



Lutheran Church & Christian School



*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

*Presentation of the Augsburg Confession*

**June 25, 2023**

***Redeemed, Restored, & Rejoicing in Jesus!***

100 Maple Avenue, Keene, NH 03431  
603.352.4446 | [tlckeene.nh@gmail.com](mailto:tlckeene.nh@gmail.com) | [tlckeene.org](http://tlckeene.org)

## Mission Statement

[Who We Are]

Leading with the Gospel, we at Trinity Lutheran Church and School strive to:

**HUMBLY AND KNOWINGLY FOLLOW JESUS,  
SEEKING JOY THROUGH HIM IN WORSHIP,  
TEACHING, AND PRAYER.**



## Vision Statement

[Who We Endeavor to Be]

Leading with the Gospel, we at Trinity Lutheran Church and School endeavor to:

**LIVE [up] BY FAITH, BE KNOWN [out] BY  
CHRIST'S LOVE, and REJOICE [in] HIS  
FORGIVENESS.**

*"Redeemed and restored, we are rejoicing in Jesus!"*

## AS WE GATHER

Lutherans are relatively unique---not for the faith we confess, but that we have recorded our confession of faith into a book and bound ourselves to this standard of faith. Confessions are not personal but churchly statements. In the case of the Augsburg Confession, it was presented to the Emperor Charles V at the Diet of Augsburg in May of 1530 by the Lutheran princes and civic representatives. Composed by Philip Melanchthon, these words have spoken for the five centuries of the evangelical (Gospel centered) and universe (consistent with the teachings of the Church from the beginning) faith Lutherans confess. Such bold confession was not without its own risk, then as now, for this confession is a stand for the truth of God's Word, yesterday, today, and forever the same.

## PRELUDE

**CALL TO WORSHIP** “Cornerstone” (*Words & Music by Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan, Eric Liljero, William Bradbury & Ed Mote © 2011 Hillsong Music Publishing*)

1. My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus’ name. (*Repeat*)

*Chorus: Christ alone, Cornerstone; weak made strong in the Savior’s love,  
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all.*

2. When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In ev’ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. (*Chorus*)
3. When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in Him be found;  
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless stand before the throne.  
Faultless stand before the throne. (*Chorus & repeat*)

## THE BELLS CALL GOD’S PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

### WELCOME

### OPENING PRAYER

### INVOCATION

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Congregation: Amen.**  
Pastor: I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,  
**Congregation: my God, in whom I trust."**  
Pastor: In God, whose word I praise,  
**Congregation: In God I trust. Psalm 91:2; 56:4a**

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

Reader 1: *"Our churches teach that there is forgiveness of sins for those who have fallen after Baptism whenever they are converted. The Church ought to impart Absolution to those who return to repentance. Now, strictly speaking, repentance consists of two parts. One part is contrition, that is, terrors striking the conscience through the knowledge of sin. The other part is faith, which is born of the Gospel or the Absolution and believes that for Christ's sake, sins are forgiven. It comforts the conscience and delivers from terror. Then good works are bound to follow, which are the fruit of repentance."* [Article 12 "Repentance"]

Pastor: God of mercy and grace ...  
**Congregation: We confess to You all our sins of thought, word, and deed. We have trusted in our own strength and not in You, and so have tangled ourselves in conflicts and troubles of our own making. Helpless and weak, we return to You, our fortress and firm foundation. For the sake of Your Son and His deliverance from death and the grave, forgive us our sins, create in us a new heart and renew our trust in You. Amen.**

## **GOD'S WORD OF FORGIVENESS**

Reader 2: *"Our churches teach that people cannot be justified before God by their own strength, merits, or works. People are freely justified for Christ's sake, through faith, when they believe that they are received into favor and that their sins are forgiven for Christ's sake. By His death, Christ made satisfaction for our sins. God counts this faith for righteousness in His sight."* [Article 4 "Justification"]

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, God's love is shown to us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. As a called and ordained servant of God and by Christ's authority, I joyfully announce to you the forgiveness of all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Joined with Christ in Baptism, and anointed with the Holy Spirit, you are free to live as God's people sent to serve the world.

**Congregation: Amen.**

**RESPONSE OF PRAISE**      *Psalm 27*

Pastor: The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear?

