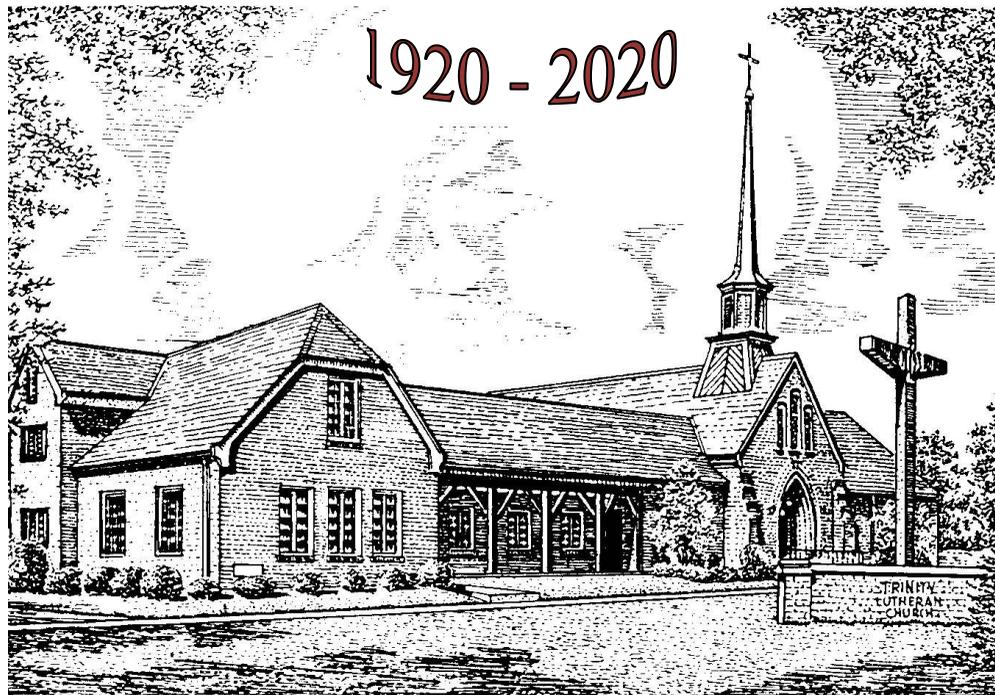


# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

*"A family where Christ is Head and the entire congregation are ministers."*

**Rev. Jonathan Meraz ~ Pastor**  
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*A Special Welcome* to all who are worshipping with us today. Trinity is a liturgical Lutheran church using the Divine Service as written in the Lutheran Service Book. Today's Divine Service is printed for you in this bulletin. We hope that your experience here is meaningful and will be lasting.

**PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED FOR** – Flo and Richard Ball, Talma Butcher, Victor Duarte, Helen Everett, Doris Fitchett, Pat Gregory, Jeanne Greif, Terry Ingmire, Hannah Kuenzli, Paul Lass, Julie and Sam Locklear, Patrick Mick, Brenda Pendry, Scott and Natasha Thieman, Linda Vernick, Marc Vernick, Sarah Von Moll, Leslie Waller.

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### **Areas of church to be open to congregation during Phase 3 –**

**Parking lot entrance only - Hallway inside parking lot doors - Sanctuary - Two Restrooms on parking lot side of building**

### **Church Service –**

1. We will continue to video services and have them available for those who do not feel comfortable attending in person.
2. There will be Bible Study at 9 AM and Worship at 10 AM on Sundays. (during Phase 3 there will no fellowship in the Welcome Center or Sunday School - just in and out for study and/or church service only).
3. Bulletins will not be handed to you but will be in the pews when you come in. **Please sit in these pews only and at the same end that the bulletins are placed.** (ie, if the bulletin is on the left side of the pew, please sit only there.)
4. The content of the service will be under the discretion of Pastor Meraz and Director of Music/Stephen Pruitt.
5. A plan has been developed to safely serve communion when it is offered.
6. We will continue to offer online giving options.
7. Handbells and vocal choir will resume after a safe period has elapsed.
8. No one will be allowed in the choir loft except for Director of Music/Stephen Pruitt.

