



Sunday, July 11, 2021

Pentecost 7

Worship focus: *Sunday 101:*

Christ-fed Faith clings to Him even in persecution

OPENING HYMN

291 – “We Have a Sure Prophetic Word”

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

**1. We have a sure prophetic Word
By inspiration of the Lord,
And, though assailed on ev'ry hand,
Jehovah's Word shall ever stand.**

**2. By pow'rs of empire banned and
burned, By pagan pride rejected,
spurned, The Word still stands, the
Christian's trust, While haughty empires
lie in dust.**

**3. Whate'er the Word in times of old
Of future days and deeds foretold
Is all fulfilled while ages roll,
As traced on the prophetic scroll.**

**4. Abiding, steadfast, firm, and sure,
The teachings of the Word endure.
Blest all who trust this steadfast Word;
Their anchor holds in Christ, the Lord.**

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.

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; 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 – Ezekiel 2:1-3:4

God tells Ezekiel that even though Israel has often rejected God's word Ezekiel is to tell Israel all the words God gives him to speak.

He said to me, "Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you."² As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.³ He said: "Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their fathers have been in revolt against me to this very day.⁴ The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says.'⁵ And whether they listen or fail to listen—for they are a rebellious house—they will know that a prophet has been among them.⁶ And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them or their words. Do not be afraid, though briars and thorns are all around you and you live among scorpions. Do not be afraid of what they say or terrified by them, though they are a rebellious house.⁷ You must speak my words to them, whether they listen or fail to listen, for they are rebellious.⁸ But you, son of man, listen to what I say to you. Do not rebel like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you."⁹ Then I looked, and I saw a hand stretched out to me. In it was a scroll,¹⁰ which he unrolled before me. On both sides of it were written words of lament and mourning and woe. 3 And he said to me, "Son of man, eat what is before you, eat this scroll; then go and speak to the house of Israel."

² So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat. ³ Then he said to me, “Son of man, eat this scroll I am giving you and fill your stomach with it.” So I ate it, and it tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth. ⁴ He then said to me: “Son of man, go now to the house of Israel and speak my words to them.”

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 30

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Spoken Responsively

P: Sing to the Lord you saints of his;

C: praise his holy name.

P: For his anger lasts only a moment,

C: but his favor lasts a lifetime;

P: Weeping may remain for a night,

C: but rejoicing comes in the morning.

P: To you O Lord, I called;

C: to the Lord I cried for mercy.

P: Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me;

C: O Lord, be my help.

P: You turned my wailing into dancing,

C: that my heart may sing to you and not be silent.

**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 – 2 Timothy 3: 10-4:5

Paul warns Timothy of those who will turn their ears away from God, but encourages Timothy to continue carrying out his gospel ministry.

¹⁰ You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, ¹¹ persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. ¹² In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, ¹³ while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from

infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. ⁴ In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ² Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³ For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵ But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. Alleluia. (Luke 8:15)

Please stand.

GOSPEL – Mark 6:1-6

Jesus' home town rejected him and his message, yet Jesus still did what he could to get that message out.

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. ² When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. “Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him, that he even does miracles! ³ Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴ Jesus said to them, “Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor.” ⁵ He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶ And he was amazed at their lack of faith.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S LESSON

HYMN OF THE DAY

536 – “Lord Jesus Christ, the Church’s Head”

1. Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's head,
You are her one foundation.
In you she trusts, before you bows,
And waits for your salvation.
Built on this rock secure,
Your Church shall endure
Though all the world decay
And all things pass away.
Oh, hear, oh, hear us, Jesus!

2. O Lord, let this your little flock,
Your name alone confessing,
Continue in your loving care,
True unity possessing.
Your sacraments, O Lord,
And your saving Word
To us e'er pure retain.
Grant that they may remain
Our only strength and comfort.

3. Help us to serve you evermore
With hearts both pure and lowly.
And may your Word, that light divine,
Shine on in splendor holy
That we repentance show,
In faith ever grow.
The pow'r of sin destroy
And evils that annoy.
Oh, make us faithful Christians.

4. And for your gospel let us dare
To sacrifice all treasure;
Teach us to bear your blessed cross,
To find in you all pleasure.
Oh, grant us steadfastness
In joy and distress.
Lord, for your mercy's sake,
Let us by grace partake
Of endless joy and glory.

SERMON Text: Ezekiel 2:1-3:4

Theme: "Don't be afraid of them or their words."

1) Sticks and stone may break our bones...

2) but God's Word always helps us.

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.

