





Sunday, June 13, 2021

Pentecost 3

**Worship focus:** *Sunday 101: Absolution heals our souls!*

**OPENING HYMN**

302 – “Lord, to You I Make Confession”

(The “Amen” is sung after the last hymn only.)

1. Lord, to you I make confession:  
I have sinned and gone astray;  
I have multiplied transgression,  
Chosen for myself my way.  
Led by you to see my errors,  
Lord, I tremble at your terrors.

2. Yet, though conscience' voice appall  
me, Father, I will seek your face.  
Though your child I dare not call me,  
Yet receive me to your grace.  
Do not for my sins forsake me;  
Do not let your wrath o'er take me.

3. For your Son has suffered for me,  
Giv'n himself to rescue me,  
Died to save me and restore me,  
Reconciled and set me free.  
Jesus' cross alone can vanquish  
These dark fears & soothe this anguish.

4. Lord, on you I cast my burden  
Sink it in the depths below!  
Let me know your gracious pardon;  
Wash me, make me white as snow.  
Let your Spirit leave me never;  
Make me only yours forever.

*Please stand.*

P: The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON – Genesis 3:8-15

*Satan deceived Adam and Eve into standing with him against God. This deception brought the curse of sin upon all people.*

<sup>8</sup>Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup>He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.” <sup>11</sup>And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?” <sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

<sup>13</sup> Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” <sup>14</sup> So the Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup> And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

## PSALM OF THE DAY

### Psalm 122

*(CWS) Read responsively*

P: I rejoice with those who said to me “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

**C: Our feet are standing in your gates, O Jerusalem.**

P: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May those who love you be secure.

**C: May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels.”**

P: For the sake of my brothers and friends, I will say, “Peace be within you.”

**C: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God. I will seek your prosperity.**

**ALL: 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.**

## SECOND LESSON – Revelation 20:1-6

*Those who side with Satan end up eternally locked in the abyss of hell. Those who trust in Christ alone are allowed to rule with him in heaven.*

And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. <sup>2</sup> He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. <sup>3</sup> He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time. <sup>4</sup> I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

<sup>5</sup> (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. <sup>6</sup> Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

### **VERSE OF THE DAY**

P: Alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia.

*Please stand.*

### **GOSPEL – Mark 3:20-35**

*Jesus points out that those who stand with Satan oppose the Holy Spirit and the eternal life the Spirit brings. But those who stand with Christ in doing God's will are Jesus' brothers and sisters in faith.*

<sup>20</sup> Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. <sup>21</sup> When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind." <sup>22</sup> And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebub! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons." <sup>23</sup> So Jesus called them and spoke to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan? <sup>24</sup> If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup> If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. <sup>26</sup> And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. <sup>27</sup> In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can rob his house. <sup>28</sup> I tell you the truth, all the sins and blasphemies of men will be forgiven them. <sup>29</sup> But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin." <sup>30</sup> He said this because they were saying, "He has an evil spirit." <sup>31</sup> Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. <sup>32</sup> A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you." <sup>33</sup> "Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked. <sup>34</sup> Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup> Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

*Please be seated.*

**CHILDREN'S LESSON** *(Children, please remain in your seats with your families.)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** 754 – “The Tree of Life”

1. The tree of life with ev'ry good  
In Eden's holy orchard stood,  
And of its fruit so pure and sweet  
God let the man and women eat.  
Yet in this garden also grew  
Another tree, of which they knew;  
Its lovely limbs with fruit adorned  
Against whose eating God had  
warned.
2. The stillness of that sacred grove  
Was broken, as the serpent strove  
With tempting voice Eve to beguile  
And Adam too by sin defile.  
O day of sadness when the breath  
Of fear and darkness, doubt and  
death, Its awful poison first  
displayed Within the world so newly  
made.
3. What mercy God showed to our  
race, A plan of rescue by His grace:  
In sending One from woman's seed,  
The One to fill our greatest need--  
For on a tree uplifted high His only  
Son for sin would die,  
Would drink the cup of scorn and  
dread To crush the ancient  
serpent's head!
4. Now from that tree of Jesus' shame  
Flows life eternal in His name;  
For all who trust and will believe,  
Salvation's living fruit receive.  
And of its fruit so pure and sweet  
The Lord invites the world to eat,  
To find within this cross of wood  
The tree of life with ev'ry good.

