



Lutheran Church & Christian School



*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**August 6, 2023**

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

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## 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

The long season of Pentecost gifts God's people with plenteous opportunity to feed upon the Lord's life-giving grain. As we continue this trek, we come to the last week of our series entitled "Life in the Spirit." With Romans 8 as our guide, we rejoice to be renewed in the saving work of the Holy Spirit, poured out and into prophets, priests and kings, and now, in our own day, on and into us as well. It is this Spirit who brings God's life-saving message into our midst, and assures us of the faith that we possess in Christ. Welcome to worship. Welcome to grace. O Holy Spirit, come!

**PRESERVICE SONG** "Cornerstone" (*Words & Music by Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan, Eric Liljero, Edward Mote and William Batchelder Bradbury © 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 v.1)*

*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.  
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 to stand before the throne.

*Chorus*

## THE BELLS CALL GOD'S PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OPENING PRAYER

## INVOCATION

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

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father ☩ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be and abide with you all.

**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

Pastor: Gathered in the name of the One who created all things and unites us to Christ through our Baptism, we prepare to receive God's good gifts to us all. With confidence, let us draw near to God, confess our sin, and be renewed in God's mercy and grace.

*Silence is observed for personal reflection.*

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

Pastor: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith. For it is my great privilege and joy to announce the grace of God to you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, to forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. May the God of peace sanctify you wholly, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## ENTRANCE PSALM

Pastor: Though our bones were dried up and our hope was lost, the Lord breathed into us His Spirit, and we were revived.

**Congregation: Now we are led to be living reminders of His continued presence among us. Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

**SONG OF PRAISE** "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

*LSB 940:1-2, 5*

*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, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through 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 SERMON AND BLESSING

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**    *Isaiah 55:1-5*    (*The Compassion of the Lord.*)

<sup>1</sup> “Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;  
and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.  
<sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.  
<sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live;  
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.  
<sup>4</sup> Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.  
<sup>5</sup> Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,  
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

Lector:                      This is the Word of the Lord.

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

**EPISTLE READING**    *Romans 8:31-39*        (*God’s everlasting love in Christ.*)

<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written,

“For Your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

<sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.  
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

## VERSE

Congregation: **Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL READING**     *Matthew 14:13-21     (Feeding of the 5,000.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
Congregation: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup> When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. <sup>15</sup> Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup> But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup> They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." <sup>18</sup> And he said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup> Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup> And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. <sup>21</sup> And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
Congregation: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



**CREED**    *Third Article of the Apostles' Creed*

**Congregation:**        I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastor:                    What does this mean?

**Congregation:**        I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

**SERMON HYMN** “God Moves in a Mysterious Way”

*LSB 765*

**SERMON**                *“LIFE IN THE SPIRIT: When Nothing Is Everything”*

**Notes:**



## PETITIONS AND PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor: Father God, You command us to pray, with the promise that You will both hear and answer us. Today, we pray for Your blessing on Your Church, that it may be faithful to the Gospel. We pray for the nations of the world, that peace may prevail. We pray for the schools, colleges, and seminaries of our Church, that Your children may be taught in the fear and knowledge of Your Word. We pray that the fruit of the Spirit may abound in the lives of Your people. Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Pastor: Holy Spirit, You have planted the seed of Your Word into our hearts through the Holy Scriptures and the Sacraments. Defend us, we pray, from all fears and doubts that seek to crowd Your Word out of our hearts and to turn us away from You. Fill us, that we may bear the fruits of repentance and faith that bring glory to Your name. Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Pastor: Precious Savior, hear our prayers for those whose lives are especially burdened and who need a special measure of Your grace. We pray for the ill, that they may receive healing by Your mercy. We pray for the dying, that they may know the perfect healing of living in Your presence forevermore. We pray for those whose life is made difficult by lack of any necessary thing. Provide, we pray, for the needs of the hungry, the homeless, the refugee, the unemployed, and all others who stand in need of Your providence. Bless and supply them out of Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

*Additional petitions and praises are offered.*

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our 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.*

## **OFFERTORY “I’ve Always Loved You” (*Words & Music by Third Day*)**

### **PREFACE TO COMMUNION**

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.**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And now we bless You that in sending Your one and only Son, Jesus Christ, we find the fullness of Your forgiving and limitless love. So, by the working of the Holy Spirit, grant us grace to grow in faith throughout this season of our lives, ever remaining steadfast in hope, and ready to pray at Your gracious invitation:

