



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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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

The Bible often uses the analogy comparing two ways or two paths that people can take in their spiritual journey. For example, in the Garden of Eden, God presents Adam and Eve with two ways: two trees, one whose fruit is life, and the other death. Jesus also presents two ways, two paths, two gates, all the while pointing to Himself as the true Way, Truth and Life (John 14:6). Which way are we on? Our way or God's way? Isaiah offers a Word for the journey: "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:9) This morning we rejoice to receive the Lord's admonition and grace, as He once again points us to the one true way – life in Jesus our Lord. Welcome to worship!

PRELUDE

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.

Pastor: Seek the Lord while He may be found;

Congregation: call upon Him while He is near. Isaiah 55:6

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us come together,

acknowledging our sinfulness and awaiting God's Word of

forgiveness.

Time of silence for personal meditation and reflection.

CONFESSION OF SINS

Pastor: When we would hear Your Word, O Lord, know of Your will for

us, and yet not obey.

Congregation: Good Lord, forgive us.

Pastor: When we acknowledge fellow human beings as created in Your

image, yet turn away from their cries for help.

Congregation: Good Lord, forgive us.

Pastor: When we behold You, Lord, upon a cross, yet cannot believe You

would die for us.

Congregation: Good Lord, forgive us.

Pastor: When we come expecting You to forgive us, yet refuse to forgive

those who have wronged us.

Congregation: Good Lord, forgive us.

Pastor: Almighty God, our lives are at times a chorus of contradictions.

Congregation: We yearn to honor You and live Your life, and yet our sinful

selves often fight against You. Hear the secret thoughts of our hearts, and transform us by Your forgiving mercy, to live lives worthy of Your mercy and grace; for Jesus' sake and in His

name. Amen.

GOD'S WORD OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Hear the promise of God: "My thoughts are not like yours, and

My ways are different from yours. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are My ways and thoughts above

yours."

Therefore, as a fellow-redeemed of the Lord, and as His called servant in this place, I rejoice to announce the extravagant love of God to you; and in the place and by the command of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins, in the name

of the Father, and of the

■ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

ENTRANCE PSALM

Pastor: Surely God is my help;

Congregation: The Lord is the one who sustains me.

Pastor: Therefore, I will sacrifice a freewill offering to You;

Congregation: I will praise the name of my God forever!

HYMN "When Peace Like a River"

LSB 763

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, You have clearly set forth the way of peace

through the gift of Your one and only Son. Firmly fix our feet in faith, sustaining us for the journey of life forever in Your name. Grant wisdom and grace for the day, so that we might behold in You our salvation and our all; 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 *Isaiah 55:6-9* (The compassion of the Lord.)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

⁶ "Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon him while he is near;

⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

⁸ For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, declares the LORD.

⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.

EPISTLE READING Philippians 1:21-30 (To live is Christ, and to die is gain.)

²¹ For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴ But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. ²⁷ Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in Him but also suffer for His sake, ³⁰ engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR "There is Balm In Gilead" an African American Spiritual

Soloist: Pauline Brusco



GOSPEL READING Matthew 20:1-16 (The parable of laborers in the vineyard.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 20th chapter.

Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ "For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' 5 So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' 8 And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' 9 And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' 13 But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' 16 So the last will be first, and the first last."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Please see PowerPoint slides or the back cover of the hymnal.

SERMON HYMN "God Moves in a Mysterious Way"

LSB 765

SERMON "Whose Way? God's Way!"

Pastor Tim Knapp

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.

Dear heavenly Father, You are the Lord of the harvest.

Therefore, raise up workers who are willing to spread the Gospel

of life and salvation to the ends of the earth. Grant them

confidence and zeal to do Your work. Send Your Holy Spirit into the hearts of those who will hear the Word of Christ, that they may believe in You. Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Pastor: Lord, You are our rock and our refuge. Grant Your peace to all

those who live in fear, especially those who are homeless, unemployed, or underemployed. Grant them patience in the midst of suffering and meaningful vocations in Your perfect

timing. Lord, in Your mercy, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Pastor: Lord, we know that Your ways are not our ways, but sometimes

we fail to understand Your will. Strengthen the hearts of those who are coping with disappointment. Be with those who are nearing the end of life, sending them comfort and strength, and pointing them to the hope of Christ's return and the resurrection

of the dead. Lord, in Your mercy, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Pastor:

Lord, we ask Your blessing and healing upon all who are sick or recovering, [especially . . .]. Cheer and stay their hearts on You, bestowing Your healing on them according to Your perfect will.

