



Sunday June 20, 2021

Pentecost 4

Worship focus:

Sunday 101: God's Gospel Works Mysteriously

OPENING HYMN

420 – “God Moves in a Mysterious Way”
(The “Amen” is sung after the last hymn only.)

**1. God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea
And rides upon the storm.**

**2. Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust him for his grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He has a smiling face.**

**3. Blind unbelief is sure to err
And scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter,
And he will make it plain.**

**4. You fearful saints, fresh courage
take; The clouds you so much dread
Are big with mercy and will break
In blessing on your head.**

Please stand.

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

CONFESSION

P: 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

P: 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

P: 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.

P: 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.

P: 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.

P: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON – Jonah 3:1-10

Jonah had not wanted to go to Nineveh, the capital of Assyria and enemy of Israel. Yet God used Jonah’s preaching to bring the Ninevites to repentance.

Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: ²“Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.” ³Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very important city—a visit required three days. ⁴On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He proclaimed: “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned.” ⁵The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. ⁶When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. ⁷Then he issued a proclamation in Nineveh: “By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let any man or beast, herd or flock, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. ⁸But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. ⁹Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.” ¹⁰When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 51a

Spoken responsively

P: Have mercy on me, O God,

C: according to your unfailing love.

P: Wash away all my iniquity.

C: and cleanse me from my sin.

P: For I know my transgressions,

C: and my sin is always before me.

P: Against you, you only, have I sinned

C: and done what is evil in your sight.

P: Surely I was sinful at birth,

C: sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

P: Hide your face from my sins,

C: and blot out all my iniquity.

P: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
C: and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

**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 – Colossians 1:3-8

Paul thanks God for the faith, hope, and love that God planted in the Colossians' hearts and that was continuing to grow.

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints— ⁵the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel ⁶that has come to you. All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth. ⁷You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. May your priests be clothed with righteousness; may your saints sing for joy. Alleluia.

Please stand.

P: The Gospel according to Mark chapter 4.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL – Mark 4:26-34

God causes His kingdom to grow by planting faith in sinners' hearts, while we are often unaware of His working.

²⁶He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head.

²⁹ As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.” ³⁰ Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. ³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade.” ³³ With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. ³⁴ He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY 516 – “You Parents, Hear What Jesus Taught”

**1. You parents, hear what Jesus taught
When little ones to him were brought:
"Forbid them not, but heed my plea,
And let the children come to me."**

**2. Obey your Lord, and let his truth
Be taught your children in their youth
That they in church & school may dwell
And learn their Savior's praise to tell.**

**3. For if you love them as you ought,
To Christ your children will be brought.
If thus you place them in his care,
You and your household well shall fare.**

SERMON Text: 1 Kings 17:17-24

¹⁷ Some time later the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. He grew worse and worse, and finally stopped breathing. ¹⁸ She said to Elijah, “What do you have against me, man of God? Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?”

¹⁹ “Give me your son,” Elijah replied. He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his bed.

²⁰ Then he cried out to the LORD, "LORD my God, have you brought tragedy also upon this widow I am staying with, by causing her son to die?" ²¹ Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried out to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this boy's life return to him!" ²² The LORD heard Elijah's cry, and the boy's life returned to him, and he lived. ²³ Elijah picked up the child and carried him down from the room into the house. He gave him to his mother and said, "Look, your son is alive!" ²⁴ Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the LORD from your mouth is the truth."

Theme: "Christian Fathers Have God's Important Perspective"

- I. They care for their children with love.
- II. They make know to their children God's Love

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.

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.

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day poured out his promised Holy Spirit to testify to the truth and to remind his followers of everything he said to them. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

- 1 O holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us, Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy Receive our fervent cry.**
- 2 Hosanna in the highest! How truly blest is he
Who in God's name is coming To set his people free!
He comes to bring salvation And with his blood outpoured,
Deliver us from bondage — Hosanna, mighty Lord!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: 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

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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."

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

C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

C Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

Please stand.

