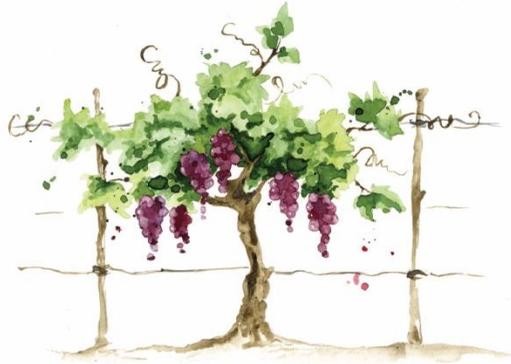


# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

**Rev. Jonathan Meraz ~ Pastor**  
**Stephen Pruitt ~ Director of Music**



*Kingdom people produce*  
**KINGDOM FRUIT**

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*"The kingdom of God will be ... given to a people  
producing its fruits" (Matthew 21:43).*

## **2020 LWML SUNDAY Worship Service**

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*Good Morning and 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. Today's service is being live streamed to YouTube and will be available later in the day on Trinity's Facebook page and Website. The receiving of communion will not be recorded to preserve the sanctity of the sacrament. During this time, the recording will be directed to the stained-glass window above the altar so communion hymns can still be shared. By entering the service, you consent to the video recording to be used for live streaming, inclusion on our web site and Facebook, and/or any other purpose by Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. 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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*The flowers gracing our altar today are given to the glory of God*  
by the ladies of Trinity's LWML.

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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. Singles may sit on the opposite ends of a pew.**
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.

**One of the primary reasons for attaining wealth is to be able to give it to God.**

*... remember the words of the Lord Jesus, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'*

Acts 20:35

# Kingdom People Produce Kingdom Fruit

**The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 11, 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**

*All My Hope on God Is Founded*

Michael Burkhardt

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Stand (as you are able)*

**Opening Hymn**

*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

*LSB 901*



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me  
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so  
3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is  
en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty  
un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,  
du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,  
Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed  
There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O  
Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I  
is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!  
en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!  
hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.

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# Confession and Forgiveness

**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.**

**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 fully lived as Your kingdom people. We have not brought forth the fruits of righteousness as we ought. 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, walk in Your ways, and bear kingdom fruit to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all of 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 † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

**P** Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for steadfast love endures forever!

**P** The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

**C** **This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

**P** This is the day that the LORD has made;

**C** **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**P** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!



1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to  
 2 Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each  
 4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! Thus the choir of



God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:  
 spot and stain; Glo - ry be to Him who bought us,  
 an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!



Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,  
 Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo - ry,  
 Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,



glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!  
 glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!  
 glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

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## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

**Isaiah 5:1–7**

<sup>1</sup>Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:  
 My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

<sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

<sup>3</sup>And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

<sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

<sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

<sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

<sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

## Psalm 80:7–19

**P** <sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

**C** <sup>8</sup>**You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.**

**P** <sup>9</sup>You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

**C** <sup>10</sup>**The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches.**

**P** <sup>11</sup>It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River.

**C** <sup>12</sup>**Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?**

**P** <sup>13</sup>The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

**C** <sup>14</sup>**Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine,**

**P** <sup>15</sup>the stock that your right hand planted, and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.

**C** <sup>16</sup>**They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your face!**

**P** <sup>17</sup>But let your hand be on the man of your right hand, the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!

**C** <sup>18</sup>**Then we shall not turn back from you; give us life, and we will call upon your name!**

**P** <sup>19</sup>Restore us, O Lord God of hosts! Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## Epistle

## Philippians 3:4b–14

<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.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia and Verse

**P** Alleluia! The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

**C** **This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes. Alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

**Matthew 21:33–46**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] <sup>33</sup>“Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. <sup>34</sup>When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. <sup>35</sup>And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. <sup>40</sup>When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup>They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?’”

