



Lutheran Church & Christian School



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 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

As recent, and not so recent, times of distress have demonstrated, mercy takes many forms when it comes to alleviating pain and suffering in this world. From “Mercy Ships” that bring much needed health care, to Red Crosses and Crescents that symbolize compassion by way of food, clothing and shelter, God provides for the needs of the last, least and lost. And then, there is Jesus, whom God sends to us out of love and compassion to bring healing of another kind. Yes, Christ comes in love to forgive our sins, bring us into His presence, and to embrace our burdens as His own. Mercy takes many forms, but it comes perfectly in only one face---Jesus Christ, our Lord!

PRESERVICE MUSIC

This morning we are pleased to have the local group The LeClairens serve as our guest musicians. May the Lord bless their presence among us, as they share Christ’s love by way of their witness through music and song.

THE BELLS CALL GOD’S PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

<i>“Entering into the Presence of the Savior”</i>

INVOCATION *Psalm 28:1–2; antiphon: Psalm 28:8*

Pastor: The LORD is the strength of His people;
Congregation: **He is the saving refuge of His anointed.**

Pastor: Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to You for help,
Congregation: **when I lift up my hands toward Your most holy sanctuary.**

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.**

CONFESSION AND GOD'S WORD OF FORGIVENESS

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, and seek to bring us life. We believe; help our unbelief. For when we try to do good, evil lies close at hand. Temptation abounds. Without Your love and forgiveness, what would become of us? Come to us in our need. Hear our plea for mercy. Heal what is needed most, a saving relationship with You. Amen.**

Pastor: God hears the cries of His pitiful ones, and has sent His Son 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 Part 2: *Psalm 28:6–7; antiphon: Psalm 28:8*

Pastor: The LORD is the strength of His people;

Congregation: **He is the saving refuge of His anointed.**

Pastor: The LORD is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped;

Congregation: **my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.**

SONG OF PRAISE “Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus” (*Words & Music* by Helen H. Lemmel; both Public Domain)

Verse 1

O soul are you weary and troubled,
No light in the darkness you see;
There's light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free.

*Chorus: Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.*

Verse 2

Through death into life everlasting
He passed and we follow Him there.
Over us sin no more hath dominion
For more than conquerors we are. *(Chorus)*

Verse 3

His Word shall not fail you He promised.
Believe Him and all will be well.
Then go to a world that is dying.
His perfect salvation to tell. *(Chorus)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still
You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your
Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks
for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through
Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

<p><i>“Receiving ‘Crumbs’ from the Master’s Table”</i></p>
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CHILDREN’S SERMON AND BLESSING

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 56:1, 6-8* *(Salvation to the Gentiles.)*

¹ Thus says the LORD: “Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon My salvation will come, and My righteousness 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, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
and holds 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 The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
“I will gather yet others to Him
besides those already gathered.”

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING *Romans 11 (Selected verses.)* *(God grants mercy to all.)*

¹ I ask, then, has God rejected His people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew. ...

¹³ Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴ in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? ...

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has consigned all to disobedience, that He may have mercy on all.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 15:21-28 (The faith of a foreigner.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 15th chapter.

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

²¹ And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon.

²² And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon."

²³ But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and begged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out 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 And He answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread 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, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Please see PowerPoint slides or back of the hymnal.

SERMON HYMN "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

LSB 849

Please see PowerPoint Slides or the hymnal.

SERMON *"The Face of Love"*

Notes:

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for ourselves, the Gospel proclamation around the world, and for all people in their various stations and conditions. For the Gospel, even now calling sinners to repentance and faith in Jesus, let Pastors and teachers, leaders and all laymen and women live and proclaim the Gospel among each other, our school, and community, that all – together – would be faithful in our calling, let us pray to the Lord. **LORD, HAVE MERCY.**

Pastor: For nations of the world, ordering society for peace and well-being, that especially our own leaders would be just and compassionate, and that we, as citizens, work together—harvesting and milling, teaching and learning, producing and providing, caring and conserving—giving glory to God and dignity to one another, let us pray to the Lord. **LORD, HAVE MERCY.**

Pastor: For the downtrodden and oppressed, the lonely and forgotten, the sick and dying, and for those near and dear to us ... [*specifically by name*] ... that God would hear their prayers, surround them with compassionate, skilled and understanding people, and answer their deepest needs according to His loving plans for them, let us pray to the Lord. **LORD, HAVE MERCY.**

Additional petitions and praises are offered.

Pastor: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting that in Your mercy You will answer with blessings that none of us deserve, but out of Your love You graciously give, in Jesus' name. **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

The LeClaires

“Dining at the Master’s Table”

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!

