



Lutheran Church & Christian School



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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 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

Paul may be holed up in a Roman jail, chained for the sake of the Gospel, but the beloved apostle will not be silenced. Sure to face a certain end, he is still committed to living a life – up, in and out. Where, in the centuries since Paul gave his prison witness, countless Christian men and women have been encouraged and blessed by his letter to the Philippians, often called the “Epistle of Joy.” By his Spirit-inspired and Spirit-filled letter, the Church has been encouraged in their life of witness and faith. So may we, “called, gathered and enlightened” by the same Spirit. The Gospel witness goes on, and so our lives lived – up, in and out – in Jesus’ name!

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.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 27:1, 4*

Pastor: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
Congregation: **The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Pastor: One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:
Congregation: **that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

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, in the faces of others who need You, but turn away in haste and indifference.

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 up, in and out in You, 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: As you believe, so let it be. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a fellow redeemed in Jesus, and as His called and ordained servant in this place, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: May He who began this good work in you

Congregation: bring it to completion at the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 "With the Lord Begin Your Task"

LSB 869:1-2, 4

For this, and 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 promised amazing grace and mercy to those who cling to You in faith. Trusting in Your unconditional generosity, help us live our lives up, in and out; through Jesus Christ 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 *Deuteronomy 6:1-2, 4-13 (The greatest commandment.)*

¹ “Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rules—that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, ² that you may fear the LORD your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long. ³ Hear therefore, O Israel ... ⁴ The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

¹⁰ “And when the LORD your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—with great and good cities that you did not build, ¹¹ and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant—and when you eat and are full, ¹² then take care lest you forget the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ¹³ It is the LORD your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING *Philippians 1:1-6, 19-27 (To live is Christ, and to die is gain.)*

¹ Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ...

Yes, and I will rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰ as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. 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.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**



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GROWING UP
IN CHRIST

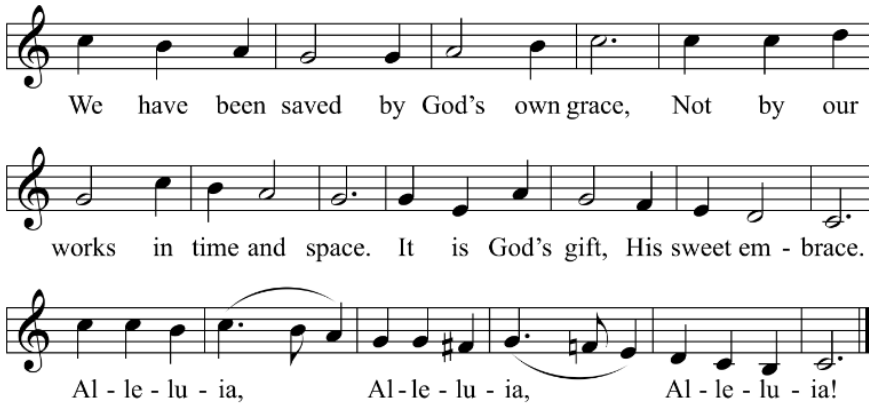
IN
INTENTIONAL
COMMUNITY

OUT
OUT WITH
GOD'S LOVE

We Have Been Saved by God's Own Grace

Ephesians 2:8
Andrew R. Jones

GELOBT SEI GOTT
Melchior Vulpus, c. 1570–1615



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GOSPEL READING *Matthew 13:44-52 (Treasures old and new.)*

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

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

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶ who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸ When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CATECHISM

The Third Article

Pastor: The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed outlines the work of the Holy Spirit and presents the ways in which the Spirit commends the love of God to us and for us and in us in this world and in the one that is to come.

Congregation: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Pastor: What does this mean?

Congregation: **I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.**

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

SERMON HYMN “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

LSB 700:1-3

SERMON “To Live [Up] Is Christ”

Notes:

HYMN OF RESPONSE “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

LSB 700:4

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.

Other petitions and praises are offered.

Pastor: Lord God, You have promised to hear the prayers of those who approach You in faith. Grant our petitions by Your mercy and according to Your will in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

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.

