

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH | Saline, Michigan

September 3 / 6, 2020

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

THANK YOU for joining us in God's house today! We cordially ask that our Guests sign one of the guestbooks located at either the front or back entryways.

RESTROOMS are located at the back of the upper level (the annex), and in the basement (down the back stairs of the sanctuary or annex). Handicap access is available.

THANK OFFERING: Members of Trinity give their offering as an expression of love and thankfulness to the Lord and to help support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

Young Families – We are GLAD YOU BROUGHT YOUR CHILDREN to our worship service. Jesus said: "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." We know that having little children in church can be a challenge, but DO NOT WORRY about it. Many of your fellow worshippers have been in your shoes and are just happy you brought your children with you. For your convenience, we have reserved the back rows of seating for parents with small children. These areas provide more flexibility for your family, as well as, easy access to move downstairs if necessary. A closed-circuit TV system allows families to continue participating in the service while downstairs. Children's bulletins are available for their enjoyment. Ask an usher for one to use during the service and please return the toddler bag afterwards.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION:

In His Word, God makes it clear that the Lord's Supper is to be shared by people of a common proclamation of faith (1 Corinthians 11:26; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Without judging anyone's hearts, we invite those who share in our confession by their membership in our congregation or another congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) and who are properly prepared (1 Corinthians 11;27-29) to receive the Sacrament. Page 156 in the front of Christian Worship provides a guide for preparation.

Guests, we would love to have you join us in communion fellowship in the future, and for that to be possible, we ask that you speak with one of the pastors so that we may speak with you on how that would be possible. We thank you for respecting the way we celebrate the Lord's Supper in our congregations.

OPENING HYMN CW #368 (1, 2, & 4)

368 O Savior, Precious Savior O ior, pre - cious Sav -Whom, vet ior, Sav -2 O sal - va -Bring - er tion, Who of won drous -3 In thee all full - ness dwell - eth, All grace and 4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma tion Of this our seen. we love. O name of might and fa vor. All hast wrought, Thy - self the rev - e la tion Of ly di - vine; The glo - ry that ex cel leth. O pow'r - bove song a In end less ad - o ra tion And We bless thee; oth er names a - bove, wor - ship thee; we love be-yond our thought, We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; Son of God, is thine. We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; er - last - ing love! Then shall we praise and bless thee To thee, O Christ, we sing; We praise thee To thee, O Christ, we sing; We praise thee To O Christ, We thee, we sing; praise thee Where per fect prais - es ring And ev er and con - fess thee, Our ho - ly Lord and King. con - fess thee, Our gra - cious Lord and King. and Our glo - rious Lord and con - fess thee, and King. Sav - ior and Our more con - fess thee, our King.

INVOCATION

Please stand

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

- M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.
- C: Amen.

THE WORD

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

(The Prayer of the Day is spoken.)

C: Amen.

Please he seated

FIRST LESSON Exodus 6:2–8

²Then God spoke to Moses, telling him, "I am the LORD. ³I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by my name, the LORD, I was not known to them. ⁴I also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land where they were residing as aliens. ⁵I certainly have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians have enslaved, and I have remembered my covenant.

⁶"Therefore tell the Israelites, 'I am the LORD. I will bring you out from under the forced labor of the Egyptians. I will deliver you from being their slaves. I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. ⁷I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. You will know that I am the LORD your God, the one who brought you out from under the forced labor of the Egyptians. ⁸I will bring you to the land which I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD.'"

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 34





Refrain

Taste and see that the <u>LORD</u> is good,*
blessed are they who take refuge in him.
The eyes of the LORD are on the <u>right</u>eous*
and his ears are attentive <u>to</u> their cry.
The angel of the LORD encamps around those who <u>fear</u> him,*
and he delivers them.

Refrain

The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;*
he delivers them from all their troubles.

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted*
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

The LORD redeems his servants;*
no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

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.