P: 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

P: 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 (*spoken*)

HYMN

323 – “Almighty Father, Bless the Word”

1. Almighty Father, bless the word

Which through your grace we now have heard.

Oh, may the precious seed take root,

Spring up, and bear abundant fruit.

2. We praise you for the means of grace

As homeward now our steps we trace.

Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here

May all at last in heav'n appear. Amen.



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GREETERS today are:

Mark & Kathi Curth – Early Service
Bob & Julie Inniger – Late Service

Next Sunday:

James & Deb Reichley – Early Service
Mark & Jane Boehm – Late Service

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

Total Worship Attendance: 204; Early: 86; Late: 118; Adult Bible Study: 24; Sunday School: 18. On-line worship service views for May 30 were 43.

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through June 19 are the members of Dan Webb's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, June 20 will be the members of Richard Johnson's Undershepherd group.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (June 13 through June 20)

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

MON Church council 7:00.

TUE Midweek Communion Service 7:30.

THU Good Samaritan Communion 11:00; LWMS Annual Convention (Through Sunday- this is a virtual presentation).

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

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

WELCOME HOME Pastor Schmitzer! Thank you for sharing God's Word with us this morning.

MIDWEEK SUMMER WORSHIP begins this week, Tuesday, June 22 at 7:30 PM. These services will be held once monthly on the Tuesday following the third Sunday: June 22, July 20, August 18. Communion will be offered at each of these services. Join us!

HELP STILL NEEDED: We still need volunteers to serve at Trinity's VBS! Can you help lead the games or music or lead a group of children? Please consider volunteering a few hours of your time! The dates are 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. Questions—contact Jenny Boehm (262)391-7994.

THE DEADLINE IS APPROACHING: Register your children/grandchildren by **July 1** for “God's Wonder Lab” VBS. Families can pick up boxes or children can attend in person on July 19-23 from 6:00-8:00 PM. Registration is open for children ages 3-11. Register online at tlcjenera.org or fill out a paper registration form in the back of church. Questions—contact Jenny Boehm (262)391-7994.

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 or fill out a paper registration form from the back of church. **Registration closes July 1st**. Questions—contact Jenny Boehm (262)391-7994 or mwmtrinity@tlcjenera.org.

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. 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.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: The Outreach Committee will be hosting an Ice Cream Social on Friday, July 23 at 7:30 PM. The VBS children will sing a few of the songs they learned during VBS. Join us to enjoy some fellowship and ice cream. . . and water balloons for the kids.

LOOKING FOR A JOB??

Trinity Lutheran Church is seeking an Adult Choir director and Handbell choir director. Contact Pastor Nowak at 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.

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 or call Pastor at 419-302-5271.

CALL RESPONSES

Dear members of Trinity Lutheran Church,

I received the call that has been re-issued to me by the congregation. I am pleased to accept this call and continue to teach the lambs of Jenera. I pray that God continues to provide workers for our harvest fields here in Ohio and throughout the world.

In His Service,

Mrs. Linda Baumann

I am blessed to be what Trinity needs me to be. I have heard it said that God will not only call the equipped but he also equips the called. With the teacher shortage and God calling teachers where they feel led to be of best service, we find ourselves needing to move people around to still give a high quality education for God's children. I will, with God's blessing and guidance, strive to give my best in this new position for me of teaching 6-8th grade here at Trinity Lutheran School.

Yours in Christ,

Joshua von Stein

Class of 2021

THE FOLLOWING HAVE ANNOUNCED THEIR GRADUATIONS:

Logan G. Below graduated from Arlington High School on May 30. He will be attending Bowling Green State University.

Austin Rausch also graduated on May 30th from Arlington High School. He plans to attend Bowling Green State University, majoring in Construction Management.

Matthew Freed graduated from OSU on May 9th with a bachelor's degree in Radiation Therapy.

Darion Greer graduated from Van Buren High School on June 13th. He is currently working at Blanchard Valley Hospital.

CONGRATULATIONS!



*Happy
Father's
Day!*