Offering - An offering plate has been placed by the entrance/exit door so that you may leave your tithe.

**God wants us to ask for material possessions and other things we need.**

*“... ask, and I will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you.”*

Luke 11:9

# The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020

*The congregation sits quietly. Please be aware that some people use the time prior to the service for reflection and meditation in the sanctuary. Please respect this time of silence.*

Organ Chorale

*Lord of All Hopefulness*

Paul Manz

Welcome and Announcements

Stand (as you are able)

Opening Hymn

*Trinity Hymn*

1. All glo-rious God, whose grace has kept This peo-ple in your way For  
man- y years of Gos- pel growth, Pre- serve us still to- day. A-MEN.

2. Help us to witness faith-fully,  
And bow to no false creed;  
Then let us, God, serve everyone  
Who dem-on-strates a need.

3. Make us a home for home-less souls,  
In Christ a stong-hold sure;  
And by His love, which we would show  
Per-mit us to en-dure.

△ 4. All glorious God, our three in one,  
Our joy, our Trin-i-ty,  
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
Be Praise e-ter-nally. A-men.

## Confession and Absolution

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Ps. 143:1–2; antiphon: Ps. 143:9*

- C** Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!  
 I have fled to you for refuge!  
 Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!  
 In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!  
 Enter not into judgment with your servant,  
 for no one living is righteous before you.  
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
 and to the Holy Spirit;  
 as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.  
 Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!  
 I have fled to you for refuge!

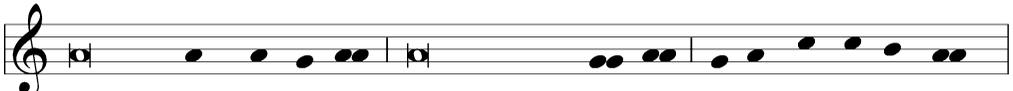
### Kyrie



- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**P** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



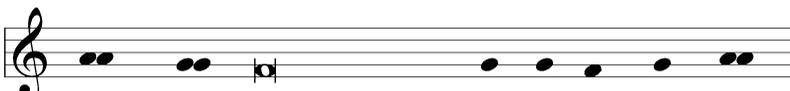
**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**P** Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



**G** A - men.

# This is the Feast



**P** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



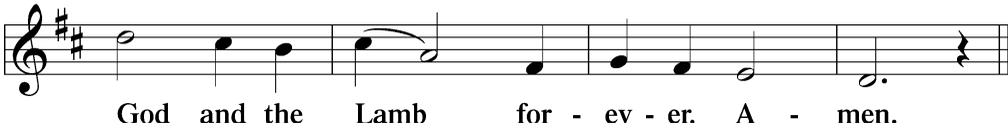
lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 50:15–21*

<sup>15</sup>When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him."<sup>16</sup>So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died,<sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him.<sup>18</sup>His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants."<sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God?<sup>20</sup>As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.<sup>21</sup>So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.*

**C** Fear the LORD, you his saints,  
for those who fear him lack nothing!  
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

## Epistle

*Romans 14:1–12*

<sup>1</sup>As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. <sup>2</sup>One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

<sup>5</sup>One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup>The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup>For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

<sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; <sup>11</sup>for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

<sup>12</sup>So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Stand

### Alleluia and Verse



## Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21–35

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Then Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

<sup>23</sup>“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup>When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup>And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup>So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup>He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup>And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup>So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit



1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your  
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,  
 3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our  
 4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the  
 free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your  
 hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious  
 life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;  
 good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone  
 sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."  
 lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings  
 Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by  
 Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You  
 Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful  
 You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py  
 deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your  
 stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.  
 and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.  
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?  
 all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

## Sermon

### Post Sermon Hymn

### *When Peace, like a River*

LSB 763



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let  
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My  
4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The

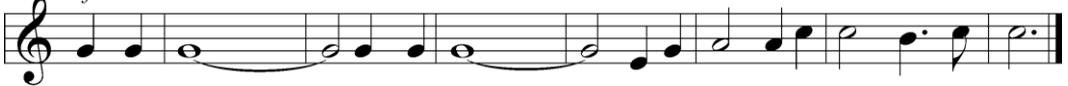


sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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*Stand*

### Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.



