

***Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
of South Newstead***

*August 16th, 2026
12th Sunday after Pentecost*



In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

**PRELUDE – WELCOME –
ANNOUNCEMENTS – PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please stand as you are able

GATHERING SONG:

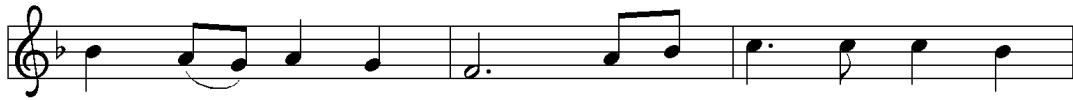
All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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GREETING:

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

ALL: And also with you.

L: You are the treasured people of the Lord,

ALL: a people holy to the Lord our God.

L: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

ALL: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

L: One does not live by bread alone,

ALL: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

SCRIPTURE SONG:



☐ Sal-va-tion be- longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



☐ Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O God of the u-ni-verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na-tions.



Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and sing the glo-ry of your name?



☐ Sal-va-tion be- longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



☐ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All



na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,



for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.



☐ Sal-va-tion be- longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

L: Let us pray,

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **ALL: Amen.**

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

L: ¹ Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,

all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

L: The word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God**

PSALM: 67

L: ¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

ALL: ² Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

L: ³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

ALL: ⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.

L: ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

ALL: ⁶ The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.

L: ⁷ May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

[Paul writes:] ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a} God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

L: The word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Please stand if you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!

Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip- tures.

Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!

Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

GOSPEL: Matthew 15: [10-20] 21-28

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: [¹⁰ [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³ He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶ Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does

not defile.”]

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.
L: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON: Rev. David Ellis

HYMN OF THE DAY:

Please stand as you are able

Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



Refrain

peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

L: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

ALL: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

ALL: 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 power of 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.

L: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

ALL: pray in the Holy Spirit.

L: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

ALL: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ

L: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

ALL: Everything old has been passed away; behold, everything has become new!

L: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

A moment for silent prayer.

Gracious God,

ALL: Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

L: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

ALL: Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

ALL: And also with you.

*You are invited to greet your neighbors
with a sign of Christ's peace.*



SCAN ME

Please be seated

OFFERING

Any financial gifts you wish to give towards the ministry of Trinity may be placed in the offering plate as it is passed around or at the rear of the sanctuary. You may also give your offering online using the QR code provided or go to trinitysouthnewstead.org/give. We give thanks for your sharing of your offerings this and every day.

Please stand as you are able

OFFERTORY



Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;
ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.
Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;
yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray together, Loving God,

ALL: we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

L: For believers around the world who stream to your holy mountain, that all be united in faith and harmony in the body of Christ. Let your church on earth be a witness to the beloved community of your heavenly kingdom. We also pray for our NOEL cluster siblings of First

English, Lockport; St. John's, Lyndonville; St. Peter, Medina; Trinity, Wolcottsville; and Zion, Gasport. Merciful God,

ALL: receive our prayer.

L: For your wondrous creation, that it thrives and flourishes as you intend. Raise up wise stewards to defend the natural world against carelessness and destruction. Safeguard endangered species and their habitats. Merciful God,

ALL: receive our prayer.

L: For the nations of the world and all in authority, that they heed the cry of the outcast and ensure care for the most vulnerable. Give wisdom to leaders of countries, congregations, and communities, that they lead and serve justly. Merciful God,

ALL: receive our prayer.

L: For all who are lonely, grieving, or struggling with chronic pain, that they find comfort, community, and hope. Send relief to all who struggle with illness of any kind (*especially...*). Merciful God,

ALL: receive our prayer.

L: For this congregation, for visitors and those new to this faith community, that all may recognize the presence of Christ in each new face. Draw this community together in love and strengthen it in unwavering faith. Merciful God,

ALL: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: For the saints before us whose work is done, that their faithful example continues to direct your church. May their witness remind us that your gifts and calling are irrevocable, whether in life or death. Merciful God,

ALL: receive our prayer.

