



Lutheran Church & Christian School



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Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 22, 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!

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC *(We are grateful to have The LeClaire lead our music today.)*

“I Found a Church Today”

“When God Lived Here”

THE BELLS CALL GOD’S PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

WELCOME, 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.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, we live in a sin-sick world. Unbelief and despair abound. We all would be in desperate straits were it not for the gracious call of our merciful God and Father. Through His Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, He offers us forgiveness, life and salvation in His name, a Word of hope, which is our great heritage. Let us, therefore, consecrate ourselves in prayer and service to the glory of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, asking His grace and forgiveness for our life in Him.

Silence for self-examination.

Pastor: O Lord, if our personal lives have become shallow,
Congregation: O Lord, deepen them.

Pastor: If our principles have become shabby,
Congregation: O Lord, repair them.

Pastor: If our ideals have become tarnished,
Congregation: O Lord, renew them.

Pastor: If our loyalties have grown dim,
Congregation: O Lord, brighten them.

Pastor: If our values have become confused,
Congregation: O Lord, clarify them.

Pastor: If our purposes have become blurred,
Congregation: O Lord, sharpen them.

Pastor: If our hopes have become faded,
Congregation: O Lord, revive them.

GOD'S WORD OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Friends in Christ, we need not carry a burden of guilt,
Congregation: For Christ has lifted it.

Pastor: We need not be anxious about tomorrow,
Congregation: For God holds us in the hollow of His hand.

Pastor: We need not feel unequal to the task,
Congregation: For the Spirit of God lives within us.

Pastor: As a fellow redeemed with you in, and called servant of Jesus Christ our Lord, I announce the grace of God to you, as well the forgiveness of your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now we stand ready to see His face and to serve Him. Now we stand ready to hear and to receive.
Congregation: Amen.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Psalm 146:2; Isaiah 61:10*

Pastor: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Congregation: I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God,

Pastor: for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation;

Congregation: He has covered me with the robe of righteousness.

HYMN "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" *LSB 649*

Congregation & The LeClaires

For this, and subsequent congregational hymns, please see PowerPoint slides.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Almighty God, You are with us here in time and space, promising to be with us in Word and Spirit.

Congregation: Open our hearts and minds to receive You. Enable us to embrace Your coming to us, even as we are blessed to respond to Your gracious invitation in humble joy now and in eternal rejoicing at Your heavenly banquet;

Pastor: 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 25:6-9 (Death swallowed up forever.)*

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷ And He will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸ He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for Him;
let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING *Philippians 4:1-9, 14-20*
(Exhortation, Encouragement & God’s Provision)

¹ Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus
in the Lord, my beloved.

² I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. ³ Yes, I ask you also, true
companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel
together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the
book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be
known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in
everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made
known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard
your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. ...

¹⁴ Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵ And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶ Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸ I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING *Luke 17:7-10 (Unworthy servants.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th chapter.

Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord.

⁷ [Jesus said to his disciples:] “Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table’? ⁸ Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink’? ⁹ Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN “He Leadeth Me”

Congregation & The LeClaires

SERMON *“Reason to Rejoice”*

SERMON NOTES:

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 “Help Is on the Way”

The LeClaires

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Jason Buechner
Ted Chabott
Ken and Sheri Walsh
John Winter

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*

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 “Who Will Pray for Me”, “It Took Your Blood” *The LeClaires*

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.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

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 “Make Me a Blessing”

Congregation & The LeClaires

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The flowers this morning are given
To the Glory of God

ATTENDANCE 10-15: 91

Families of the week: *The LaQuerre, Lariviere and Lawson families*

Birthdays:

- 23 Oct—Jan Foytek

Trinity Calendar for Oct 22-Oct 29, 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 After Worship	Worship Service w/Holy Communion MINISTRY FAIR/OKTOBERFEST MEAL
Monday		
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" (<i>Book of Hebrews</i>)
Friday		
Saturday	8:00 am	Men of Christ Bible Study: "The Chosen: Bible Roundtable"
Reformation 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
	11:45 am	Voters Meeting



Let the Pastors know how much you appreciate them with a card, kind words or a gift which may be placed on the Narthex Table. For more information or ideas, please speak to Lonnie Geer, or one of the Elders.

Would you like to bless a teacher at Trinity Christian School? Our teachers do a tremendous job of teaching academics as well as the Good News of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Along the way, they encounter needs for their classrooms.

You can help by giving a gift for the Teacher Tree.



Starting Nov. 20, there will be a Christmas tree with tags hanging on it in the foyer outside the TCS office. Each tag will anonymously list a request made by one of the teachers for their classroom—anything from glue sticks to toys or puzzles for their students. If you wish to bless them, simply take a tag, purchase the item, and place it unwrapped under the tree by Dec. 19. Unclaimed tags will be fulfilled by the TCS PTFA. All items will then be distributed sometime in Jan. You will have blessed one of our precious teachers, and the students they teach!

For help or more information, contact Mitch after Sunday Worship or through the church office, or Amber Ruczek at aruczek@tcskeene.com. Thank you for your consideration.



TCS Annual Craft Fair is almost here!

Lots of crafts to check out and purchase
From various vendors,
As well as food available

Saturday, November 4
9:00-2:00 pm
In the Gym



October 22 – Pentecost XXI (Proper 24A) – Taxes and politics may belong to Caesar, but every human life belongs to God from fertilization to forever. He made our bodies—and those of our neighbors—in His own image (Matthew 22:19-21). And since He retains responsibility for deciding the manner of our life and the timing of our death, abortion and euthanasia are choices no one needs to make.

October 22 “So no matter how offensive we find a neighbor, we do not regard her or him as enemy, adversary, or opponent. God has created, redeemed, and called each one as His own precious treasure, the same as us. We want to rejoice with them as brothers and sisters unto eternity in all the blessings our Savior Jesus has obtained for us.”

Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

“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



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

Last Sunday's bulletin included information from Lutherans For Life regarding the impact of abortion and how, through the love of God the father as we repent, know that there is healing. Part of what we do as a pro-life organization is post-abortive counselling. The pain and shame carried as a post-abortive individual can be a daily burden, dragging us to depths unimaginable. Pray for not just the moms but the dads as well, who have thoughts of ending a pregnancy through abortion. If you know of anyone who has contemplated abortion or gone forward with having an abortion and is looking for the healing grace God provides, suggest to them to contact The PRC. We can help. We serve God's purpose in many ways. Even the most difficult.

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.



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!

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