



Sunday, July 31, 2022

Pentecost 8

Theme of the Day: Focused Living properly values Earthly wealth.

HYMN

477 – “What Is the World to Me”
(The “Amen” is sung after the last hymn only.)

Please stand.

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

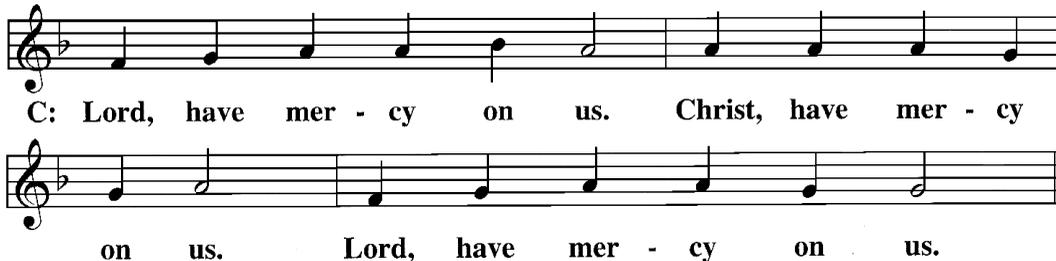


CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY



P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

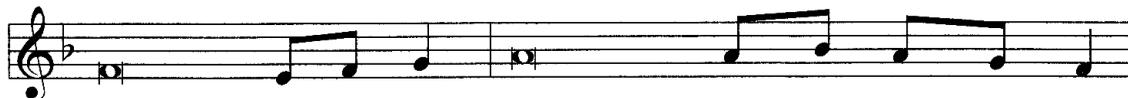


C: A - men.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY BE TO GOD



C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



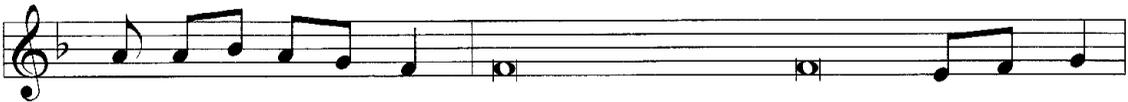
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON – Ecclesiastes 1:1-2, 12-14; 2:18-26

King Solomon, possibly the wealthiest man who ever lived, learned by experience the limited value of earthly possessions.

The words of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem: ² “Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher. “Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.” ¹² I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ I devoted myself to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under heaven. What a heavy burden God has laid on men! ¹⁴ I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind. ¹⁸ I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. ¹⁹ And who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool? Yet he will have control over all the work into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. ²⁰ So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. ²¹ For a man may do his work with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then he must leave all he owns to someone who has not worked for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. ²² What does a man get for all the toil and anxious striving with which he labors under the sun? ²³ All his work is pain and grief; even at night his mind does not rest. This too is meaningless. ²⁴ A man can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in his work. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, ²⁵ for without him, who can eat and find enjoyment? ²⁶ To the man who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 66

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SECOND LESSON – Colossians 3:1-11

If life does not consist in the abundance of one's possessions, then of what does life consist? Paul tells us—the fact that in baptism we died and were raised with Christ.

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.⁶ Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.⁷ You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived.⁸ But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.⁹ Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.¹¹ Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

THE VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. The Word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please stand.



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL – Luke 12:13-21

Greed's folly is felt in life and will be exposed in death. Through a parable, Jesus gives us a strong warning against greed.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” ¹⁵Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” ¹⁶And then he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. ¹⁷He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’ ¹⁸“Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’ ²⁰“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ ²¹“This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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.

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

441 – “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

SERMON

Text: Luke 12:13-21

Theme: Teacher, Save us from our Identity Crisis.

Please stand.

CREATE IN ME



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

Please be seated.

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!

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

Please be seated.

HYMN

485 – “We Give Thee but Thine Own”

Please stand.

P: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

HYMN

329 – *“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”*



Announcements:

OUT OF THE OFFICE: Pastor Nowak will be gone July 28th through August 2nd. Please contact the school office or school principal for any questions. Pastoral emergencies may be directed to Pastor Krueger of Immanuel in Findlay. His office number is 419.424.5555. His cell number is 719.788.0536.

CAN'T MAKE CHURCH ON SUNDAY? Midweek services will continue on Tuesday evenings weekly at 7pm. This will continue through September 6th. Join us!

ATTENTION LUTHER SOCIETY: Summer has been flying by and calendars are quickly filling up but keep Sunday, August 14th open. Luther Society is planning a get together at the Kretz's at noon for lunch, swimming, and games. We will meet in the parking lot after church and figure out rides. Bring a swimsuit and any outdoor games you like to play; we have corn hole, bocce ball & croquet. Lunch will be provided, but we do ask that girls bring dessert and boys bring a side. Our event goes to 4. If you have any questions concerning venue or rides please contact either Mrs. Kretz 419-376-4053 or Kathy Miles 419-348-3075. See you then!

HAVE YOU EVER cleaned with something so hard that you wore it out? Students in Grades 1-7 will discover in the Summer Sunday School lesson today who was doing that in "The Case of the Worn Broom: Jesus with Mary and Martha." They will see what Jesus told these sisters which is still a good lesson for all of us today, leading to our Salvation. This Bible Lesson is found in Luke 10:38-42. Classes meet in the school from 9:20-10:10 AM.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS will continue to investigate the Bible through August 28 with "I Spy Salvation's Story" series. Each lesson shows how God used people in Old Testament times to lead others to Salvation and when Jesus came, He showed New Testament people the way to Salvation through His teaching. Students in Grades 1-7 meet in the school from 9:20-10:10 AM. There will be no Sunday School classes on September 4 and Fall classes will begin on September 11.