Lord, in Your mercy, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Other petitions and praises are offered.

Pastor: Finally, Lord, guide Your Church to live in a manner worthy of

the Gospel of Christ, standing firm in unity and truth as a witness

to the world of Your light and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

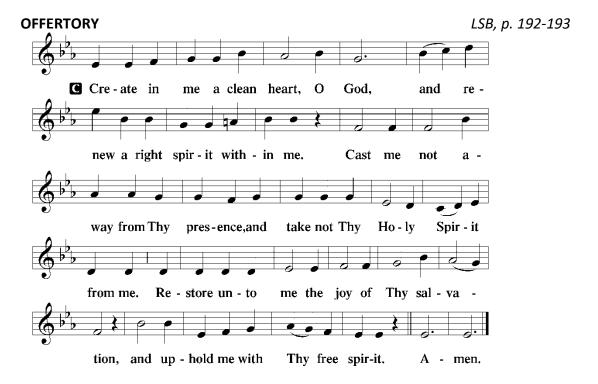
HEAR OUR PRAYER.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

We share that peace with our brothers and sisters in Christ.



PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. Colossians 3:1

Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Psalm 136

Congregation: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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 "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.

COMMUNION HYMN ""How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

LSB 524

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 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.

"Lord of All Hopefulness" HYMN LSB 738



Trinity Calendar for Sep 24-Oct 1, 2023

Sunday	9:00 am 10:30 am	Adult Bible Study: "Dispatch to a Church in Exile (A Study of Peter's First Letter) and Sunday School Worship Service w/Holy Communion
Monday	10.50 aiii	worship service wynory communion
Tuesday	5-6:30 pm	Men's Wings Bible Study and meal: "David: Developing a Heart for God"
	5-6:30 pm	Women's Bible Study: "Service: Ministry with Heart and Hands" (See detailed announcement this bulletin)
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Choir rehearsal
	6:30 pm	"Christianity 101" Study w/Pastor Harkey
Thursday	10:00 am	Bible Study: "Race to Glory" (Book of Hebrews)
Friday	6-8:30 pm	
Saturday	8:00 am	Men of Christ Bible Study: "The Chosen: Bible roundtable"
Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study: "Dispatch to a Church in Exile (A Study of Peter's First Letter) and Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion



The flowers this morning are given To the Glory of God

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ATTENDANCE 9-17: 95

Families of the week: The Higgins, Hoffman and Howe families

Birthdays:

- 24 Sep—Kathy Dresser
- 25 Sep—Sarah Allen
- 25 Sep Gregg Burdett
- 26 Sep—Jacob Harkey
- 28 Sep—Jim Schumann
- 29 Sep—Kyle Huston
- 29 Sep—Marty Stoeckman
- 1 Oct—Lenny Kosakowski

Anniversaries:

- 26 Sep—Lenny and Jen Kosakowski
- 29 Sep Jeremy and Danielle Brown



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.

For more information contact Eileen Nelson at eenelson53@gmail.com 603-313-3989 (texts are fine)

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





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.

The PRC will be holding their annual major fundraiser here at Trinity Lutheran Church on Thursday, October 5, at 5:30 pm. The theme this year is "LIFE TO THE FULL!" Informational flyers are located on the big table in the church Narthex. To attend, please RSVP by Sep. 22. If there are any church members interested in helping to set up tables before the event 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, 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!

Many thanks to all those who provided Chrysanthemums or funds to purchase them for the beautification of the Church and school campus Your generosity is very much appreciated!





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!!!



Trinity Christian School will be holding their annual yard sale in the gymnasium on Saturday, October 14. Items to donate may be dropped off at the school from 9-4 Tuesday, Oct. 10 through Friday, Oct. 13.

Items should be clean and in good repair.

Volunteers needed! If you would like to participate in the yard sale as a volunteer, either to help with transporting items before or after the sale (truck helpful), or to help with set-up, clean-up or during the sale, please contact the TCS office and let them know. Your service would be greatly appreciated!

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