



Lutheran Church & Christian School



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*Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

**October 15, 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 *Philippians 3:5–7*

Pastor: “As to the law,” Paul writes, “a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless.”  
Congregation: **“But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.”**

*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 our brothers and sisters 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.**

## RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Hebrews 12:1*

Pastor: O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Finisher, Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.

**Congregation: Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising its shame, and is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

*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. **AMEN.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON AND BLESSING**

**FIRST READING** *Isaiah 62:1-7 (Our coming salvation.)*

<sup>1</sup> For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch.

<sup>2</sup> The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

<sup>3</sup> You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

<sup>4</sup> You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.

<sup>5</sup> For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

<sup>6</sup> On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have set watchmen; all the day and all the night they shall never be silent. You who put the LORD in remembrance, take no rest, <sup>7</sup> and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it a praise in the earth.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

**EPISTLE READING**     *Philippians 3:4b-14 (Straining towards the goal.)*

<sup>4</sup> If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more:

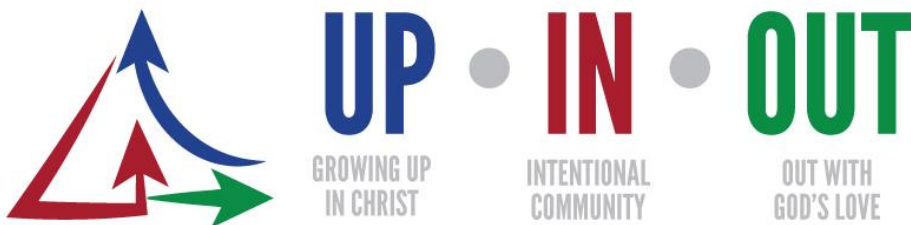
<sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup> But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—<sup>10</sup> that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lector:                      This is the Word of the Lord.

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

**CHORAL ANTHEM**     *“We Will Follow” (Words & Music by Chris Anderson and Greg Habegger)*



**GOSPEL READING**     *Luke 24:44-53 (You shall be my witnesses.)*

Pastor:                     The holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

Pastor:                     This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**THE APOSTLES’ CREED** *(Please see PowerPoint slides or back of the hymnal.)*

**SERMON HYMN** “Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service”

*LSB 848:1-3*

**SERMON**                *“Living Up by Living Out”*

**Notes:**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE** “Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service”

*LSB 848:4*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for ourselves and for the Church, and for all people in their various needs.

Gracious God, You have planted us here, providing talents and abilities, spiritual strengths, and financial resources. By Your Holy Spirit, move us to bring Your Word of grace and mercy beyond our current numbers.

**Congregation: Grant that our friends and neighbors may join us in praising Your holy name.**

Pastor: Sovereign Lord, You desire justice and righteousness across society. Give courage, compassion, and direction to all who lead our community; to all who make, administer, and adjudicate the laws of our nation; and to all who are in positions of power among the nations of the world.

**Congregation: May peace and justice break out around the globe.**

Pastor: O Holy Spirit, open the eyes of those who have not yet received the good news of salvation. Use us at every opportunity to share the faith that knowing our Lord means life now and in eternity.

**Congregation: May they join us to press on together for the prize of the upward call of His resurrection.**

*Other petitions and praises are offered.*

Pastor: These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Congregation: Amen.**

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

**Congregation: And also with you.**

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

**OFFERTORY** “Hope to Carry On” (*Words & Music by Rich Mullins*)



## PREFACE TO COMMUNION

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.*

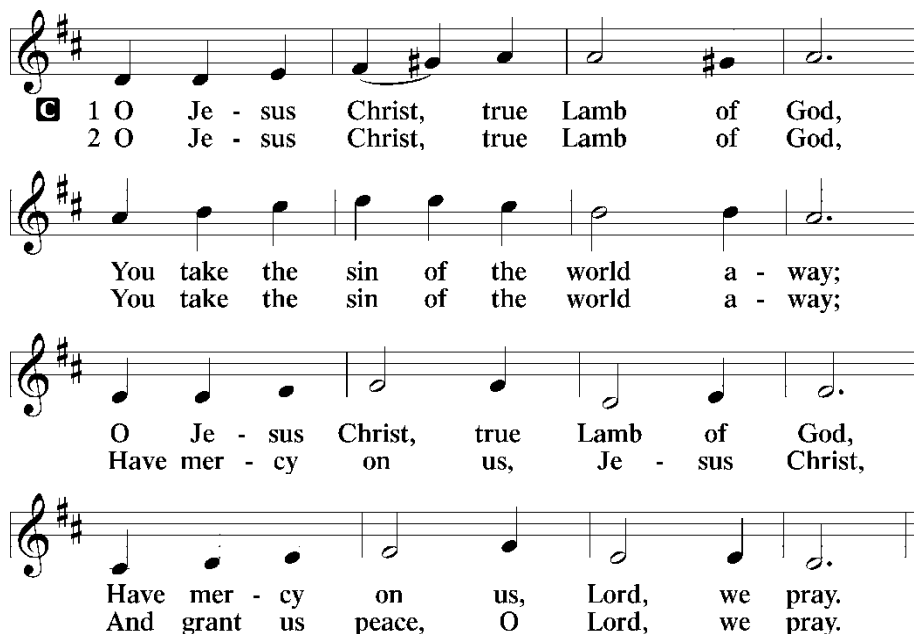
## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*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**



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 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.