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

474 – “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

**1. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
Ye soldiers of the cross!
Lift high his royal banner;
It must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry
His army shall he lead
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished
And Christ is Lord indeed.**

**2. Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
The trumpet call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict
In this his glorious day!
Ye that are brave, now serve him
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger
And strength to strength oppose.**

**3. Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
Stand in his strength alone.
The arm of flesh will fail you;
Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armor;
Each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls or danger,
Be never wanting there.**

**4. Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle,
The next, the victor's song.
To him that overcometh
A crown of life shall be;
He with the King of glory
Shall reign eternally. Amen.**

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GREETERS today are: Mark & Kathi Curth – Early Service
Bob & Julie Inniger – Late Service

Next Sunday: Barb Roidt & Ruth Marquart – Early Service
Charlotte Brown – Late Service

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE (week of July 4, 2021)

Total Worship Attendance: 183; Early: 92; Late: 91; Adult Bible Study: 27; Sunday School 19. On-line worship service views for June 27 were 26.

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through July 17 are the members of Richard Johnson’s Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, July 18 will be the members of James Heldman’s Undershepherd group.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (July 11 through July 18)

TODAY Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30; Children’s Lesson; Adult Bible Study, Sunday School 9:20; CALL MEETING immediately following second service today.

MON Faculty Meeting 9:00.

SUN **Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30;** Communion; Adult Bible Study (in the basement classroom), Sunday School 9:20; Rev. Steubs 50th Anniversary Celebration.

CHILDREN’S LESSON: Please encourage your children in the Pre-school through 4th grade to come quietly to the front when invited.

CALL MEETING immediately following second service to call an associate pastor. All voting members are encouraged to attend, as well as non-voters and the ladies of our church.

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.

IT’S A GIRL! Kurt and Katie (nee Stutzman) have welcomed the gift of a baby girl. God’s blessings on this child and her family.

VBS SNACK DONATIONS: Can you donate some snacks for this summer's VBS? Please sign up in the back of church if you are able to help. Please have all donations in the church basement by 11:00 AM on Sunday, July 18. Questions? Contact Lauren Siefker-- (419) 615-5991.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY: The Outreach Committee is organizing a Christmas themed Scavenger Hunt on Saturday, July 31 at 10:00 AM. Take a walking or biking tour of Jenera as you search for three Christmas items. We will give you a map and instructions. Watch out for the decoys! No need to sign up. Meet in the school parking lot.

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.

BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS: Looking for something to read? Check out the church basement. Our teachers are weeding out their libraries. Please take whatever you like on the tables marked "FREE". More being added weekly-so check back. There is also a table of Relay for Life Cookbooks. These are also free- so please enjoy them!

THE SEMI-ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING will be held on July 28th at 7:30pm. Voters – now is your opportunity to have your voices heard! All voters are encouraged to attend. Voters consist of male communicant members who have reached the age of 18. Non-voting members, men and women, are also invited to attend. The Lord has called men to be the leaders for the congregational team. More than likely your grandfather and father have served on the Lord's team over the past years. Now is the time for the next generation to show their love for Him by becoming part of the team. God wants you to serve Him. Your service as a voter is wanted and needed by your Lord and your church. You may sign on as a voter at this meeting. All those who wish to give input beforehand may do so by contacting Trinity officers: Pres. Jamie Siferd, VP David Baumann, Sec. Jim Heldman, Ray Curth, Elder; or any Church Council member.

REPORTS for the July Voters' meeting are due by **July 20th**. Please email them to the school office at tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org.

OUR BIBLE STUDY over the rest of the summer will be a Bible study called One by One. *One by One* is a Bible study based on Pastor David Rosenau's keynote presentation. Using powerful personal stories and drawing from his wealth of experience both as a detective and a parish pastor, Pastor Rosenau helps Christians understand why it is so important to see every soul as a treasure and why we want to be willing to spend the time and effort necessary to share the gospel with each one.

A FOOD SHOWER for Brittany Jensen will take place from July 11th to August 1st. Please put items in the box at the side of Church Street doors or by the mailboxes in the basement. Thank you!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY will be held in the Bible class room in the basement beginning July 18th. Join us!

JOB OPPORTUNITIES!

Trinity Lutheran Church is seeking an Adult Choir director and Handbell choir director. Contact Pastor Nowak at pastormattn@gmail.com or 419.302.5271.

Substitute Teacher: The school is looking for substitute teachers. 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.



LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO??

PLEASE HELP! We still need volunteers to serve at Trinity's VBS! Can you lead music or lead a group of children around to different stations? 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.

WON'T YOU LEND US A HAND? School cleaning will take place from July 24th to the 26th. Anyone can help, regardless if you are a member or school parent. This will give glory to God by taking care of the wonderful blessing of a Lutheran Elementary School that he has given us. If you would like to come, show up at any time in the afternoon or evening, and help clean the school. A list of projects to do and items to help out will be there. Thank you for help keeping our school looking neat and clean.