

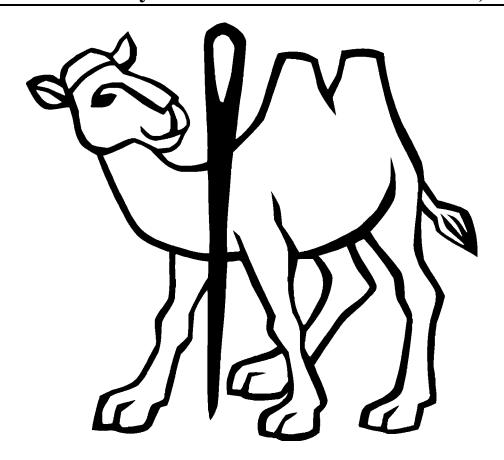
"People coming together to be The Church, not just attend one."

Trinity Lutheran Church is an open and inclusive church, welcoming all who seek God.

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 10, 2021



Service of Holy Communion 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Worship

Trinity Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP THIS MORNING! We invite you to join us regularly for worship and in a variety of activities and opportunities in our congregational life. If you are new here, we welcome you; if you are a member of longstanding, we celebrate your gifts and your ministry among us. Our order of worship is printed on the following pages of this bulletin.

MISSION STATEMENT - The Mission Statement of Trinity Lutheran Church is to nurture faith through proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ by word, sacrament, deeds and loving relationships, to ALL people.

VISION STATEMENT - As proclaimers of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Vision of Trinity Lutheran Church is to maximize our gifts and resources to reach out with God's love and serve the global community.

COMMUNION PROCEDURE - The communion table of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is open to all baptized Christians who believe that our Lord Jesus is truly present in the forms of bread and wine. Please follow the ushers' instructions at the time of distribution. Children who have not yet received first communion instruction are welcome to come forward with their families to receive a blessing.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated weekly throughout the year. No one is ever required to participate in the sacrament, but it is offered to nourish and sustain God's people. This is in accordance with Lutheran teaching:

Background 35A: The Church celebrates the Holy Communion frequently because the Church needs the sacrament, the means by which the Church's fellowship is established and its mission as the baptized people of God is nourished and sustained. This practice was reaffirmed in 1989 by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We continue to need "consistent pastoral encouragement and instruction relating to Holy Communion...pointing up Christ's command, his promise, and our deep need." For a variety of historical reasons, Lutherans in various places moved away from the weekly celebration of the sacrament.

Application 35C: Participation in the sacramental meal is by invitation, not demand. The members of the church are encouraged to make the sacrament a frequent rather than occasional part of their lives.

(Excerpts from: The Use of the Means of Grace, Principle 35)

OFFERING SECOND SUNDAY: Barnyard Boxes ELCA Good Gifts

The offering is collected at the beginning or end of worship using the plate at the entrance of the church. Each week, our congregation collects a general offering for the church and our ministries. Additionally, we collect an offering for special projects. If you would like to make a regular gift to the church, please place it in the offering plate. If you are looking to support our special project (noted above), please place your offering in the barnyard boxes or noisy offering buckets

Sunday, October 10, 2021

INTRODUCTION

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

COMMEMORATION: Massie L. Kennard, renewer of the church, died 1996 (TFF)

A native of Chicago, Kennard was a major figure in supporting and working toward ethnic and racial inclusiveness in the former Lutheran Church in America. Ordained in 1958, he served in positions including Director for Minority Concerns of the Division for Mission in North America.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

- P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(8:30am: kneel/sit) Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P Most merciful God,
- We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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 In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ELW #688 v. 1,2 & 3 Lord of Light Lord of light, your out - shin - ing all the stars and name Bytoil faith - ful work - ers 2 the of in some far out knowl-edge, Grant that still in - creas-ing, feet may at your prayers of faith - ful lent Bythe watch-ers, er si nev of king-dom suns space, use our tal - ents in vour lv ing field. by the cour - age where the ra - diance umphs low ly kneel: with your grace our tri hal - low, day or night; by the cross of Je sus, bring - ing the of ful ser your grace; use as vants us to still of the re - vealed, the vic cross is by to with lift your char - i ty our zeal; the na tions heal - ing peace to all and light; by the love that fill gift of Christ your pur - pose the your Son. in proach and suf - f'ring ries of meek - ness, through re won: from shad - ows glad - ness of the to the the sun: knowl-edge, your chil - dren pass - es mak - ing all one: Refrain

on

SO

earth your will be done.

high-est heav-en,

Fa - ther, as

in

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for ev er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

A reading from Amos

FIRST READING

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

⁶Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

10 They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.
11 Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.
12 For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.
13 Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

14Seek good and not evil, that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said.
15Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

A Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 90:12-17

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (Ps. 90:12)

¹²So teach us to number our days

that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

¹³Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.

¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us and as many years as we suffered adversity.

¹⁶Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.

