



Lutheran Church & Christian School



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Nineteenth 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

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 *Based on Philippians 2*

Pastor: Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
Congregation: **but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.**

Pastor: And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
Congregation: **Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name.**

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 *Psalm 133*

Pastor: How wonderful it is, how pleasant, when brothers live in harmony!

Congregation: **For harmony is as precious as the fragrant anointing oil that was poured over Aaron's head and ran down onto his beard and onto the border of his robe.**

Pastor: Harmony is as refreshing as the dew on Mount Hermon, on the mountains of Israel.

Congregation: **And God has pronounced this eternal blessing on Jerusalem, even life forevermore. (*The Living Bible*)**

HYMN "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

LSB 904:1, 3-4

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

FIRST READING*Acts 2:42-47 (The fellowship of believers.)*

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING*Philippians 2:1-8, 14-18 (Living in by living up.)*

¹ So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ...

¹⁴ [Therefore] do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵ that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶ holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷ Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸ Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 20:20-27 (Among you as One who serves.)*

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

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

²⁰ Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. ²¹ And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom." ²² Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?" They said to him, "We are able." ²³ He said to them, "You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father." ²⁴ And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers. ²⁵ But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ²⁶ It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, ²⁸ even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CREEDAL HYMN "In God We Believe"

[TUNE: *LSB 802*]

In God we believe: the Creator whose pow'r
In mercy has brought us for worship this hour.
He graciously grants us our years and our days
And blesses with kindness our work and our ways.

In Jesus, the Savior, our hope is secured.
True God and true man once the cross He endured
To grant our lives wholeness, forgiveness of sin.
With hearts freed from guilt, we know true peace within.

God's Spirit at work in our lives we confess;
With power and truth the Church now He does bless.
As saints, God's forgiven, one day we shall then
Be living in glory forever. Amen.

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SERMON *“Living Up by Leaning In”*

Notes:

HYMN OF RESPONSE “Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way”

LSB 857

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord God, heavenly Father, we place into Your care the holy Christian Church and its mission to share the Good News of Jesus Christ to a lost world. Fill the people of this congregation with the zeal to bear witness to the one true faith in our daily speech and actions. Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Pastor: Lord God, Jesus Christ, we place into Your care the pressing needs of people around the world. Nations suffer relentless war, persecution, hunger, disease, and natural calamity. Sustain, comfort, and care for them and come to their aid and, according to Your good and unchanging will, rescue them in their time of need. Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Pastor: Lord God, Holy Spirit, we place into Your care the personal needs of all who are in need of Your grace. Grant peace to those who are distraught. Increase joy for those who are sorrowful. Sustain faith for those who have doubts. Bring friendship to those who are lonely and healing to those who are sick or injured. Lord, in Your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Other petitions and praises are offered.

Pastor: Lord God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, receive our prayers as we approach You in faith. Grant our petitions by Your mercy and according to Your will in Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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 “The Servant Song” (*Words & Music by Richard Gillard © 1986 Scripture In Song*)

1. Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey, we are brothers on the road;
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you, in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out for you, speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh I’ll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow ‘till we’ve seen this journey through.
5. When we sing to God in Heaven, we shall find such harmony;
Born of all we’ve known together of Christ’s love and agony.
6. Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant too.

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 in 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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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*

LAMB OF GOD “O Lamb of God, We Pray” [TUNE: LSB 702]

O Lamb of God, we pray:
Take all our sins away—
Our faith increase.
Have mercy on us all,
Strengthen us when we fall,
Answer our fervent call
And grant us peace.

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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 HYMNS “Where Charity and Love Prevail

LSB 845

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

LSB 649

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

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

Congregation: for His steadfast love endures forever!

Pastor: Almighty and merciful God, we have been blessed with Your forgiveness and grace in the wonder of Your Word and the power of Your Sacrament. Fill each of us with the desire to honor Your name in all that we say and do; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in the love of God, and of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of almighty God—Father, ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit—be among and remain with you always.

Congregation: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Christ Is Our Cornerstone”

LSB 912

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Trinity Calendar for Oct 8-Oct 15, 2023

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 Service w/Holy Communion
Monday		Columbus Day -School and Offices Closed
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”
Wednesday	6:30 pm	“Christianity 101” Study w/Pastor Harkey
Thursday	10:00 am	Bible Study: “Race to Glory” (Book of Hebrews)
Friday		
Saturday	8:00 am	Men of Christ Bible Study: “The Chosen: Bible Roundtable”
	9:00 am	LWML Mission Projects Work Day
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

Note: The TCS annual yard sale scheduled for this upcoming Saturday has been canceled.

	The flowers this morning are given By Ellen Cakouros In Memory of Tom
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ATTENDANCE 10-1: 81

Families of the week: *The Klauck, Knapp and Knight families*

Birthdays:

- 8 Oct—Danielle Brown
- 8 Oct—Jack Dresser, Jr.
- 11 Oct—Lacey Budd
- 11 Oct—Gladys Sommerville

Anniversaries:

- 15 Oct –Jim and Joan Hayssen
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Join us for our
“Missions and Ministry Sunday.”
Music by “The LeClaires”

Special Oktoberfest meal directly
after Worship.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

Worship 10:30 am

Sign-up sheet on the Narthex table



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!

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 Nelensillanpaa82@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



October 8 – Pentecost XIX (Proper 22A) – The psalmist openly rejoices that Almighty God cherishes every human life He creates. "Let your hand be on ... the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself" (Psalm 80:17). The same Lord invites us to delight in receiving one another as gifts and privileges—no matter what size, skills, or circumstances. Why settle for bloodshed when we can have justice? (Isaiah 5:7)

October 8 "These two choices are vastly different: to give birth to a child or to abort it. But one thing is the same: to choose Jesus is to choose life. For Jesus holds every life—even the tiniest—in the nail-scarred palm of His hand." *Rev. Gary Blobaum, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oregon, Illinois – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



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.

“For the Word of God is living and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword...” Heb 4:12



Don't neglect your study of the Word! Trinity currently has lots of Bible study opportunities to enjoy learning and spending time with your brothers and sisters in Christ. Put on the full armor of God.

Find specific Bible study info on Narthex table, church website, and pre-service announcement slides.

“It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every **word** that comes from the mouth **of God.**” Matt. 4:4

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