



Lutheran Church & Christian School



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 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

God's life-giving Word cleaves the darkness of humanity's sin and death, accomplishing the rescue mission on which our Lord speaks it forth. Turned in upon ourselves, the ground of our hearts at different times in our lives is hard-packed, rock-infested, and thorn-choked. Then the fructifying Word is sown, creating fertile, receptive soil in which the vivifying Word of His Gospel finds purchase, takes root, and bears much fruit. Indeed, great are the promises of the power of God's Word. *"It shall not return to Me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose"* (Isaiah 55:11). Rejoice to welcome the change God's Word will accomplish in you today! Welcome to worship.

PRELUDE

PRESERVICE SONG "Awake My Soul" (Words & Music by Chris Tomlin, Daniel Carson, Jesse Reeves & Jason Ingram © 2012 A Thousand Generations Publishing | sixsteps Music | Sixsteps Songs | worshiptogether.com songs | Worship Together Music | Sony ATV/Timber Publishing | Open Hands Music)

Verse 1: Solo

*Chorus: Awake, awake, awake my soul; God resurrect these bones;
 From death to life, for You alone, awake my soul.*

Verse 2: Speak to me, Word of God, speak to me.
 Speak to me, Word, of God, speak to me.
 I come alive, I'm alive when You speak to me.
 I come alive, I'm alive when You speak to me.

Chorus & repeat

THE BELLS CALL GOD'S PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

“The Soil Is Prepared”

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 us all.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: This is the day which the Lord has made;

Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

Congregation: The name of the Lord is to be praised.

Pastor: Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

Congregation: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

Pastor: Make us to know Your ways, O Lord. Teach me Your paths.

Congregation: Sanctify us in Your truth. Your Word is truth.

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

Congregation: The name of the Lord is to be praised.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN “Thy Strong Word”

LSB 578:1-3

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: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

“The Seed Is Planted”

CHILDREN’S SERMON AND BLESSING

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 55:10-13 (The Word of the Lord grows.)*

¹⁰ “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹ so shall My word be that goes out from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
¹² “For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING 2 Timothy 3:10-17 (All Scripture is God-breathed.)

¹⁰ You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, ¹¹ my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. ¹² Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, ¹³ while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

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.

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23* (The parable of the sower.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

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

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² And great crowds gathered about Him, so that He got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And He told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as He sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶ but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ He who has ears, let him hear." ...

¹⁸ "Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the Word of the Kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the Word, and it proves unfruitful.

²³ As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the Word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN “Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens”

LSB 589: 1-3

SERMON “*God’s Word at Work*”

Notes:

SERMON RESPONSE “Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens”

LSB 589:4

PRAYER AND PETITIONS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor: Let us pray for all God's people in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty and everlasting God, You provide for all our needs of body and spirit, and You have blessed us with more than we ask or think; for this we give You thanks. That such gratitude may fill our lives and produce works of service to God and to our neighbors, let us pray to the Lord. **LORD, HAVE MERCY.**

Pastor: For the Church throughout the world, that the Father of our Lord Jesus would continue to reveal His saving will through the faithful preaching of His Word, increase the faith and hope of all people, and give rest to all who weary from labor, let us pray to the Lord. **LORD, HAVE MERCY.**

Pastor: For our nation, that all may thank God for the blessings of this land, repent of our misuse of these blessings, and work together to protect the liberty and freedom of all, let us pray to the Lord. **LORD, HAVE MERCY.**

Pastor: For the sick and injured, that God would be present with them in their time of need and in accordance with His will grant healing, let us pray to the Lord. **LORD, HAVE MERCY.**

Additional petitions and praises are offered.

Pastor: For those who rejoice over special blessings from God, that they may be good stewards of these blessings as long as God provides them, let us pray to the Lord. **LORD, HAVE MERCY.**

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 “Ancient Words” (*Words & Music by Lynn DeShazo © 2001 Integrity's Hosanna! Music*)

1. Solo
2. Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope
In this world where'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

*Chorus: Ancient words forever true, changing me, changing you,
 We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.*

3. Holy words of our faith, handed down to this age,
Came to us through came to us through sacrifice,
O heed the faithful words of Christ.
4. Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart, O let the ancient words impart.

Chorus & Repeat

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND BIBLE STUDY LEADERS

<i>“The Harvest Is Enjoyed”</i>

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”

LSB 550

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!

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION “Come, Let Us Eat”

LSB 626

“Almighty Father, Bless the Word”

LSB 923

“God’s Word into the World”

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.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

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 T give you peace.

Numbers 6:24–26

Congregation: Amen.

HYMN “Thy Strong Word”

LSB 578:5-6

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The flowers this morning are given
To the Glory of God
By Norma Abel



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

If interested in serving in one or more of these ways, please see Miriam Harkey or email her at meharkey79@gmail.com, or call or text her at 508-813-8212. There is always training available for anyone who may be prayerfully contemplating one of these opportunities to serve. Time to be determined to be determined as needed.

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.

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



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.

PRC would like to thank Trinity Lutheran Church for your baby bottle donations. You contributed a total of \$256.98. May the Lord bless every baby and every mother you saved by your giving!

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



*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!*

Women's Bible Study
"Service: Ministry with Heart and Hands"
Trinity Lutheran Church
2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month
Beginning September 12th
5:00 pm Bring Your Own Dinner and eat together
5:30-6:30 pm Bible Study





Choir is starting again in September.

Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass are needed. Soloists are needed, too. Choir practices will be on Wednesdays with a flexible schedule. We will sing at least once a month and for holidays. Please come join us beginning September 20 at 6pm! Contact Rita Corey at 603-313-7220.



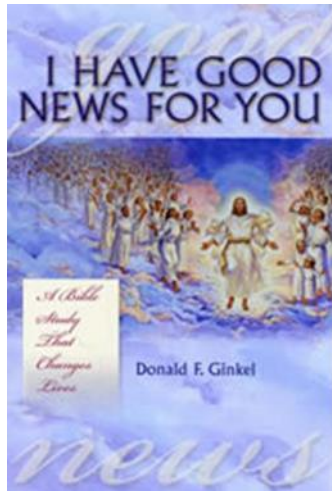
School is back in session!

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!!!

COMING

“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 13

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

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).



Trinity Calendar for Sep 10-Sep 17, 2023

Sunday	9:00 am	Rally Sunday Reception
	10:30 am	Worship Service w/Holy Communion
	After Service	Orientation and Luncheon
Monday	6:30 pm	<i>Executive Team Meeting</i>
Tuesday	5-6:30 pm	Men's Wings Bible Study and meal
	5-6:30 pm	Women's Bible Study: "Service: Ministry with Heart and Hands"
	6:30 pm	<i>Elders Meeting</i>
Wednesday	6:30 pm	"Christianity 101"
Thursday	10:00 am	Bible Study: "Race to Glory" (<i>Book of Hebrews</i>)
Friday		
Saturday	8:00 am	Men of Christ Bible Study: " <i>The Gods Have Returned</i> "
Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study: "Dispatch to a Church in Exile" and Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion

ATTENDANCE 9-3: 84

Families of the week: *The Hackerott, Harkey and Hayssen families*

Birthdays:

- 10 Sep—Kate Silegy
- 11 Sep—Ceelie Goodwin
- 15 Sep—Harriet Beckwith
- 15 Sep—Bob Dabrowski
- 17 Sep—Janet Foss

Anniversaries:

- 10 Sep—Tim and Kim Wolfe
- 12 Sep—Tom and Susan Abert

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