



Lutheran Church & Christian School



## *Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**August 27, 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

From earliest times in the lives of God's people, the Lord has seen fit to provide them with the impetus and inspiration for teaching the faith. In this most tangible way, God sought to dwell in the midst of His people. He still does. With the gift of Christian education, He continues to bless His creation, by growing disciples from the time they are born. Instilling a love for God's Word is among the primary tasks of parenting, and of schools like Trinity Christian School. Today let us celebrate both the gift of God's Word, and the privilege we possess as parents, teachers and staff to teach it. We rejoice this day to welcome *all* who would come in Jesus' name – children and adults!

## PRELUDE

**CALL TO WORSHIP** "Your Love, Oh Lord" (*Words & Music Third Day © 1999 New Spring | Vandura Songs*)

Your love, oh Lord, reaches to the heavens. Your faithfulness stretches to the skies.  
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountain. Your justice flows like the ocean's tides.

I will lift my voice to worship You, my King.  
I will find my strength in the shadow of Your wings.

## THE BELLS CALL GOD'S PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OPENING PRAYER

***Baptism of Margaret Louise Neilssen***

*Parents: Erik and Jackie Neilssen*

*God-Parents: Ronan & Lisa Curran*

*As with the Baptisms of all – both young and old – who are brought into the faith by God's grace, we are given the blessed opportunity to recall our own Baptism into Christ's kingdom. The congregation therefore is invited to join this morning's service by turning to **pages 268-271** in the hymnal (maroon book with the gold cross), as we unite our responses with Maggie's in the blessed hope of life for all who confess His name.*

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

**CHILDREN’S SERMON AND BLESSING**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Isaiah 5:1-7 (The vineyard of the Lord.)

<sup>1</sup> Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

<sup>2</sup> He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

<sup>3</sup> And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.

<sup>4</sup> What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it?  
When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

<sup>5</sup> And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

<sup>6</sup> I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and briers and thorns shall grow up; will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.

<sup>7</sup> For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,  
and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting;  
and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed;  
for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE** "Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet"

LSB 973



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.

2 I will not forget Your love for me, and yet  
My heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;  
And I will love You to the end.



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.

**READING OF THE GOSPEL** John 15:1-8 ("I Am the Vine.")

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel, according to St. John the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup> "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON HYMN** "O Word of God Incarnate"

LSB 523

**Notes:**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us pray for God's people around the world and all who call out to Him in their various needs.

*The congregation responds to each petition:*

Pastor: These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Congregation: 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**    *“As For Me” (Words & Music by Pat Barrett | Chris Tomlin | Jason Ingram 2021 Capitol CMG Genesis Capitol CMG Paragon Housefires Sounds S. D. G. Publishing Vamos Publishing Jingram Tunes So Essential Tunes)*

Your love, oh Lord, is strength to my soul  
Hope for tomorrow, it won't let go  
Your presence is the joy of my life, to You I lift my eyes

*Chorus:            As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord  
                         We will sing of Your love forevermore  
                         As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord, serve the Lord*

Your word alone, a lamp to my feet  
A light to my path as You're leading me  
Your ways, oh Lord, are higher than mine, to You I lift my eyes (*Chorus*)

*Bridge:            Open up every door  
                         Write it on every wall  
                         Sing it in every room (Repeat)*

*Chorus*

## **INSTALLATION OF TEACHERS OF TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

### **PRAYER AND BLESSING FOR ALL TEACHERS AND STAFF**

#### **CLOSING PRAYER**

Pastor:            Almighty God, merciful Father, who created and completed all things, on this day when the work of our calling begins anew, we ask You to create its beginning, direct its continuance, and bless its end, that all our doings may be preserved from sin, our life sanctified, and our work this day be well pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Congregation:    Amen.**

## 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 “Abide With Me”

*LSB 878, v.1, 4-6*

1. Abide with me, fast fall the eventide. The darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, O abide with me.
4. Swift to its close ebbs out life’s little day;  
Earth’s joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see;  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.
5. I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death’s sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!
6. Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heav’n’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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The flowers this morning are given  
By the Weidlers in celebration of Marice’s birthday  
And Marcia Scadova in honor of Doris Stanley’s birthday





### **Trinity Calendar for Aug 27-Sep 3, 2023**

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study: <i>"A Longer Look at the Lessons."</i>
	10:30 am	Worship Service
<b>Monday</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	5-6:30 pm	Men's Wings Bible Study and meal
<b>Wednesday</b>		<i>(TCS--First day of School)</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 am	Bible Study: <i>(Restarting soon)</i>
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 am	Men of Christ Bible Study: <i>"The Gods Have Returned"</i>
<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 8-20: 92**

**Families of the week:** *The Geer, Goodwin and Gray families*

### **Birthdays:**

- 27 Aug—Maurice Weidler
- 28 Aug—Doris Stanley
- 30 Aug—Darren Fuller
- 31 Aug—Christine Klauck
- 31 Aug—Woody Woodward

### **Anniversaries:**

- 28 Aug—Zachary and Emily Allen
- 28 Aug—Jeremy and Pilar Mitchell



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

For those interested in serving please contact Miriam Harkey at [meharkey79@gmail.com](mailto:meharkey79@gmail.com), or call or text her at 508-813-8212,. An upcoming training/review is scheduled for October for those who may be prayerfully contemplating one of these opportunities to serve but may not be ready to sign up. 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.



Monday-Thursday 12-4pm  
603-358-6460 call to make an appointment.  
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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 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](mailto:helensillanpaa82@gmail.com) or 603 355 7939

# **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 10<sup>TH</sup>** – 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.

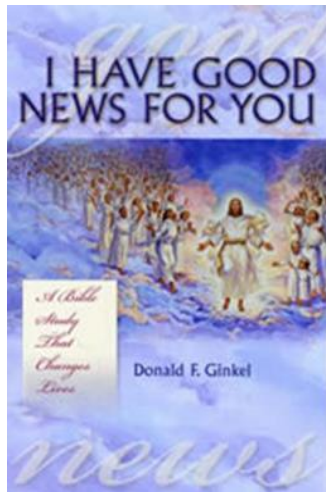
**LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.**

**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!**

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**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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