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. <sup>46</sup>And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

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

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

## 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 he 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.**

## Hymn of the Day

*Praise, Love, Serve*

(Based on LWML Pledge, Text: Jean Hansen Kammerer, Tune: *LSB 361*)



- △ 1. Our God and Fa - ther, made the earth, And when we went a - stray,  
2. In grat - i - tude we pledge our - selves, To Him with all we have.  
3. Where - ev - er He has need of us, We will His call o - bey.



Our God, the Son, de - scend - ed here To take our sins a - way.  
Our hands will work; our voi - ces sing; Our lips pro - claim His love.  
When - ev - er He calls out to us, We'll an - swer right a - way.



With His own blood He bought us. He broke the bonds of sin.  
His er - rands we'll do glad - ly; His Gos - pel we'll de - fend;  
His will is ours that lost souls Will turn a - way from sin



Then God the Spir - it came in - to Our hearts to dwell with - in.  
Our sil - ver and our gold we'll use — His King - dom to ex - tend.  
And come to have e - ter - nal life Through fellow - ship with Him.

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## Sermon

## “Kingdom People Produce Kingdom Fruit”

“The kingdom of God will be ... given to a people producing its fruits” (Matthew 21:43).

## Music for Meditation

*Lord Speak to Me*

Schumann

Mary Ann Medlin, pianist



## LWML PLEDGE

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**C** In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

(Adapted from Evening Prayer, *LSB*)

- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world, and to support global missions through the gathering of mites and providing of mission grants, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all Your kingdom people that they may produce kingdom fruit to Your glory and for the expansion of Your kingdom on earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your goodness and remembering with thankfulness Your mercies, which are new every morning; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

### 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.**

### Blessing

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**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.

**C** **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

*Serve the Lord With Gladness*

Tune: LSB 662

Text: Prof. Ernest Lewerenz



1 "Serve the Lord with glad - ness!" It is He a - lone  
 2 "Serve the Lord with glad - ness!" He gave us com - mand  
 3 "Serve the Lord with glad - ness!" There's no great - er joy



Who re - deemed us sin - ners, Guides us as His own  
 To pro - claim His Gos - pel Now in ev - ery land  
 Than to serve the Mas - ter, Work in His em - ploy.



To en - joy the bless - ings Of His love and grace,  
 So that fell - ow sin - ners May, like us, be blest.  
 As we build His king - dom An - gels, too, re - joice



Will at last in glo - ry Meet us face to face.  
 Lead - ing them to Je - sus, We can serve Him best.  
 Ov - er ev - ery sin - ner Brought to hear His voice

*Refrain*



On - ward, then, for Je - - sus! Let this be our aim:



"Serve the Lord with glad - ness!" Glor - i - fy His name.

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***Pastor will give instructions on exiting the building one pew at a time. Please continue exiting thru the parking lot doors to the parking lot in an orderly manner to ensure there is social distancing. We will not be using the front entrance at all.***

Organ Chorale

*Psalm 19*

Benedetto Marcello

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Today, October 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost/LWML Sunday</b>	
	Bible Study	9:00 am
	Worship Service	10:00 am
Sunday, October 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	Bible Study	9:00 am
	Communion Worship Service	10:00 am

**LUTHERAN WITNESS RENEWAL** – It is time once again to renew your subscription to *The Lutheran Witness*. The cost will remain the same at \$12.95 per subscription, with checks payable to Trinity, memo notation *Lutheran Witness*. This is a publication well worth your reading time, please consider ordering through the church office at this group rate. Order deadline is October 14<sup>th</sup>!



The ladies of the LWML will be sponsoring a TAKE OUT ONLY luncheon for Oktoberfest this year. You will find a flyer with envelope in the bulletin this morning if you would like to purchase a lunch. Please make checks payable to LWML. Deadline for ordering is Sunday, October 18, 2020. *The proceeds from this benefit will go to the LWML Ways and Means Fund for missions.*

### Scriptures for October 18<sup>th</sup>

Isaiah 45:1-7 ~ 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 ~ Matthew 22:15-22

Sunday, October 4, 2020  
Worship Attendance - 41  
General Offerings - \$4,929.00

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