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

PREFACE

Pastor: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2, ESV*

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 who began a good work in you that He may bring it to completion at the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:6, ESV*

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

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have graciously blessed us through the Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who for our sake died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death. Confident of His compassion for us, faithfully and continually learning of Him, we rejoice to be gathered in the name and remembrance of Jesus, even as 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

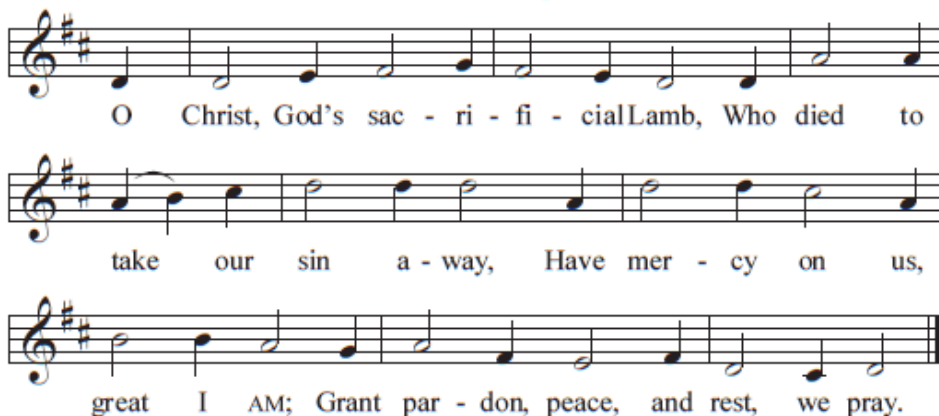
Pastor: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb. *Rev. 19:9a, NIV*

Congregation: **Lord, I am not worthy to receive You, but only say the Word and I shall be healed. *Matthew 8:8, paraphrased***

O Christ, God's Sacrificial Lamb

Andrew R. Jones

PUER NOBIS
Adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621



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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 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"
"Jesus Loves Me"

LSB 702
LSB 588

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

Congregation: for His steadfast love endures forever!

Pastor: O God, You satisfy the longing of our hearts with great mercy and bring us to the fullness of Your grace and favor. Wherever we have been or however long it has taken for us to hear and believe Your Word, teach us to rejoice that we are Yours and to rejoice over those who are still hearing and still believing in Christ through Your Church's proclamation. Sustain us through temptation, and deliver us from trouble that we be sustained in this faith to the day of Christ's return; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, 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.

HYMN "Almighty Father, Bless the Word"

LSB 923

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Trinity Calendar for Oct 1-Oct 8, 2023

Sunday	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
Monday		
Tuesday	5-6:30 pm	Men's Wings Bible Study and meal: "David: Developing a Heart for God"
	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 pm	"Christianity 101" Study w/Pastor Harkey
Thursday	10:00 am	Bible Study: "Race to Glory" (<i>Book of Hebrews</i>)
	5:30 pm	PRC "Life to the Full" Banquet (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	6:00 pm	School Board Meeting (<i>Media Center</i>)
Friday		
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 (<i>A Study of Peter's First Letter</i>) and Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion



The flowers this morning are given
To the Glory of God
By Katy Traquair



*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!*

ATTENDANCE 9-24: 94

Families of the week: *The Huston, Johnson and Kay families*

Birthdays:

- 1 Oct—Lenny Kosakowski
- 1 Oct—Chuck Smith
- 2 Oct—Liz Gunnerson
- 3 Oct—Jill Olmstead
- 6 Oct—Carson Martin
- 7 Oct—Peggy Fullam
- 7 Oct—Jean Henderson
- 8 Oct—Danielle Brown
- 8 Oct—Jack Dresser, Jr.

Anniversaries:

- 2 Oct—Bob and Sandy Wyman
- 4 Oct—John and Diana Dresser



Pregnancy Resource Center
of the Monadnock Region

Monday-Thursday 12-4pm

603-358-6460 call to make an appointment.

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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.

For more information, contact Helen Poisson, Liaison for Trinity Lutheran Church at helensillanpaa82@gmail.com, or call 603-355- 7939.

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





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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