**SERMON** Text: Genesis 3:8-15

Theme: Why are you hiding from God?

- 1) Because of shame.
- 2) Because of blame.
- 3) Yet, God still reveals his loving plan for you.

*Please stand.*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there 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.

## THANKSGIVING

### OFFERING

Offering plates are near the exits for you to place your thank-offering.

### FRIENDSHIP REGISTRATION

**Guests:** Please fill out name, address, and phone number.

**Members:** Please fill out name and any new information.

Check the third box if you intend to commune.

*Please, return the booklet to its original location. Thank you!*

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: **We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

P: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C: **We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

P: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

**C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**

P: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocation, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

**C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

P: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

**C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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**

596 – “Let Me be Yours Forever”

**1. Let me be yours forever,  
My faithful God and Lord;  
Let me forsake you never  
Nor wander from your Word.  
Lord, do not let me waver  
But give me steadfastness,  
And for such grace and favor  
Your holy name I'll bless.**

**2. Lord Jesus, my salvation,  
My light, my life divine,  
My only consolation,  
To you I all resign,  
For you have dearly bought me  
With blood and bitter pain.  
Let me, since you have sought me,  
Eternal life obtain.**

**3. O gracious Holy Spirit,  
My comforter and guide,  
Grant that in Jesus' merit  
I always may confide,  
Him to the end confessing  
Whom I have known by faith.  
Give me your constant blessing  
And grant a Christian death.**

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**GREETERS** today are: Jim & Jane Smith – Early Service  
Mike & Jill Woodward – Late Service  
Next Sunday: Mark & Kathi Curth – Early Service  
Bob & Julie Inniger – Late Service

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE** (week of June 6, 2021)

Total Worship Attendance: 203; Early: 95; Late: 108; Adult Bible Study: 26; Sunday School: 16. On-line worship service views for May 30 were 45.

**MONEY COUNTERS** for this morning through June 19 are the members of Jerry Burkholder’s Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, June 20 will be the members of Dan Webb’s Undershepherd group.

**THIS WEEK AT TRINITY** (June 13 through June 20)

**TODAY** Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30; Children’s Lesson; Adult Bible Study 9:20; Sunday School 9:20; Outreach meeting.

**SUN** Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30; Communion; Adult Bible Study; Sunday School 9:20.

**CHILDREN’S LESSON:** Children are asked to remain in their seats during the lesson.

**PASTOR NOWAK** will be on vacation from June 14<sup>th</sup> through June 21<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Pastor Krueger for any ministerial emergencies at 419.788.0536.

**GREETERS:** Be on the look-out for a new schedule, either via email or snail mail.

**THE KEOPSELLS** will be moving on June 28<sup>th</sup>. They are asking for help loading their truck on Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. Please help! It’ll give you one last chance to say good bye to this fine, young couple.

**MIDWEEK SERVICES** will return this summer on a limited basis. Beginning in June, Tuesday evening service will be held on the Tuesday following the third Sunday of the month. The dates will be June 22<sup>nd</sup>, July 20<sup>th</sup>, and August 18<sup>th</sup>. Communion will be offered at each of these services.

**VBS VOLUNTEERS:** Please consider serving as a volunteer this summer at our VBS program! VBS is scheduled for July 19-23 from 6:00-8:00 PM. Sign up in the back of church if you are able to help on some or all of the days. You can indicate what you would like to help with—games, crafts, snacks, music, or group leaders. Contact Jenny Boehm with questions. Thank you!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Join us for “God's Wonder Lab” VBS on **July 19-23 from 6:00-8:00 PM**. A science lab is full of fascinating things that help explain how things are possible. In Jesus' ministry, he did things that cannot be explained. Discover that Jesus does the impossible for us through five interactive Bible lessons, music, games, crafts, and snacks. Registration is open for children **ages 3-11**. Register online at [tlcjenera.org](http://tlcjenera.org) or pick up fliers and registration forms in the back of church. Register soon to save your spot. Questions—contact Jenny Boehm (262)391-7994 or [mwmtrinity@tlcjenera.org](mailto:mwmtrinity@tlcjenera.org).