**Congregation: The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?**

Pastor: One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek:

**Congregation: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

**OPENING HYMN**    "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

*LSB 657*

*For this and all subsequent hymns, please see PowerPoint slides or the hymnal.*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, as You have gifted us in making the good confession of Christ as our Savior, grant us an increase of faith for these latter days, that receiving what our hearts have longed for, we may continue to love what You commanded; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Congregation: Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND BLESSING**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**    *Jeremiah 20:7-12*    (*Jeremiah persecuted for the Word.*)

<sup>7</sup> O LORD, You have deceived me, and I was deceived;

You are stronger than I, and You have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me.

<sup>8</sup> For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!"

For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.

<sup>9</sup> If I say, "I will not mention Him, or speak any more in His name,"

there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones,

and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

<sup>10</sup> For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side!

"Denounce Him! Let us denounce Him!" say all my close friends,

watching for my fall. "Perhaps He will be deceived;

then we can overcome Him and take our revenge on Him."

<sup>11</sup> But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble;

they will not overcome me.

They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.

<sup>12</sup> O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous,

who sees the heart and the mind,

let me see Your vengeance upon them,

for to You have I committed my cause.

Lector:                      This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation:**        **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING**    *Romans 6:15-23*    (*The free gift of eternal life.*)

<sup>15</sup> What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no

means! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient

slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death,

or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God, that you who

were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of

teaching to which you were committed, <sup>18</sup> and, having been set free from sin, have

become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I am speaking in human terms, because of your

natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity

and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as

slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

<sup>20</sup> For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup> But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**SOLO** "Beautiful Savior"

*Pauline Brusco, Soloist*

**GOSPEL READING** *Matthew 10:5a, 16-20, 26-33 (Have no fear.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them ... <sup>16</sup> "Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup> Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, <sup>18</sup> and you will be dragged before governors and kings for My sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup> When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. <sup>20</sup> For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ... <sup>26</sup> "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. <sup>27</sup> What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. <sup>28</sup> And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup> So everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father who is in heaven, <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father who is in heaven.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Reader 3: *"So that we may obtain this faith, the ministry of teaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments was instituted. Through the Word and Sacraments, as through instruments, the Holy Spirit is given. He works faith, when and where it pleases God, in those who hear the good news that God justifies those who believe that they are received into grace for Christ's sake. This happens not through our own merits, but for Christ's sake."*  
[Article 5 "The Ministry"]

**Notes:**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "God Calls Us to Stand Together"

TUNE: *LSB 826*

God calls us to stand together with the saints of ev'ry age  
Who stood firm and did not waver while faith's battles fiercely raged.  
Bold they made the good confession---both in doctrine and in life;  
Though from varied tribes and nations, one in faith amid the strife.

What a heritage of blessing has passed down to us today!  
With this legacy we carry, comes responsibility.  
Those who hear the Gospel's message and by faith its promise claim,  
With conviction and with courage must speak Truth in Jesus' name.

We give thanks for faithful teachers who taught us the cross and grave,  
Where the Savior's blood forever paid sin's debt to free us slaves,  
And the joyful Easter promise of our new, eternal life.  
Jesus, with Your Word so gracious, make us bold with Your bright light.

Text: Larry Peters, (c) 2007 Larry Peters. All rights reserved.

Tune: GALILEAN, Joseph Barnby, 1838-96; public domain.



## PRAYERS AND PETITIONS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For the land in which we live and work, that all people may acknowledge the merciful goodness of the Creator, let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation: We confess You as our merciful Lord!**

Pastor: For the Church and her faithful confession throughout the world, that rejoicing in our heritage, we may boldly share the saving Gospel of grace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation: We confess You as our saving Lord!**

Pastor: For all who lead others in our homes and workplaces, that our vocations may be opportunities to live out our confession in action and in truth, let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation: We confess You as our living Lord!**

Pastor: For Trinity Lutheran Church, that our common confession of Christ and sharing in the Means of Grace may bring blessings to many lives, let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation: We confess You as our gracious Lord!**

*Additional petitions and praises are offered.*

Pastor: For these and all other needs we have, trusting that as we confess Jesus Christ before others, He is confessing us before the Father in heaven, let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation: We confess You as our faithful Lord! Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

**Congregation: And also with you.**

*At this time, we share the Lord's peace with each other.*

**PREFACE TO COMMUNION**

Reader 4: *"Our churches teach that the Sacraments were ordained, not only to be marks of profession among men, but even more, to be signs and testimonies of God's will toward us. They were instituted to awaken and confirm faith in those who use them. Therefore we must use the Sacraments in such a way that faith, which believes the promises offered and set forth through the Sacraments, is increased."* [Article 13 "The Use of the Sacraments"]