**LORD’S PRAYER**      *Matthew 6:9–13*

*Please see PowerPoint slides or inside 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***

## **AGNUS DEI** “Lamb of God” *(Chanted)*

Pastor: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

**Congregation: HAVE MERCY ON US, HAVE MERCY ON US.**

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Pastor: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

**Congregation: GRANT US PEACE.**

## **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!*

**COMMUNION HYMN** “Jesus, Lead Thou On”  
“On Eagle’s Wings”

*LSB 718*  
*LSB 727*

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we thank You for the life and knowledge You have revealed to us through Jesus, Your Son. Now, by this Sacrament, strengthen and preserve us. Guide, guard, and rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled constantly to serve You here on earth, looking joyfully to that day of Your final coming. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go out into the world in peace. Have courage. Hold to what is good. Return no person evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Help the suffering. Honor everyone and care for creation. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. The almighty God—the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless you.

Congregation: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “In Thee Is Gladness”

LSB 818

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The flowers this morning are given  
By Jim and Jean Henderson  
In honor of their 55<sup>th</sup>  
Wedding anniversary



Eileen would like to thank everyone for their support and prayers as she traveled to Milwaukee and participated in the National LWML Convention.

Next upcoming Mission: Project Work Day will be this Saturday, August 12  
9:00-11:00 am  
(Fellowship Hall)

See Eileen Nelson for more information.

### **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.**

Thank you for all your generous Baby Bottle Blessings and trust that they are put to good use. The Center is seeing more and more clients and this requires volunteers to assist these women and families. We are in need of volunteers, ready to train to be Client Advocates. Please pray on this and see if this is a place where you could share your talents. Our Client Advocate volunteers would be a one day commitment, once trained. Our hours are Noon to 4:00 pm, Monday through Thursday. If you have a heart for Jesus, compassion for families, this may be an opportunity to serve not just the PRC. It is an opportunity to serve the Lord in this Christian organization.

**SAVE THE DATE!** The PRC will be holding their annual major fund raiser, here at Trinity Lutheran Church on Thursday, October 5, 2023. More details to follow.

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

### **Vacation Prayer & Reminder from our Executive Team**

**The Lord's travel mercies to all who may be planning vacations this year. May God grant to each of you blessed and safe home-goings and comings, as well as joy in Jesus during your times of rest and relaxation.**

**With that prayer, we would also like to ask that you continue to remember TRINITY with your prayers and presence, your tithes and offerings. As many of our monthly commitments are "fixed," we continue to count on your financial faithfulness. Thank you in advance for continuing to participate in the ministry entrusted to us in our Savior's name.**



Do you need prayer or know someone who does?  
Prayer requests may be made by filling out one of the prayer request cards kept in the back of the pews and leaving it in the offering plate or by contacting Judy Taylor at [eisen@myfairpoint.net](mailto:eisen@myfairpoint.net)  
*For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers—1 Peter 3:12*  
Updates to earlier prayer requests are always appreciated!

We continue to collect food to be taken to the food bank. It is a true blessing to deliver the food to them.

We are also currently collecting grocery store gift cards to be given to those in need. We do currently have a local need and would find it a joy to share these gift cards with them.



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- PASSWORD: **mapleave**

## **Trinity Calendar for Aug 6-Aug 13, 2023**

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study: <i>"A Longer Look at the Lessons."</i>
	10:30 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion
<b>Monday</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	5-6:30 pm	Men's Wings Bible Study and meal
	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>		
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 am	Bible Study: <i>(The Book of Matthew)</i>
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 am	Men of Christ Bible Study: <i>"The Gods Have Returned"</i>
	9-11:00 am	LWML Mission Projects Work Day
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study: <i>"A Longer Look at the Lessons."</i>
	10:30 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion

## **ATTENDANCE 7-30: 97**

**Families of the week:** *The Dodson, Donabedian/Colmant and Dresser families*

## **Birthdays:**

- 6 Aug—John Dresser
- 8 Aug—Pastor Tim Knapp
- 9 Aug—Howeina Lariviere
- 9 Aug—Fred Reisler
- 9 Aug—Jim Wilder
- 10 Aug—Kim Wolfe
- 11 Aug—Lisa Patnode
- 11 Aug—Linda Rajaniemi

## **Anniversaries:**

- 8 Aug—Glenn and Angel Crowell
- 12 Aug—Jim and Jean Henderson

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