L: And for anyone who has need to share with you sighs that are too deep for words to express, please hear us now as we share our deepest needs in this time of silent prayer.

A moment for silent prayer.

L: Merciful God,

ALL: receive our prayer.

L: Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray: **ALL: 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.**

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The minister will give instruction on the distribution of communion.

Please be seated

COMMUNION HYMN: Lamb Of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN:

To be sung during the distribution of communion

One Bread, One Body

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of
 bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y
 through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.
 1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
 2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
 3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,
Refrain
 wom-an or man, no more.
 one in the Lord of all.
 gath-ered to one for all.

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 Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, sr
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COMMUNION HYMN: *by request as needed*

Please stand as you are able

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in his grace. **ALL: Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Let us pray together, Compassionate God,

**ALL: through the gifts of bread and wine
 our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
 Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
 may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus,
 through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

L: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.

ALL: Amen.

SENDING HYMN:

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -

guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887
Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

DISMISSAL

L: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

ALL: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

About Today's Readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

Gospel: Matthew 15: [10-20] 21-28

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

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THANK YOU!

Pastor Ellis for leading us in worship today!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Hold in Prayer:

To add someone to the prayer list in the bulletin/beacon, add them to the list at the back of the Sanctuary or contact the church office. You can call or email in a prayer at any time. 716-542-9828. Or text Tracy directly at 716-579-3612.

Now you can also go on the website and email in a prayer through there, too, whenever you'd like!
trinitysouthnewstead@gmail.com

If you would like your prayer concern to be shared through our One Call phone system, please call Sue Kidder at 716-542-2095. Prayers are printed on Tuesdays and will be verbally announced in church if submitted after that.

We pray for healing, strength and patience for those we love going through difficult times:

Harold Gardner

Sharon Ferraro

Bruce Albins & his family

Charles Berlinger

Sharon Ferraro

Mike Ferraro

We pray for patience, strength and support for the families and friends of:

Those battling drug and alcohol addiction

Virginia Doak

Weekly:

Choir is off for the summer!

Sunday School resumes Sept. 13th (startup info in below and in the Beacon)

Sunday Worship at 9:30

Bible Study: See list below

Confirmation at Trinity

We're excited to offer a Confirmation program for our youth starting in September! **The first evening class is September 20th from 6-8pm.**

If you were unable to attend the parent's meeting on August 6th, please be sure to mark your calendar for a parents' meeting after worship in the adult study room on **September 6th**.

Confirmation is a process in which junior-high youth in grades 7 and up learn what it means to be a Lutheran Christian in our world. They will then take responsibility for their faith when they

are confirmed after completing a two-year program of classes, interactions, service, relationship-building, and more.

Registration form is now online on our website. Please be sure to fill it out before the first day. Any questions, send Pastor Rick a message.

Food Pantry:

setup Aug 31st @ 8am
distribution Tues Sept 1st @ 8:30am

Council: September 8th @ 7pm

Office Info:

Pastor Rick: Tuesdays 10:00-1:00 p.m. and by appointment

Tracy: Tuesdays: 9:30-2:30, Thursdays: remote. Call, text or email any time.

Summer office hours updates:

August 14-30th – Pastor is away

For Pastoral emergencies during this time:

Aug 14-21 – Pastor Ashlin Marchese
716-867-2984

Aug 22-30 – Pastor Craig Rhodenizer
716-799-5548

Bible Study

Trinity is part of the NOEL (Niagara Orleans Ev. Lutherans) cluster of churches' Bible Study. Consider this your invitation to join, make new friends, and gain new insights into the Word and faith.