SHARE THE ABUNDANCE: The Outreach Committee Produce Giveaway continues today! A table will be set up outside the front of the church between services. Items can be placed on this table at any time. Before services, the table will be in the basement by the door for items. Produce can be picked up before 3:00. Please invite your friends and neighbors to stop by!

Mornings with Mommy News:

Mornings with Mommy is starting again soon! Our 2022-2023 sessions begin on September 19 & 20. The program is held from 9:30-10:30 on the first and third Mondays of the month with encore sessions on the following Tuesdays. Adults can mingle with each other and enjoy activities with their children including a devotion, arts and crafts, sensory bins, flannel stories and books, music, educational toys and activities, and a snack. The program costs \$5 per family per session. You can pick up a brochure and theme schedule in the church narthex for more information. Registration is required. Register online at tlcjenera.org Space is limited, so please sign up soon! Questions?—Contact Jenny Boehm (262) 391-7994 or mwmtrinity@tlcjenera.org.

Can you help us prepare for another year of Mornings with Mommy by donating supplies? Items needed include: 100% juice boxes, play-dough, glue sticks, glue bottles, masking tape, wide masking tape, baby wipes, washable markers, crayons, dry-erase markers, snack-size Ziploc bags, and snacks—animal crackers, teddy grahams, goldfish crackers, Cheez-its, Ritz crackers, graham crackers. If you wish to give monetary donations, the money will be used to buy supplies and educational toys to match the themes of the program. Please put all donations in the box in the back of church. Thank you all for your support of this program!

Mornings with Mommy is looking for volunteers to help with the program. We try to have two volunteers at each session. Volunteers help with registration, assist in the arts and crafts area, help clean up, or maybe just hold babies for mothers with multiple children. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. We will work out a schedule among the volunteers, and let you know when you are needed. ***Volunteers usually help once a month.***

SOCCKER PRACTICES AT TLS will begin August 8th and will go from 6-8pm on Mondays and Wednesdays in August. This year's coach is George Norway. Feel free to contact him at 567-301-6158 with any questions or concerns.

RECYCLE! Due to the continued toner shortage and the high cost of paper, please return your bulletin to the deacons at the end of service. If you like to keep your bulletin to refer to throughout the week- that's OK! Feel free to do so.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU for the many cards and special messages sent to us for our 50th wedding anniversary. God has truly blessed us over these 50 years, especially with our Trinity church family and friends. Jeff and Marjory Rettig



TLS IS IN NEED of a full-time bus driver to drive morning and afternoon routes each school day throughout the school year, beginning in 2023. We are also in need of substitute bus drivers. If you are interested in either position, please contact the school office or any school board member. Drivers need not be a Trinity member, so if you know of someone who may be interested, please share with them. If you can only help on certain days or at certain times, please think about it.

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE is from Cindy Griener, the Director at the Alpha Pregnancy Counseling Center in Columbus: Dear Friends at Trinity, All of us at Alpha are very thankful for the love and support you have shown our ministry these 35 years! Our mission to share the love of Jesus by supporting families facing unplanned pregnancies and financial hardship has remained the same. We now service people from over 15 countries around the world. For many Hindu, Buddhist, and Muslim families, we are the only ambassadors for Christianity they see on a regular basis as they come in for diapers and wipes. We've had wonderful conversations about our assurance of heaven coming from what Jesus did, not what we are doing. Thank you for supporting our continued efforts to reach people with the Gospel! If you would like to help with this caring outreach at the Center, the Women's Ministry is collecting the much needed diapers of any size but in particular Size 6. Please place your diaper donation on the church bench in the basement below the T.V. by August 18th. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Dawn Curth at 419-889-3597.

To the saints at Trinity,

Grace and peace from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Apostle Paul says in Colossians 3, “Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.”

What a blessing to know that whatever changes may happen around us, our life is secure in the work and life of Jesus Christ our Savior. He is the foundation of our life and ministry. It is our great privilege to share this foundation with the people around us, so that they may also have a solid foundation in him.

On July 24, I received a call from the Holy Spirit through Our Savior Lutheran Church in Kasson, MN to serve as their pastor. Kasson is in southeastern Minnesota, near Rochester, and has 7,000 people. Our Savior has about 120 members and had a lengthy vacancy a year ago. Please feel free to give any feedback during this time. Email works the best, but if you would like you can also call or text. It was 9 months ago that we went through this process. God brought blessings out of those deliberations and we shall see what blessings come out of these deliberations.

Finally, please keep Our Savior in Kasson, and Megan and Leah in your prayers. Please also pray that the Holy Spirit would give an abundance of wisdom as the needs here in Jenera and the needs in Kasson are deliberated to see how God can use the gifts he has given for the greatest good of his Church. To God alone be the glory!

Serving Christ and his people,

Pastor Matt Nowak

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of July 24, 2022)

Total Worship Attendance: 212; Early: 105; Late: 86; Midweek: 21; Adult Bible Study: 26; Sunday School: 15. On-line worship service views for July 17 were 24.

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through August 13 are the members of Tyler Smith's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, August 14, will be the members of Craig von Stein's Undershepherd group.

GREETERS today are: Tyler & Kathy Smith – Early Service
Mike & Jill Woodward – Late Service

Next Sunday: Jim & Jane Smith – Early Service
Joyce Beach & Loretta Jansen – Late Service

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (July 31 through August 7)

TODAY Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30; WELS Connection; Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, 9:20; Produce Give-Away 1:00-3:00.

MON Mornings with Mommy Play Date at Jenera Park 9:30.

TUE Midweek Worship 7:00

WED Elders 6:30

SUN **Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30:** Communion; Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, 9:20; Produce Give-Away until 3:00.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT: *Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to glorify our Triune God as we train, strengthen and nurture ourselves and others through His Word and Sacraments, so that we are enabled by His love to live lives of faith and to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.*