**COMMUNION HYMNS** "God Loved the World So That He Gave"

LSB 571

"Amazing Grace"

LSB 744

**POST COMMUNION HYMN** “Christ, the Word of God Incarnate”

*LSB 540, v.6*

**Christ, the Alpha and Omega, Christ, the firstborn from the dead,  
Christ, the life and resurrection, Christ, the Church’s glorious head:  
Praise and thanks and adoration and unending worship be  
To the Father and the Spirit and to You eternally.**

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**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** “We Are Called to Stand Together”

*LSB 828:1, 4-5*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

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## Trinity Calendar for Oct 15-Oct 22, 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>	6:30 pm	Executive Team Meeting
<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" Study w/Pastor Harkey
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 am	Bible Study: "Race to Glory" ( <i>Book of Hebrews</i> )
	7:00 pm	LCEF Mission and Vision Meeting
<b>Friday</b>		
<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
	After Worship	<b>MINISTRY FAIR</b> ( <i>See detailed announcement below</i> )



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



The flowers this morning are given  
To the Glory of God  
By Arlene Tomson

## **ATTENDANCE 10-8: 97**

**Families of the week:** *The Kosakowski, Lape and LaQuerre families*

### **Birthdays:**

- 16 Oct—Dee Pollard
- 16 Oct—Mark Randall
- 17 Oct—Julia Allen
- 17 Oct—Lonnie Geer
- 17 Oct—Anne Olean
- 19 Oct—Nancy Rieseler

### **Anniversaries:**

- 15 Oct –Jim and Joan Hayssen



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](mailto: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 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.



*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!*



**Pregnancy Resource Center**  
*of the Monadnock Region*

Monday-Thursday 12-4pm

603-358-6460 call to make an appointment.

100 Washington St.

Keene, NH 03431

The PRC thanks Trinity Lutheran Church for hosting our recent banquet and a big thank you to Pastor Harkey and Miriam, Pastor Knapp and Gayle, Mitch, and Rich. Without your guidance and help I would have been a bit lost. It was a great night of fellowship and support for the PRC.

We continue to move forward with the work of the Center with God's loving guidance.

## **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](mailto: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 15 – Pentecost XX (Proper 23A)** – Abortion and physician-assisted suicide represent a surrender to death brought about by fear. We need not be afraid of enduring terminal illness, because our Heavenly Father protects us even in the darkest places (Psalm 23:4). And we need not be afraid of carrying surprise pregnancy, because our dear Savior Jesus provides all we need even in the most difficult times. (Philippians 4:12-13).

**October 15** “For all who have been damaged by the sin of abortion—and for all who have been complicit by not speaking up in defense of innocent babies—repent, and then hear the sweet and comforting words of Jesus: ‘Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest’ (Matthew 11:28). God give us courage to engage in the battle For Life!” *Pastor Paul Clark, President of Lutherans For Life of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

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**\*A prayer request from LCMS District President Beinke, subj: Prayers for Israel\***

Good afternoon,

In light of the war now taking place between Israel and Hamas, I would like to pass on to you this prayer from my friend Nabil Nour, one of the VP's of the Synod. Nabil grew up in Nazareth and leads tours of Israel every year. He still has family in Israel. Lord, have mercy!  
Pres. Beinke

Dear Lord Jesus Christ Prince of Peace, we humbly come before You, seeking Your divine intervention in the land of Israel and Palestine, where hostilities have caused suffering and pain to Your children. We pray for an end to the conflicts that have divided communities, families, and nations. Grant wisdom and understanding to leaders and individuals on all sides, that they may find peaceful resolutions to their differences. Soften the hearts of those filled with anger and hatred, replacing their bitterness with compassion and empathy. Lord, we ask for Your protection over the innocent, who often bear the heaviest burden of these conflicts. Provide comfort to those who have lost loved ones and heal the wounded, both physically and emotionally. May Your Spirit of peace and reconciliation descend upon the land and our hearts, bringing unity and harmony where there is division. Let the people of Israel and Palestine and the surrounding regions find the strength to forgive and the courage to build a future filled with hope and cooperation. We place this situation and all conflicts into Your merciful and pierced hands, knowing that with Your guidance, even the most entrenched hostilities can be transformed into a lasting peace. In Your loving and gracious name, we pray. Amen.

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