



Lutheran Church & Christian School



*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**September 17, 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

*Each reading today focuses on some aspect of living together as the Body of Christ. Joseph forgave his brothers, even though they had sold him into slavery. Paul urges us not to quarrel over opinions about earthly matters, but to honor the Lord in all we do. In so doing, we will honor each other as well. Then, to drive the point home, Jesus instructs His disciples that forgiveness is plentiful, even in the face of overwhelming odds. Where, living such a life is never easy. There are sure to be tears. There must be confession. But we possess a power that transcends anything in this world. In Jesus, God removes our sins as far as the east is from the west, as the song says, “from one scarred hand to the other.” Embraced by such holy hands, we embrace each other – forgiven and forgiving – in the Savior’s name.*

## PRELUDE

**CALL TO WORSHIP** “Jesus Friend of Sinners” (Words & Music by Mark Hall & Matthew West © 2011 My Refuge Music | Sony/ATV Tree Publishing | External Combustion Music)

### 1. Solo

*Chorus: Jesus, Friend of sinners,*

*Open our eyes to the world at the end of our pointing fingers.*

*Let our hearts be led by mercy.*

*Help us reach with open hearts and open doors.*

*Oh, Jesus, Friend of sinners, break our hearts for what breaks yours.*

2. Jesus, Friend of sinners, the One whose writing in the sand,  
Made the righteous turn away and the stones fall from their hands.  
Help us to remember we are all the least of these.  
Let the mem’ry of Your mercy bring Your people to their knees.  
Nobody knows what we’re for only what we’re against when we judge the  
wounded.  
What if we put down our signs, crossed over the lines and loved like You did?

*Chorus*

*Bridge 1: Solo*

*Bridge 2: You are good. You are good, and Your love endures forever. (Repeat)*

*Chorus*

## 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 32:1, 5; Matthew 18:3–4, adapt.*

Pastor: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

**Congregation: whose sin is covered.**

Pastor: I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,”

**Congregation: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Time of silence for personal meditation and reflection.*

### CONFESSION OF SINS

Pastor: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

**Congregation: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.**

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Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord – Father, Son ✠ and Holy Spirit – grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Rejoicing in the fellowship of the saints through the gift of forgiveness, let us manifest our unity by extending the hand of peace. The peace of the Lord be with you.

**Congregation:** **And also with you.**

*Sharing of peace with one another.*

**ENTRANCE PSALM** *Psalm 103:1–5*

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**Congregation:** **and all that is within me, bless His holy name!**

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**Congregation:** **and forget not all His benefits,**

Pastor: who forgives all your iniquity,

**Congregation:** **who heals all your diseases,**

Pastor: who redeems your life from the pit,

**Congregation:** **who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

Pastor: who satisfies you with good

**Congregation:** **so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

**HYMN** "Today Your Mercy Calls Us"

*LSB 915, Sts. 1-2, 4*

*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: Gracious Lord, for the sake of Your holy name, forgive us, whom You have redeemed through the precious blood of Your dear Son. Deal graciously with us, Your servants, not according to our weakness and guilt but according to Your love and goodness. Grant to us forgiveness, peace, and the gift of a clear conscience; 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    *Genesis 50:15-21*    *(God's good purposes.)*

<sup>15</sup> When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." <sup>16</sup> So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: <sup>17</sup> 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup> His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup> So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Lector:                      This is the word of the Lord.

**Congregation:**        **Thanks be to God.**

### EPISTLE READING    *Romans 14:1-12*    *(Passing judgment on one another.)*

<sup>1</sup> As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions.

<sup>2</sup> One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup> Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him.

<sup>4</sup> Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

<sup>5</sup> One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup> The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup> For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. <sup>8</sup> For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup> For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

<sup>10</sup> Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; <sup>11</sup> for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

<sup>12</sup> So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

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 18:21 -35 (Forgiveness received and given.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came up and said to Him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.