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

The LeClaires

“Leaving the Master’s House with Joy”

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Gracious Father, we have eaten our fill, fed once again from Your never-ending supply of grace. Being now strengthened, we give You thanks for the Bread of Life, through a life of praise, sharing and living for You. Help us to multiply Your generous gift by showing mercy and hospitality to all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

Pastor: Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold to that which is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And may Almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be and abide with you all.
Congregation: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “Let the Lower Lights Be Burning” (*Words & Music by Phillip Bliss; Text & Tune: Public Domain*)

Verse 1

Brightly beams our Father's Mercy
From His Lighthouse evermore,
But to us He gives the keeping
Of the lights along the shore.

*Chorus: Let the lower lights be burning; send a gleam across the wave.
For to us He gives the keeping of the lights along the shore.*

Verse 2

Dark the night of sin has settled,
Loud the angry billows roar;
Eager eyes are watching longing
For the lights along the shore. (*Chorus*)

Verse 3

Trim your feeble lamp my brother;
Some poor sailor tempest tossed,
Trying now to make the harbor
In the darkness may be lost.

*Chorus: Let the lower lights be burning; send a gleam across the wave.
 For to us He gives the keeping of the lights along the shore.*

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TLC is always looking for anyone who would enjoy serving the LORD in the service of the Congregation. We have many opportunities to serve:

- ✓ Scripture Readers
- ✓ Ushers
- ✓ AV/Sound Room Techs
- ✓ Sunday School Teachers
- ✓ Nursery Care Providers

We will be having a review/training for anyone currently signed up or wanting to serve as a reader or usher. A brief meeting will be held directly after Worship this Sunday, August 20. If you are unable to attend at this time, please see Miriam Harkey or email her at meharkey79@gmail.com, or call or text her at 508-813-8212 to arrange to meet individually at a different time. There will also be another training/review in October for those who may be prayerfully contemplating one of these opportunities to serve but may not be ready to sign up. AV room help will be gone over in a separate, more intense training requiring some Sundays. Time to be determined.

As always, you are greatly appreciated. The gifts you bring to the service of the Lord are a blessing and a treasure. Thank you always.

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.



The flowers this morning are given
To the Glory of God
By Ted and Wanda Chabott



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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.

Reminder, the PRC will be closed from August 28 through September 9, 2023, for a much-needed vacation/rest for our staff and volunteers. Please check out The Pregnancy Resource Center website and sign up for our updates.

We continue to grow, as do our needs. Currently looking for someone for about 2 hours a week to help with filing as well as organizing our counseling rooms. Please contact The Center by phone to see when and/or where you might help.

Prayer is needed not just for our local PRC clients and staff, but also for our Christian Pregnancy Centers in Vermont who are receiving push back from pro-abortion individuals. We pray what Satan has meant for evil, God will use for His purposes. James 4:7--Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

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



*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!*

Save the Dates:

“Getting to Know Trinity”

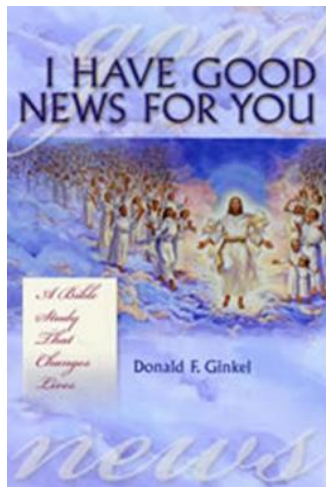
If you are currently attending, and are not yet a member of Trinity, we'd love to introduce you to who we are. On **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH** – following our worship service, you are cordially invited to attend an “orientation” (Noon to 1:30p.m.) into the life of our congregation, its mission and ministries. This is a great opportunity to meet some of our leaders, who will also share with you what life at Trinity means to them.

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.

4 Ways to Sign UP: 1) sign – up sheet on the large table in the foyer, 2) e-mail Pastor or the church office, 3) call Pastor or the church office, or 4) text Pastor (see the back of the bulletin for address and numbers).

Already a member? The more the merrier! Just sign up!

ALSO coming in
“God Connects:
Christ.” In this
explore the basic
Christian faith, and
intersect with our
study will be held
(thru Thanksgiving)
Study is open both
CONSIDERING
who would love to
believe.



SEPTEMBER ...
Basics of our Life in
study, we will
tenets of the
how those teachings
life as disciples. The
each **WEDNESDAY**
from 6:30-8:00p.m.
to **THOSE WHO ARE**
MEMBERSHIP or
review what they

SEE ABOVE for ways to SIGN UP!

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