Pastor Rick, Pastor Craig, and Pastor Sohail lead this Bible Study, which is at 10 am Thursdays. The location rotates among the NOEL churches:

8/20 – Trinity Wolcottsville – 6369 Wolcottsville Rd, Akron 14001

8/27 – Zion - 4447 Central Ave, Gasport 14067

9/3 - St. John's - 10213 Roosevelt Hwy, Lyndonville, 14098

Sunday School

We are excited for Sunday School to start on **September 13th!** Sunday School this year will run from 10:45-11:45 am for a full hour. New this year: registration forms are online, and we'll be requiring parents to sign in and sign out their children. Registration forms are needed for all children and can be found on the Sunday School page of our website

at trinitysouthnewstead.org.

Note: there will be no Sunday School on September 20th.

Synod CaSTLE recap

Thank you for a great turnout at our CaSTLE Listening Session with the Synod on August 3rd. This is just the beginning though, as this program shifts to Learning Cohorts. These will involve teaching, learning, coaching and conversation based on the priorities we noted during our sharing. The first Learning Cohort will be Saturday, September 26 from 9-11:30 am online, for which we'll meet here at church to participate in. See Pastor Rick for any questions.

Women's Meeting

Our women's social group will resume meeting again on **September 3rd at 1pm**. Please weigh in on what you'd like to see then or in the future; would you like to continue with snacks? Would you prefer it be a lunch? Or no snacks at all? Crafts? Please let Ronda know what you'd like to see and our group will keep evolving to be what you'd like it to be!

September 20th: Congregational Listening Session: Sunday Sept. 20th following worship

What is Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of South Newstead? Who is Trinity? Why is Trinity?

These questions come up from time to time as we evaluate ourselves as a congregation. From within that framework and understanding, we can better identify the people, the mission and the direction of the congregation of Trinity.

We have done this in the past. Through our period of intentional internship, to the congregational merger with St John's, to our development of our ministry site profile for the purpose of calling and retaining pastoral leadership. We have asked ourselves these questions, as a council and as a congregation. The means to do this have varied. Focused collaborative stakeholder groups, to council committees, to surveys and now, a conversation.

Over the past few months, Trinity has been engaged in a shared ministry with Zion Lutheran Church of Gasport. Pastor Rick, through the direction of Synod and the understanding with council and Trinity, has been sharing pastoral leadership and care part time with Zion. The intent was to assist Zion in completing their ministry site profile and to organize to find new pastoral leadership. It was made into a formal agreement, along with a term, that has since expired. The question that Synod, Zion and Trinity now face is, what's next?

After discussion at council, it was decided to hold a listening session later this year. The listening session will be held on *September 20th following worship*. Deacon Rachel Sosebee will be joining us for this session to field any questions she can help with as well.

The purpose of the session is to ask and engage our congregation to review the past, the current and the future needs of our congregation's pastoral leadership. What does it look like? What do we need? This is the basis for the conversation. It will be open to the entire congregation as the council seeks your input for consideration. This is not a congregational meeting, so no actions are planned to be made. But with the conversation, the council will have a better understanding of Trinity to make decisions on next steps and direction.

As always, if you have questions, please feel free to reach out to Pastor Rick or myself. Thank you for your understanding, cooperation and hopefully, your participation.

Yours in Christ,

Erik Polkowski

Conversation Facilitator, Council VP 2026

Save the date: Chowda' Time!

Our Chowder sale will be **Saturday, September 26th**, mark your calendars! Corn shucking will happen between now and then, and of course there's lots of need for volunteering throughout the process.

Niagara Frontier Conference

Trinity will host the Niagara Frontier Conference Assembly from **6-8 pm on Wednesday, Oct. 21st**. This is a twice-annual gathering of clergy and lay leaders from across WNY for making connections, devotions and conducting the business of the conference. Bishop Lee Miller will have a presentation as well. We'll need some coordination to offer snacks and drinks for attendees (of which there may be upwards of 50-75 people).

Rummage Sale

Mark your calendars! All-day set-up Wednesday, Nov. 11; the Sale itself is Fri. Nov. 13th from 5-7 pm and Sat. Nov. 14th from 9-11 am.