



Lutheran Church & Christian School



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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

“If you want to walk on water, you’ve got to get out of the boat.” Such is the title to a popular book by John Ortberg on faith and trust in God’s promises. Where, the Lord bids us to “fear, love and trust” Him, though unbelief gets the better of us, keeping us either in the boat, or in the depths. “O Lord, I believe; help my unbelief.”

But “Take courage! It is I,” says our Lord, embodying the fulfillment of “fear, love and trust,” and whose gracious invitation grants what it asks. Yes, there is room on the waves for Peter and you, along with the promise of God that will see our little skiff safely to shore. Dare we believe such a promise? By God’s grace and mercy we do, in the certain confidence that Jesus’ presence is peace. Welcome in the Savior’s name.

PRELUDE

PRESERVICE SONG “Ready for the Storm” (*Words & Music by Rich Mullins*)

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: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 18:1–3, 6*

Pastor: God speaks, and receiving His grace and mercy, we respond.

Congregation: **I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.**

Pastor: In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help.

Congregation: **From His temple He heard my voice, and my cry to Him reached His ears.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

Silence is observed for personal reflection.

Pastor: Most merciful God ...

Congregation: **we wonder at Your love for us. You know who we are. You see beneath the surface of our lives. Yet, You love us enough to save us. We believe; help our unbelief. For when we try to do good, evil lies close at hand. Temptations abound. Without Your love and Your forgiveness, what would become of us? Renew us, O Lord. See us through the storm, assuring us the victory in Jesus Christ our Lord. Fill us O Holy Spirit, until complete peace and faith are restored in You. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: God hears the cries of His doubtful and drowning ones, and has sent His Son upon the waves, to meet us in our deepest need. Therefore, as a fellow redeemed, and as His called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead, and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you all of your sins. Joined with Christ in Baptism, and anointed with the Holy Spirit, you are raised from your grave and set free to worship Him – Father, ✠ Son and Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

ENTRANCE PSALM *Adapted from Psalm 34*

Pastor: I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Congregation: I sought the LORD, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Pastor: Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

Congregation: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him!

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 most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what it is that You want done; 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 *Job 38:1-11 (God speaks to Job out the whirlwind.)*

¹ Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

² “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³ Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me.

⁴ “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵ Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶ On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone,

⁷ when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

⁸ “Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb,

⁹ when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰ and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors,

¹¹ and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING *Romans 10:8b-17* (God' message of salvation to all.)

"The Word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the Word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing His riches on all who call on Him. ¹³ For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

¹⁴ How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" ¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" ¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE

LSB, p. 205

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 14:22-33* *(Jesus walks on the water.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th chapter.

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

²² Immediately He made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

²⁸ And Peter answered Him, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out His hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CATECHETICAL REFLECTION 2nd Article of the Apostles' Creed & Explanation

Pastor: I believe in Jesus Christ. What does this mean?

Congregation: **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

SERMON *“Walking on Water”*

Notes:

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: O Lord, You graciously “laid the foundation of the world.” So we seek Your guidance and protection for all who tend this good creation, tilling the soil and protecting the environment; for all who connect resources with people in need of food, clothing, and shelter; and for all who labor on behalf of others: **LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER AS WE CALL TO YOU.**

Pastor: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” So, O Holy Spirit, strengthen and encourage all who proclaim the Gospel in pulpits and hospitals, on battlefields and in refugee camps, offering the saving Word of Christ; for all who put their faith into action, teaching the young, consoling the ill, comforting the grieving, and listening to the distraught; for those near and dear to us, and those known only to You our gracious God. **LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER AS WE CALL TO YOU.**

Pastor: Jesus said, “Take heart; it is I.” Therefore, O precious Jesus, we seek Your presence and protection for the faithful around the world, enduring persecution and standing with the weak; for the Church in our land, confronting injustice, resisting indifference wherever they are found; and for ourselves, gathering around Word and Sacrament and responding to the Gospel in word and deed. **LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER AS WE CALL TO YOU.**

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 "How Beautiful" (*Words & Music by Twila Paris ©1990 Ariose Music / Mountain Spring Music*)

1. How beautiful the hands that served,
The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.
How beautiful the feet that walked
The long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.

Chorus: How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.

2. How beautiful the heart that bled
That took all my sin and bore it instead.
How beautiful the tender eyes
That chose to forgive and never despise. (*Chorus*)
3. How beautiful the radiant Bride
Who waits for her Groom with His light in her eyes.
How beautiful when humble hearts give
The fruit of pure lives so that others may live. (*Chorus*)
4. How beautiful the feet that bring
The sound of Good News and the love of the King.
How beautiful the hands that serve
The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth. (*Chorus*)

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 proper that we should give thanks to You, O Lord, for in Jesus Christ, the Servant of all, You have shown Your saving power and Your great compassion. Grant that we live in humility, honoring our Savior in all that we do and rejoicing that we are granted a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us that we rejoice in the gifts before us and praise You with thankful hearts, even as we are bold at Your invitation to pray:

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, Savior Pilot Me”

LSB 715

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

LSB 761

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Lord of all power and might, You sustained Your promise through the prophet's promise and Your chosen people until that Word became flesh in Jesus Christ. He has power over wind and wave, storm and struggle, so calm our troubled hearts in Him and sustain us in His peace until we reach the heavenly shores; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always;
Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*


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.
Congregation: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”* LSB 849

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|  | The flowers this morning are given By Gary and Kathy Dresser In honor of their 44 th Wedding anniversary |
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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 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.

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.



FAITH

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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
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!

Trinity Calendar for Aug 13-Aug 20, 2023

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

ATTENDANCE 8-6: 78

Families of the week: *The Dunn, Foss and Foytek families*

Birthdays:

- 15 Aug—Julianna Carroll
- 18 Aug—Morgan Allen
- 18-Aug—Brad Lane
- 18-Aug—Emma Randall
- 19 Aug—Jared LaQuerre

Anniversaries:

- 18 Aug—Gary and Kathy Dresser
- 20 Aug—Rich and Christina Gunderson

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