**VBS BOX:** If your children/grandchildren are not able to attend our in-person VBS this summer, you can also register for a VBS box. We will prepare a box with the lessons, crafts, music, and materials for you to do your own VBS together at home. You can choose this option when you register online at [tlcjenera.org](http://tlcjenera.org) or fill out a paper registration form from the back of church. Questions—contact Jenny Boehm (262)391-7994 or [mwmtrinity@tlcjenera.org](mailto:mwmtrinity@tlcjenera.org).

### ***LOOKING FOR A JOB??***

**Trinity Lutheran Church** is seeking an Adult Choir director and Handbell choir director. Contact Pastor Nowak at [pastormattn@gmail.com](mailto:pastormattn@gmail.com) or 419.302.5271.

**Trinity Lutheran School** is looking for a part-time teacher's aide for the 2021-2022 school year. Call the school office (419.326.4685) or George Norway (567.301.6158) for details. You may drop off a resume at the school or Pastor's office in the church before June 30th.



**GRADUATES:** If you are graduating from high school or college this year, please contact the secretary at 419-326-4685 or [tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org](mailto:tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org) by Tuesday, June 15. Please list the date, school, and your future plans (for high school students) or degree (for college students).

**MORNINGS WITH MOMMY** Summer Park Play Dates: Bring all your kids/grandkids—both big and small. Join us at the Jenera Park starting at 9:30 on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of June, July, and August. Our regular Mornings with Mommy program will start again on September 20 and 21. Online registration is open at [tlcjenera.org](http://tlcjenera.org). Pick up theme schedules, play date information, and brochures in the back of church. Questions?--Contact Jenny Boehm (262)391-7994 or [mwmtrinity@tlcjenera.org](mailto:mwmtrinity@tlcjenera.org).

**HELP NEED FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR:** With Ky Koepsell moving to Wisconsin and our other usual substitute teacher, Andrea Freimuth, starting a full time position at a local high school, we have fewer hands to turn to for help with substitute teaching. Sometimes our teachers need to be away for meetings and if they are sick, they should stay home. Having someone to call would be a benefit to our teachers in case they do get sick. All you need is a bachelor's degree of any kind. For more information or to sign up, please email [tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org](mailto:tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org) or call Pastor at 419-302-5271.

### *THANK YOU!*

As we all age and become more decrepit, the tendency is to become perhaps filled with sadness and self-pity. However, we are also getting closer to our Heavenly family--those who have gone before us and especially our Lord and Savior. I try to feel this way and I write this to express my thankfulness for all of your birthday cards filled with love and precious messages. When we pray, let us not blame the Lord for anything, but thank him for his greatest gift-- his only Son, who became our Savior. Your fellow member of Trinity, Ralph Anderson.

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED** to a 4:00p.m. Worship service, thanking the Lord for 50 years of ministry by Rev. Ralph Stuebs. The service will take place at Resurrection Lutheran Church, 2250 S Holland Sylvania Rd, Maumee, Ohio, on July 18. Retired Michigan District President Rev. John Seifert will preach. The service will be followed by a catered meal & celebration. Your RSVP is requested online at [bit.ly/stuebs50](http://bit.ly/stuebs50). The worship service will also be live-streamed at YouTube: [bit.ly/stuebs1971](http://bit.ly/stuebs1971). The RSVP includes an estimated attendance, for the purposes of planning for the meal. There's also space for sharing memories or encouragements for Pastor Stuebs. These will be included in the anniversary booklet. Contact Pastor Peter Hagen with any questions: [pastorhagen@icloud.com](mailto:pastorhagen@icloud.com) or (419) 262-8280.

**THE INSTALLATION** of Pastor Paul Learman will take place on Sunday June 27, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14343 W. Sprague Road, Strongsville, Ohio. All are invited. Pastor Krueger of Immanuel will be presiding. A dinner will be served following the service. Please RSVP to [terrymazzone@frontier.com](mailto:terrymazzone@frontier.com) by June 20<sup>th</sup>.