



Lutheran Church & Christian School



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 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

In the quiet refuge of this sanctuary, it may be easy to forget that we live in a world that has been marred by sin, cursed by death, and filled with wickedness. And yet, we know that all that can harm the people of God has been overcome by love, as God the Father has sent His only Son to love this world back to Him. It is only out of that gracious certainty – of being saved by Love – that we, too, are enabled to love and to live, overcoming evil with good. Let us rejoice this day in this love of God in Christ that has come to us, so setting us on the path to love and to life.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP “Jesus, Messiah” (*Words & Music by Daniel Carlson, Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash & Jesse Reeves © 2008 Vamos Publishing | worshiptogether.com songs | sixsteps Music | Alletrop Music*)

1. Solo

*Chorus: Jesus, Messiah, Name above all names; blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven; Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.*

2. His body the bread, His blood the wine, broken and poured out all for love;
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn – love so amazing, love so amazing.

Chorus

*Bridge: All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You.
All the glory to You, God, the Light of the world. (Chorus)*

Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all. The Lord of all, the Lord of all.

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 26:2, 8*

Pastor: O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house
Congregation: **and the place where Your glory dwells.**
Pastor: Prove me, O LORD, and try me;
Congregation: **test my heart and my mind.**

Time of silence for personal meditation and reflection.

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: Thus says the Lord, "If you return, I will restore you." Therefore, upon this your confession, I as a fellow-redeemed in Jesus, and as His called servant in this place, rejoice to forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, ☩ Son and Holy Spirit.
Congregation: **Amen.**

ENTRANCE PSALM

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.**

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: God of grace, author and giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us true faith, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 *Jeremiah 15:15-21 (Jeremiah’s complaint.)*

¹⁵ O LORD, You know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In Your forbearance take me not away; know that for Your sake I bear reproach.

¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by Your name, O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because Your hand was upon me, for You had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will You be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail?

¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD: “If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as My mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. ²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. ²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING *Romans 12:9-21 (Marks of the True Christian.)*

Out of God's great grace to us in Christ Jesus, we are called this morning to make a solemn covenant with Him, and with each other. This morning's Epistle reading is read responsively, with congregational responses in bold print.

⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil;
hold fast to what is good.

¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection.
Outdo one another in showing honor.

¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal,
be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.

¹² Rejoice in hope,
be patient in tribulation,
be constant in prayer.

¹³ **Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.**

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you;
bless and do not curse them.

¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice,
weep with those who weep.

¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another.
Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly.

Never be wise in your own sight.

¹⁷ **Repay no one evil for evil,**
but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.

¹⁸ **If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.**

¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written,
"Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."

²⁰ **To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head."**

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil,
but overcome evil with good.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE

LSB, p. 205

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

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

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

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

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 16:24-28 (Take up your cross and follow Me.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th chapter.

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

²⁴ Jesus told His disciples, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. ²⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come with His angels in the glory of His Father, and then He will repay each person according to what He has done. ²⁸ Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."

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

“The Labor of Love”

Notes:

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

For all disciples of Jesus Christ, both here at Trinity and throughout the world, that we not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Bless us, Jesus, as we follow You.

Pastor: For the fulfillment of the Great Commission, that wherever the good news of salvation in Christ is proclaimed, hearts turn to the Lord and live, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Bless us, Jesus, as we tell of You.

Pastor: For all servant leaders in the church and in the world, that their work for our blessing show forth the goodness of Christ to the world He died to save, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Bless us, Jesus, as we serve You.

Pastor: For the blessing of all who hunger and thirst, for all who are weary and heavy-laden, and for all who are without house or income, that they seek the restoration the Lord's good hand provides, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Bless us, Jesus, as we are cared for by You.

Pastor: For all who willingly put themselves in the path of evil for the sake of other people's good, including military members, law enforcement officers, and emergency workers, that they be protected by the Lord's mighty hand, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Bless us, Jesus, as we are protected by You.

Pastor: For all who ail in heart, mind, and body, [*especially . . .*], that they be touched by the healing hand of our Savior and filled with the presence of His comforting Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Bless us, Jesus, as we are healed by You.

Additional petitions and praises are offered.