¹⁷May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

A A reading from Hebrews

SECOND READING Hebrews 4:12-16

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

- A Word of God, Word of life.
- C Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



- P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 10th chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL *Mark* 10:17-31

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ

Sit

SERMON

Stand



- Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
- you, Lord, have lived for oth ers, so may we for As oth - ers live. Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
- of God, e ter nal Sav-ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race, have your gifts been grant-ed; free-ly may your ser - vants give. storm of strife and pas-sion, bid its cru-el hush the dis - cords cease. Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



our head, who, throned in glo-ry, for your own will ev - er you plead: the gold and yours the sil-ver, yours the wealth of land sea; your pa-tient years of toil-ing, by your si-lent hours of pain, by your pray-ing, by your will-ing that your peo-ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need. we but stew-ards of your boun-ty held in sol - emn trust will be. quench our fe-vered thirst of plea-sure, stem our self-ish greed of gain. grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

- A Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of the whole church in teaching, preaching, prophecy, healing, and more. Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- A Nurturing God, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Increase the produce of the land and bless all who toil in fields and orchards. Provide for good working conditions and keep them safe. Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- A Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national, and world leaders to show such compassion and love for their neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- A Sheltering God, in Jesus you travelled among us without a place to lay your head. Provide safe places to sleep and rest for those who have no place to live. Sustain ministries that offer food, clothing, and peace of mind (*local ministries may be named*). C Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

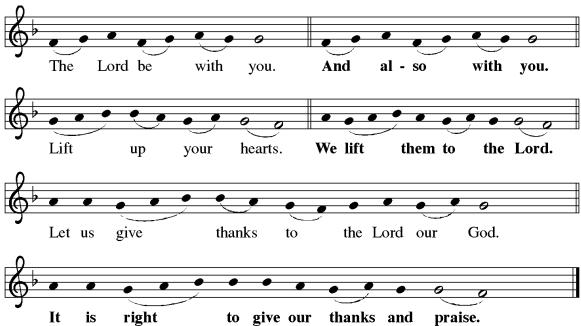
A Renewing God, you bring life out of death. Help us part with those things that are no longer beneficial to us and open our hearts to see where new life is budding in this congregation. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

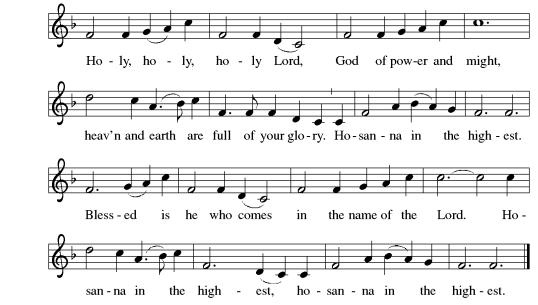
- A Eternal God, we thank you for the lives of those who have died (*especially*). Make us confident in your promise of salvation and support us in our own journey of faith. Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened the way to everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen

LORD'S PRAYER (8:30 a.m.)

- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- 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

LORD'S PRAYER (11:00 a.m.)

- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- C Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin
 against us.
 Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and
 the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION ELEMENTS

Gluten-free communion bread and grape juice are available upon request. Simply tell the usher as communion is distributed.

Please do not consume the elements until instructed to do so after the elements have been distributed to the entire congregation.

Those receiving communion may remove their masks.

- P The body of Christ, given for you.
- C All those receiving communion may remove their masks and are invited to consume the bread.
- P The blood of Christ, shed for you.
- C All those receiving communion are invited to consume the wine or grape juice. BLESSING ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT RECEIVE COMMUNION

Parents or family members may choose to make the sign of the cross on the foreheads of children or individuals in their family group that do not receive communion.

- P The Lord bless you and keep you as beloved children of God. + Jesus loves you.
- C Amen.

Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

BLESSING

- P The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.
- C Amen.
- P The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P The God of all grace + bless you now and forever.
- C Amen.





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God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



- 1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end less store:
- 2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
- 3 Trea-sure, too, you have en-trust-ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con-ferred;



na-ture's won-der, Je - sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat - tered door, all at peace in health and free-dom, rac - es joined, the church made one. ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise; Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone; O - pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,



thank-ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra-cious do - nor of our days. born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne. heal - ing, teach-ing, and re - claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SERVING AT TRINITY

Ministers: Every member of the congregation Council President: Suzanne Sponsler

Pastor: Rev. Jessica HahnVice-President: Joe PainterPiano/Keyboard: Paul LucasTreasurer: Chris McNamaraParish Secretary: Chris McNamaraSecretary: Sandra Dufur

Council Members: Johncie Langston, Norma Ludlow, Brad Otterbein, Gene Stockford-Shively,

and Tom Walworth.

SERVING TODAY:

<u>8:30 AM</u> <u>11:00 AM</u>

Assisting Minister: Amy Otterbein Assisting Minister: Patti Weber

Ushers: Tom Stockford-Shively, Keith Ushers: Chris McNamara, Jay Sponsler

Otterbein

BOTH SERVICES

Altar Guild: Tom Stockford-Shively

Offering Counters: Suzanne Sponsler and Joe Painter

FLOWERS - The flowers on the altar today are given by Norma and Harold Ludlow in honor of

Luke and Emma's anniversary.

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