**SERMON**      *“Forgiveness at the Cross”*

**Notes:**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE**    *“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”*

*LSB 843*

**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.

Lord, You have given us the gifts of families and friends. Look with favor upon our relationships. Bring reconciliation where there is division. Bring love where there is anger. Bring hope where there is despair. Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Pastor:                      Lord, You have made us the light of the world. Help us bring Your light and love to our workplaces. Direct us to treat our employers, employees, and co-workers with fairness and grace, forgiving wrongs as we have been forgiven in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Pastor:                      Lord, Your forgiveness is welcome medicine to all who are weighed down by guilt. Bring Your resurrection hope to all those who hide their sins in shame. Remind them of the baptismal waters, which give them a new identity: child of God. Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Pastor:                      Heavenly Father, look with favor on all nations, especially those suffering from war, conflict, disease, and famine. Be their peace and healer. Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

*Other petitions and praises are offered.*

Pastor:                      Finally, bless Your Church here and scattered throughout the world. Keep us mindful of Your forgiveness shown to us, the family of Christ. Hear our prayer, for Jesus’ sake. **AMEN.**

## OFFERTORY

LSB, p. 192-193



**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## PREFACE TO COMMUNION

Pastor: The Table is set.

**Congregation: The people have come.**

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

**Congregation: Hearts, hands and voices are raised in joyful praise.**

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

**Congregation: Give thanks to the Lord for all that He has done!**

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy, we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and remembrance of Jesus, we are bold 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

*LSB, p. 210*

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true us, Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## 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.

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, 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** “Where Charity and Love Prevail”

*LSB 845*

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- ✓ 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.



Thank you to all who participated in donating to the LWML "Mites" collection. \$65.93 was sent to the NE District on behalf of TLC.

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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](mailto: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!*

## **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.**

With apologies: The amount stated earlier for the Baby Bottle Blessings from Trinity Lutheran Church was incorrect. The actual total contributed was \$763.42. Thanks for your generous giving.

The PRC will be holding their annual major fundraiser here at Trinity Lutheran Church on Thursday, October 5, at 5:30 pm. Please RSVP by Sep. 22 to attend. The theme this year is "LIFE TO THE FULL!" Informational flyers are located on the big table in the church Narthex. If there are any church members interested in helping to set up tables before the event on Thursday or help with the clean up after, please let me know. You may contact me, Helen Poisson, Liaison for Trinity Lutheran Church at [helensillanpaa82@gmail.com](mailto:helensillanpaa82@gmail.com), or call 603-355- 7939. We look forward to this time of celebration and fellowship and can't wait to tell you about all the wonderful things going on at the PRC!

Women's Bible Study  
"Service: Ministry with Heart and Hands"

Trinity Lutheran Church  
2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month

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



### **Trinity Calendar for Sep 17-Sep 24, 2023**

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study: “Dispatch to a Church in Exile ( <i>A Study of Peter’s First Letter</i> ) and Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service w/Holy Communion
<b>Monday</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	5-6:30 pm	Men’s Wings Bible Study and meal: “David: developing a Heart for God”
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 pm	“Christianity 101”
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 am	Bible Study: “Race to Glory” ( <i>Book of Hebrews</i> )
<b>Friday</b>	6-8:30 pm	Bible Study: “Spiritual Disciplines of the First Century Christians” ( <i>See flyer in Narthex for location and details</i> )
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 am	Men of Christ Bible Study: “The Chosen: Bible roundtable”
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study: “Dispatch to a Church in Exile ( <i>A Study of Peter’s First Letter</i> ) and Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion

### **ATTENDANCE 9-10: 108**

**Families of the week:** *The Hartman, Henderson and Herreid families*

### **Birthdays:**

- 17 Sep—Janet Foss
- 18 Sep—Joan Hayssen
- 20 Sep—Bob Whitney Sr.
- 24 Sep—Kathy Dresser

### **Anniversaries:**

- 23 Sep—Mark and Nicole Belval



The flowers this morning are given  
To the Glory of God

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