Refrain

THE SECOND LESSON Romans 11:33–36

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are his judgments

and how untraceable his ways!

³⁴"For who has known the mind of the Lord,

or who has been his adviser?"

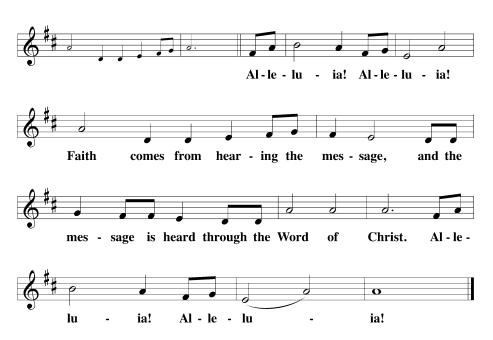
35"Or who has first given to God

that he will be repaid?"

³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things.

To him be the glory forever! Amen.

VERSE OF THE DAY



M: The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 13:24-30 and 36-43

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 16:13–20

¹³When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

¹⁴They said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

¹⁵He said to them, "But you, who do you say that I am?"

¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not overpower it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he commanded the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

After the Gospel:

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Please Be Seated

236 All Praise to God Who Reigns Above



SERMON ROMANS 11:33-38

"WHO ARE WE TO QUESTION GOD?"

Please stand

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

OFFERTORY (As Altar is being prepared for Holy Communion)

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Trinity Lutheran Church follows the historic Christian practice of *close communion*. We ask that only members of Trinity or one of our sister congregations partake of the sacrament. If you are not a member, please see the note about Holy Communion in the beginning of the Worship Folder.

- M: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- M: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them up to the Lord.
- M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is good and right so to do.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Please be seated



DISTRIBUTION HYMN CW #315

315 Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face



6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above, Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy, The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Sung to CW #445 "Through Jesus' Blood and Merit"

SONG OF SIMEON

- O Lord, now let your servant
 Depart in peace, assured:
 For I have seen your promised
 incarnate, saving Word—
 A Light that will enlighten
 All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
 The brilliant, crowning glory
 Of those in Israel!
- 2 All glory to the Father,
 All glory to the Son,
 All glory to the Spirit,
 Forever three in one;
 For as in the beginning,
 Is now, shall ever be,
 God's triune name resounding
 Through all eternity.

THANKSGIVING

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

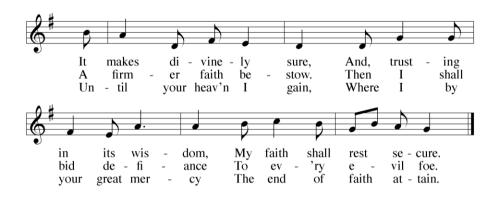
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN CW #403 (1 & 3)

403 I Know My Faith Is Founded my faith On know is found ed 2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav ior, For Sa - tan 3 In faith, Lord, let Though per - se me serve you; Christ, my God and Lord; And this my faith con seeks night To rob this by and dav me of cu tion, grief, and pain Should seek to ver -O Un - moved stand his Word. Man's fess ing, up - on trea sure And take my hope of bliss a - way. But, whelm me, Let me stead - fast trust re - tain. And son can - not fath om The truth of God pro rea Lord, with you be - side I shall be un dis me then at my de - par ture, Lord, take me home to found; Who trusts in world - ly wis dom Re - lies on mayed; And led good Spir it, I shall be by your in - her you, And let me there it All you have Word shift - ing ground. God's is all fi - cient. suf - a - fraid. Α bide with me, O Say - ior, prom - ised me. In life death, Lord, keep and



SERVING IN WORSHIP

Officiant	Pastor Smith
Organist	Linda Smith
-	(Thursday) Dave Frey and Duane Mason
	(8:30) Dave Boswell and Ed Wheeler
	(11:00) Robert Niethammer and Brian Zahn
	Marcia Marion Ackling and Judy Lindemann
	Ann Latowski

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