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

**Congregation: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**ADMONITION TO THE COMMUNICANTS**

**LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

*Please see PowerPoint slides or back cover of the hymnal.*

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

Pastor: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb. *Rev. 19:9a, NIV*

**Congregation: Lord, I am not worthy to receive You, but only say the Word and I shall be healed. *Matthew 8:8, paraphrased***

## HYMN OF RESPONSE “Father Most Holy”

LSB 504:1, 4

1. Father most holy, merciful and tender; Jesus, our Savior, with the Father reigning;  
Spirit of comfort, advocate, defender, Light never waning.
4. Lord God Almighty, unto Thee be glory, One in three persons, over all exalted!  
Glory we offer, praise Thee and adore Thee, now and forever.

## DISTRIBUTION

*For those desiring to receive the LORD’S SUPPER today, please refer to the laminated card in the pew racks. Those not receiving Communion are still invited to come forward for a blessing. At the Communion rail, simply bow your head to receive a blessing.*

*At the time of Communion, please follow the direction of the ushers. For those receiving the individual cups, a non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center of each tray. Following the passing of the individual cups, the common cup is offered for those who wish to commune in that manner.*

*All who are communing are encouraged to review the Sacrament of the Altar on pp. 326-327, and the Questions on pp. 329-330, in the front of the hymnal. Once again, we thank God for all who worship here today!*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN “Thy Strong Word”

LSB 578

*Please stand on the last stanza.*

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: O God the Father, fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving kindness sent Your Son to reconcile us to You, we thank You that You have given us pardon and peace in this blessed feast. As we have shared in the benefits of our Savior’s death, may we now go forth to share His life; even as You live and reign together with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

## **BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

Reader 5: *"Our churches teach that this faith is bound to bring forth good fruit. It is necessary to do good works commanded by God because of God's will. We should not rely on those works to merit justification before God. The forgiveness of sins and justification is received through faith. The voice of Christ testified, 'So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, "We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty."' "* Luke 17:10 ESV [Article 6 "The New Obedience"]

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

**Congregation:** **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People:** **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN** "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

*LSB 655*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING** "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"

*LSB 917*

♪ Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise  
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;  
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,  
Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace. Amen. ♪

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

*Portions of this morning's service were taken from Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series A, Quarter 3. Copyright © 2023 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission. Other music and streaming license used by permission: CCLI License # 500626.*

## **Trinity Calendar for June 25 -July 2, 2023**

**Sunday**                      9:00 am    Adult Bible Study  
                                    10:30 am    Worship w/ Holy Communion  
                                    11:45 am    *Congregational Voter's Meeting*

### **Monday**

**Tuesday**                    5:00 pm    Men's Wings Bible Study  
                                    5:00 pm    Women's Bible Study

### **Wednesday**

**Thursday**    *(No Bible Study this week)*

### **Friday**

**Saturday**                    8:00 am    Men of Christ Bible Study: *"The Gods Have Returned"*

**Sunday**                      9:00 am    Adult Bible Study  
                                    10:30 am    Worship w/ Holy Communion

## **ATTENDANCE 6-18: 86**

**Families of the week:** *The Bueckner, Burdett and Cakouros families*

### **Birthdays:**

- 26 June—Lyza Bobka
- 26 June—Joe Schumann
- 30 June—Richard Bunn
- 30 June—Jackie Hartman
- 01 July—Victoria Brown

### **Anniversaries:**

- 26 June—Dan and Janet Foss
- 27 June—Todd and Beth Silegy
- 02 July—Daniel and Susan Bobka



The flowers this morning are given in memory of  
Tom  
By Ellen Kakouros



Eileen is attending the LWML convention in  
Milwaukee!

She will be walking in the Mission Walk at the convention.

Please pray for her and all the women who give of their time,  
talents and money to this valuable mission!



