce, or interpret legislation away from selfish gain and toward your promise of good for all, especially the good of all who labor. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Attending God, wake us up to any around us who are in need. Restore broken relationships, failing health, frayed emotions, and the hurts we carry with us. We pray especially for . . . Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Gathering God, resolve conflicts in this community through your righteousness and grace. Reconcile us to each other, making your good news known even through our imperfections. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Loving God, all who die in faith have life with you. We give you thanks for the nearness of your salvation for all who have gone before us. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

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. 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.

C: **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.

Please be seated.

RECEIVING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, And its righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Al-le-lu, Al-le-lu-ia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you; eek and ye shall find.
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Al-le-lu, Al-le-lu-ia.

We do not live by bread alone, But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God.
Al-le-lu, Al-le-lu-ia.

Text: st. 1, Matt. 6:33, adapt. Karen Lafferty, b. 1948: st. 2, Matt. 7:7: st. 3, Matt. 4:4 Music: Karen Lafferty, b. 1948

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, 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.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN**Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee****ELW 836**

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922

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

Birthdays September 11 – Ruby Knill; September 26 – Stephanie French

This week at ETLC

September 6 – Got Questions, 9am

September 6 – Sunday Worship Service, 10am

September 10 – Church Council Meeting, 5pm

September 12 – Food Bank open, 10am-12pm

September 12 – Church Picnic at Ballenger Creek Park, 1-4pm

Upcoming at ETLC

September 13 – Got Questions, 9am

September 13 – Sunday Worship Service with Home Comfort Bluegrass Band, 10am

September 26 – Food Bank open, 10am-12pm

The altar flowers this month are in memory of Jimmy Houck's birthday - September 8. Given by his mom, Ginny.

CHURCH PICNIC

The picnic is this coming weekend! Saturday, September 12 from 1 - 4 pm at Ballenger Creek Park, Shelter #2. Bring a side dish or dessert and bring a friend! We will have burgers and hot dogs and BBQ chicken wings provided by the church. Games, good food, and fellowship will round out the day. Hope to see you there!

FOOD BANK

On the first Sunday of each month, we invite you to bring in food donations. The food bank is currently in need of the following items: mayo, tea, coffee, dried beans, cake mixes, flour, cereal, boxed pasta (not spaghetti), cream of mushroom soup, oil, sugar, soup, salad dressing, tomato sauce, toothpaste, and bar soap. Thank you!

COUNCIL NOMINEES

Summer is here and autumn is just around the corner. So is the congregation annual meeting and council elections. The nominating committee has asked you to consider running for council. Well, we are still asking and praying for your discernment of calling. During the next two months, members of the nominating committee will be personally asking members to run for council. Please pray; we are.

2026 COMMUNITY TABLE

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

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 are talking about what it means to be Lutheran. All are welcome.

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.

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.

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.

OFFICE HOURS

Office hours for our new Administrative Assistant, Kerry Davis, are Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10am – 3pm.

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.