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Sermon Series on the Book of Genesis
Week 2

September 20, 2020



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- **Prelude** “Something Beautiful; O How I Love Jesus; Whisper
A Prayer; Channels Only; Alleluia” **Roxanne Groff**

- **Office of the Acolyte and Ringing of the Bell**

- **Welcome** **Pr Mel**

- * **HYMN OF PRAISE** “Blessed Assurance” **ELW 638**



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



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- * **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

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P: God of all ages,

C: You have chosen us as your own, yet we so often live as if it were not so. We succumb to things which are not good for us. We believe we know better than you. We refuse to put our trust in your promises. Sweep away our foolishness and bring us back into a trusting relationship with the one who has lovingly created us and longs to be our strength and life.

P: Dear people, hear the joyful words that God has forgiven us! Our misdeeds and folly are forgotten; grace and mercy abound. Let us give thanks that we have a compassionate creator!

All: Amen.

*** GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Almighty God, You long for us to trust that you hold our lives safely in your hands. Reveal the surprises you have for us in your good time, and show us that your mercy never fails us, in Jesus' name,

C: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 15:1-6

P: Our scripture reading for this morning is from Genesis, Chapter 15.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

15 After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But

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Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?”³ And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.”⁴ But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.”⁵ He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”⁶ And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ** (*Spoken*)

• **SERMON**

Pr Mel Musser

Silence for reflection may follow.

* **APOSTLES' CREED**

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

➤ *Or, He descended to the dead.*

* **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need...

A brief silence.

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Each petition will end with the words:

L: Faithful God,

The congregation will respond with:

C: Hear our prayer.

The prayer concludes:

L: Our prayers—and our lives—are safe within your hands. We trust in your faithfulness and give thanks that you have heard us, for the sake of Jesus,

C: Amen.

*** SHARING OF THE PEACE**

(The Sharing of the Peace that began when the congregation arrived is now shared with the Pastor at this time...)

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

C: And also with you.

• OFFERING

*** OFFERING PRAYER**

P: We offer what we have, O God, trusting that all we need will be provided for us. Use these gifts in your kingdom's work, and make our lives a blessing to others, for the sake of your Spirit,

C: Amen.

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Jesus is the "tie that Binds us together", let us pray as Jesus taught...

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

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thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.

• **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

* **SENDING BLESSING**

P: Mothering God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

C: **Amen.**

* **SENDING HYMN “All People That On Earth Do Dwell” LBW 245**



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our
3 Oh, en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
4 For why? The Lord our God is good: his mer - cy
5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom



Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
aid he did us make. We are his folk, he
joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times
heav'n and earth a - dore, from us and from the



praise forth tell; come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.
an - gel host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

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*** DISMISSAL**

P: Depart in Christ’s Love.

C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving all. Amen!

Postlude

“This Little Light of Mine”

Roxanne Groff

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TRINITY IS ON the AIR AT FM 88.3 ---

If you are near the Church on Sunday morning, you can tune in to FM 88.3 at 10:30 AM and hear the sermon from your car.

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This Week @ Trinity – September 20 thru September 27, 2020

Sun, September 20

- 10:30 am Worship Service
- 7:30 pm Confirmation Class on ZOOM

Tues, September 22

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Wed, September 23

- 7:00 pm Trinity ZOOM Bible Study

Fri, September 25

- 3:30 pm FISH Pantry @ 400 Markwith, Greenville OH

Sat, September 26

- 12:00 pm Arcanum Prayer Walk
- 12:00 pm Greenville Community Day of Prayer

Sun, September 27

- 10:30 am Worship Service
- 7:30 pm Confirmation Class on ZOOM



Scripture readings for next Sunday, September 27th
Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21

Health Tips for the Week

BODY: Remember to use moisturizer-face and body

MIND: Learn basic lifesaving techniques (Heimlich Maneuver, C.P.R.)

SPIRIT: Pray and give thanks to teachers

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LWR KIT ASSEMBLY DATE will be Monday, September 28 between 9 am and 12 noon.

NEEDED FOR LWR PERSONAL CARE KITS:

- Bath size bars of soap (8-9 oz.) in original wrapping
- Dark color bath towels between 20" X 40" and 27" X 52".



NewsLetter
DEADLINE

FOR ITEMS FOR THE OCTOBER TRINITY

TRUMPET is this Tuesday, September 22.

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**Saturday,
September 26**

COMMUNITYPRAYER WALK – A Community Prayer Gathering and Walk will take place September 26 from noon to 2:00 pm in Arcanum. The event will begin at Veterans Park on George Street. People of all faiths are invited to come together to pray for our families, our schools and our nation. Small groups will form to walk separately in different areas of the Village. Those choosing not to walk may stay to pray and listen to Christian music in Veterans Park. Those using licensed golf carts, motorized scooters and 3-wheel bikes are encouraged to join in this community prayer. Contact Marge Warner if you would like to participate.

“THE RETURN”, a National and Global Day of Prayer, will be held Saturday, September 26 starting at noon in downtown Greenville. The event was organized in Washington DC but is for national repentance and revival and will include worship, prayer, gospel music and special singing. For more information on this national event, go to <https://thereturn.org>.

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We're making School Kits for Lutheran World Relief!

If you don't feel like doing the shopping, Linda Baker says she loves to shop (and Tony affirms how much she loves it 😊). Linda has offered and will be happy to accept any donations. She will purchase what is most needed to make the maximum number of school kits with what donations she receives. If you're like Linda and love to shop, here's the list that goes into a kit:

- 1 - Sturdy drawstring backpack style cloth bag— approximately 14" X 17", w/shoulder straps (handmade)
- 1 - Ruler—30 cm on one side (May have inches on the other side.)
- 1 - Box of Crayons (16 or 24)
- 5 - Unsharpened Pencils w/Erasers
- 1 - Pencil Sharpener
- 1 - 2 1/2" Eraser
- 1 - Pair Blunt Scissors
- 5 - Blue or Black Ball point Pens (No GEL pens)
- 4 - 70 Sheet College or Wide ruled Notebooks



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