Monday-Thursday 12-4pm  
603-358-6460 call to make an appointment.  
100 Washington St.  
Keene, NH 03431

### **OUR MISSION**

**Pregnancy Resource Center of the Monadnock Region is a life affirming ministry that shares the love and truth of Jesus Christ with our community, offering free pregnancy related resources with compassion and respect.**

We want to thank everyone who participated in the PRC's Baby Bottle Campaign. If you still have one of the baby bottles, the return of it would be greatly appreciated, full or empty. If you would still like to make a donation to the Pregnancy Resource Center, you may do so at any time. To write a check, please make it payable to: The Pregnancy Resource Center of the Monadnock Region. If you have questions, need more information you may contact me, Helen Poisson, Liaison for Trinity Lutheran Church at [helensillanpaa82@gmail.com](mailto:helensillanpaa82@gmail.com) or 603 355 7939



## ***2<sup>nd</sup> Annual First Responders Luncheon***

***July 13***

We will be hosting the luncheon again this year for all local and state First Responders, serving lunch under the pavilion from noon to 6:00 pm.

There will be lots of opportunities to help. Want to set up? Want to visit a local firehouse and let them know? Want to sling some burgers or help clean up? We can use you! If you'd simply like to make a donation that will also be greatly appreciated. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Call or speak to Scott Schneider: 603-313-7251

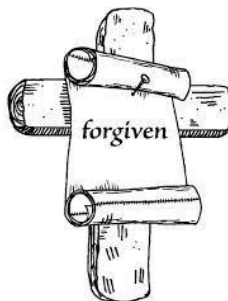


Consider our Capital Improvement Fund when you are considering ways to make contributions. We truly appreciate it. Thank you. See Larry Miller for more info.



**Guest Wi Fi** is available at no charge while visiting Trinity Lutheran Church, please feel free to log in.

- NETWORK: **TLC\_Guest**
- PASSWORD: **mapleave**



## **Church Office**

*Phone (603) 352-4446*

**Pastor** – Ed Harkey  
[reveddiet@yahoo.com](mailto:reveddiet@yahoo.com)

*Phone: (508) 813-8201*

*Office Hours: Tues–Thurs, 9 am–2 pm, or  
call for appointment*

**Assistant to the Pastor**—Tim Knapp

[tim.knapp@comcast.net](mailto:tim.knapp@comcast.net)

*Phone: (978)-760-1501*

**Church Administrative Assistant** –

Mitchell Piper

[tlckeene.nh@gmail.com](mailto:tlckeene.nh@gmail.com)

*Phone (603) 352-4446*

*Hours: Mon–Wed, & Fri 9 am–3 pm*

**Business Manager** – Sue Vekasy

[tlckeene.businessmgr@gmail.com](mailto:tlckeene.businessmgr@gmail.com)

*Phone (603) 352-4446*

## **Head Elder**

Rich Randall

*Phone (603)-762-8201*

## **School Office**

*Hours: Monday–Friday, 8 am–4 pm*

*Phone (603) 352-9403*

**Principal** – Jill Grant

[principal@tcskeene.com](mailto:principal@tcskeene.com)

**School Administrative Assistant** –

Emily Lester

[tcs@tcskeene.com](mailto:tcs@tcskeene.com)

**Organist:** Rita Corey

*Phone (603) 313-7220*

## **Elders**

Pastor Ed Harkey

*Phone: (508) 813-8201*

**Head Elder:** Rich Randall

*Phone (603)-762-8201*

Lonnie Geer

*Phone: (603) 370-8928*

Lenny Kosakowski

*Phone (603) 852-6702*

Larry Miller

*Phone (603) 357 4746*

## **School Board**

Marcia Scadova

*Phone (603) 313-6277*

**Vacant-Vice Chair**

*Phone*

Tom Abert- Treasurer

*Phone (603) 381-8840*

Joyce Gray

*Phone (603) 812-5264*

Marlene Dabrowski

*Phone (603) 876-4046*

Kathy Dresser

*Phone (603) 809-3457*

## **Music Team**

Pastor Ed Harkey

*Phone: (508) 813-8201*

Bob Stoeckmann

*Phone (603) 352-7050*

Rita Corey

*Phone (603) 313-7220*

Carol Kay

*Phone (978) 264-8520*

Tom Ricks

*Phone (603) 357-8021*

Mike Stewart

*Phone (603)357-3152*

## **Executive Team**

Lonnie Geer-President

*Phone (603) 370-8928*

Rich Randall-Head Elder

*Phone (603)-762-8201*

Larry Miller-Head

Trustee

*Phone (603) 762-2923*

Gregg Burdett-Treasurer

*Phone (603) 304-6914*

Marcia Scadova-SB Chair

*Phone (603) 313-6277*

Judy Taylor-Recording

Secretary

*Phone (603) 876-9447*

## **Altar Guild**

Co-leaders:

Jean Henderson

*Phone (603)352-8716*

Paula Miller

*Phone (603)357-4746*