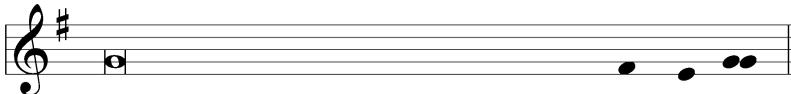
### Prayer of the Church

- P** Lord, in your mercy...
- C** ....hear our prayer.

### Lord's Prayer

- C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### Benediction



- P** 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.



# Closing Hymn

## Lord of All Hopefulness

LSB 738



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:  
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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# Organ Chorale

## Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

Paul Manz

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## September 2020 Presentation

In His sovereignty and wisdom, Almighty God has ordained two primary ways for people to obtain money and material possessions. The first way is a “four-letter” word that may not appeal to everyone. God expects us to “work” for what we need. As we have seen previously, sometimes work comes to us disguised as a great burden, but in reality, the ability to work is one of life’s great blessings.

The second primary way for us to obtain the money and material possessions we need is to ask God for them. As He did with Solomon when he succeeded his father David as King over Israel, God is saying, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.”

The fourth chapter of the book of James tells us that there are two reasons our needs go unmet. Either we do not ask God, or when we do ask, we ask with wrong motives. Instead of using God’s provisions to glorify Him, we want to use them to satisfy our selfish desires.

Think of it in this way: God has a warehouse full of blessings that He wants to shower upon us, but He cannot do so because either we fail to ask or we ask for the wrong reasons. In either case, we do not receive His full measure of blessing and provision.

Chuck Swindoll wrote, “In my opinion, the words ‘You do not have because you do not ask’ are among the most convicting words we will ever read. Persistence must characterize our prayers. . . There is no place for reluctance or timidity or, for that matter, uncertainty. Do you have a need? Then do the simple thing and the best thing first: Ask in simple faith.”

Faith is taking God at His Word. Faith is believing that God exists and that He hears and answers prayer. Nothing more. Nothing less. Faith is claiming the promises of God from the Word of God. Faith is following the direction of the Holy Spirit as we pray God’s promises back to Him with the expectation that He will answer and provide.

Faith is what motivated the elderly cab driver in New York City to give this as his creed: “Believe all that God has said; obey all that God has commanded; expect all that God has promised.” Or as Augustine wrote centuries before, “Faith is to believe what we do not see, and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe.”

The Lord Jesus asked this penetrating question, “If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!”

The key to getting our needs met is not talking about our needs. It is not telling our friends and family. It is not even making a prayer list. It is simply asking God, according to His will, to supply what is needed. Or as an unnamed poet wrote, “We can ask, believe and receive, or we can talk, doubt, and do without.”

On one occasion, a nobleman asked Alexander the Great for some financial aid. Alexander told him to go to the treasurer and ask for whatever amount he wanted. A little later, the treasurer appeared and nervously told Alexander about the enormous sum for which the man had asked. “Give him what he asks for,” replied Alexander. “He has treated me like a king in his asking, and I shall be like a king in my giving.”

Someone wrote,

You are coming to a King,  
Large petitions with you bring;  
For His grace and power are such,  
None can ever ask too much.

What do you want God to do for you? Will you take Him at His Word today and trust Him by asking?

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Today, September 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> Bible Study Communion Worship Service	9:00 am 10:00 am
Sunday, September 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> Bible Study Worship Service	9:00 am 10:00 am

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### Scriptures for September 20<sup>th</sup>

Isaiah 55:6-9 ~ Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30 ~ Matthew 20:1-16

Sunday, September 6, 2020  
 Worship Attendance - 51  
 General Offerings - \$4,318.00

Budget Update – August 2020	
Monthly Revenues	\$26,399.00
Monthly Expenses	\$20,288.58
Year to date Revenues	\$158,646.53
Year to date Expenses	\$125,670.20
Year to date: Actual Revenue less Actual Expenses	\$32,976.33
<i>Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.</i>	