Pastor: For these and all other concerns we have, that coming before the throne of grace we find mercy to help us in our time of need, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Bless us, Jesus, as we trust You to hear and answer our prayers. 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 "Seek Ye First"

LSB 712

PREFACE TO COMMUNION

A Labor Day Litany

Pastor: The table is set.

Congregation: The people have come.

Pastor: The blessing of God is poured out among us.

Congregation: Hands are raised in joyous praise.

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord!

Congregation: Give thanks for all that our God has done!

Pastor: Return to the Lord what is the Lord's.

Congregation: Return in grateful praise the bounty of table and hearth.

Pastor: Return to the Lord what the Lord has given.

Congregation: Return to the Lord the actions of hands and feet and voice, of minds and hearts and souls.

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord!

Congregation: Give thanks for all that our God has done!

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 HYMNS “Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”
“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

LSB 637
LSB 425

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Merciful God, within the limits of our human frailty You have revealed Yourself to Your people, but now in Your Son's gifts to us, You have made full disclosure of Your saving will and purpose. Open our hearts to believe Him, our minds to know Him, our lips to confess Him and our hands to serve Him and others all our days, in the name of He who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

PEACE OF THE LORD

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.**

HYMN "With the Lord Begin Your Task"

LSB 869, St. 1, 4-5

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The flowers this morning are given
By Harriet Beckwith
In memory of her husband Ralph



The next Mission Project Work Day will be
September 9 at 9:00 am.

The Men's Bible Class will be cooking breakfast for us. We meet in the Fellowship Hall.
Let Eileen know by Sept 5 if you plan to attend.

For more information contact Eileen Nelson at 603-313-3989 (texts are fine) or at
eenelson53@gmail.com. Next Mite collection on Sunday, September 10.



Pregnancy Resource Center
of the Monadnock Region

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.

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.

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

Save the Dates:

“Getting to Know Trinity”

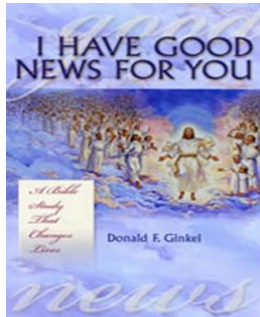
If you are currently attending, and are not yet a member of Trinity, we'd love to introduce you to who we are. On **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH** – following our worship service, you are cordially invited to attend an “orientation” (Noon to 1:30p.m.) into the life of our congregation, its mission and ministries. 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!

Fall is in the air, and it is time to beautify our church and school campus. If you are purchasing mums for yourself and would like to buy one or two extras to donate, we would greatly appreciate it. Please leave plants in the church narthex, and we'll take care of planting them in the beds around the property. Thank you in advance for your kindness!
TLC/TCS Grounds Maintenance



Trinity Calendar for Sep 3-Sep 10, 2023

Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study: <i>"A Longer Look at the Lessons."</i>
	10:30 am	Worship Service w/Holy Communion (Brief meeting of the "In" Ministry Team after service)
Monday		LABOR DAY (TLC/TCS OFFICES CLOSED)
Tuesday	5-6:30 pm	Men's Wings Bible Study and meal
Wednesday		
Thursday	10:00 am	Bible Study: <i>"Race to Glory" (Book of Hebrews)</i>
	6:00 pm	<i>School Board Meeting</i>
Friday		
Saturday	8:00 am	Men of Christ Bible Study: <i>"The Gods Have Returned"</i>
	9-11:00 am	LWML Mission Projects Work Day
Sunday	9:00 am	Rally Sunday Reception
	10:30 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion
	After Service	Orientation and luncheon

ATTENDANCE 8-27: 119

Families of the week: *The Grohoski/Taylor, Gundersen and Gunnerson families*

Birthdays:

- 5 Sep—Shirley Dunn
- 7 Sep—Quinn Aiken
- 9 Sep—Ashton Goodwin
- 10 Sep—Sharon Ricks

Anniversaries:

- 10 Sep—Rob and Sarah Allen
- 10 Sep—Tim and Kim Wolfe



School is back in session!

Consider picking up a sign to place in your yard. This is great advertising for our school. See Mitch in the Church office, or Emily in the School office.

Thank you for caring & sharing!!!

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