



Sunday, August 14, 2022

Pentecost 10

Theme of the Day: *We want peace, but God's Word divides.*

OPENING HYMN

760 – “When Peace Like a River”

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

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 AND PRAISE

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

OH, TASTE AND SEE



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -



ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -



ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON – Jeremiah 23:23-29

The Word of the LORD divides what is true from what is false.

²³“Am I only a God nearby,” declares the LORD, “and not a God far away? ²⁴Can anyone hide in secret places so that I cannot see him?” declares the LORD. “Do not I fill heaven and earth?” declares the LORD. ²⁵“I have heard what the prophets say who prophesy lies in my name. They say, ‘I had a dream! I had a dream!’ ²⁶How long will this continue in the hearts of these lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of their own minds? ²⁷They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my name, just as their fathers forgot my name through Baal worship. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell his dream, but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain?” declares the LORD. ²⁹“Is not my word like fire,” declares the LORD, “and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?”

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 119a

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SECOND LESSON – Hebrews 12:1-13

The Hebrews who converted to Christianity faced great opposition. They were often divided from their friends, separated from their livelihood. How would they persevere? By fixing their eyes on Jesus.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. ² Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. ⁴ In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵ And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: “My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, ⁶ because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son.” ⁷ Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? ⁸ If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. ⁹ Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we

submit to the Father of our spirits and live! ¹⁰ Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. ¹¹ No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

¹² Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. ¹³ “Make level paths for your feet,” so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. (John 6:68)



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



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please stand.

GOSPEL – Luke 12:49-53

Jesus was fully aware that his work would cause division that would often cut close to home.

⁴⁹ “I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. ⁵² From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

HYMN OF THE DAY 184 – "O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

SERMON Text: Hebrews 12:1-13

Theme: Run the Straight Race through God's Good Grace.

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.

Please be seated.

THANKSGIVING

HYMN 429 – “What God Ordains Is Always Good”

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!

Please stand.

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.



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.



CLOSING HYMN

457 – “Fight the Good Fight”

Announcements:

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

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

ATTENTION LUTHER SOCIETY: Luther Society is planning a get together **TODAY** 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!

MRS. JULAINE BOEHM thanks everyone for the birthday cards. She certainly enjoys looking at them and thinking of her former students and friends who sent them. She enjoys visits and would love to have some company. If you would like to plan a visit, please call Esther Spaeth at 419-326-4364.

ONLY THREE MORE CASES TO SOLVE IN SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL! Today, students in grades 1-7 will meet in the school to solve "The Case of the Sharp Sword: Jesus in the Garden." They will investigate **who** was in the Garden, **what** they were doing there, **when** they were there, and **why** they were there. (The title gives us the clue of **where** they were.) Could it be that this case points to our Salvation? This Bible lesson is found in Matthew 26:36-56, Mark 14:32-50, Luke 22:36-53, and John 18:1-11. Investigators, please be prompt as we will begin at 9:20 AM. No time to waste! Only three more cases.....!!

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!

LIMA FOOD BANK: Women's Ministry is volunteering again at the West Ohio Food Bank in Lima on **Wednesday, August 24** from **1:00-3:00 PM**. We will be packing/preparing boxes, sorting through food, and checking expiration dates. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you are able to join us. We will meet in the church parking lot at 12:20 if you want to drive together. The address is 1380 Kibby St. Lima, OH 45802. Questions? Contact Jenny Boehm 262-391-7994.

LOOKING FOR A JOB??

Trinity Lutheran Church is seeking a Handbell choir director. Please contact the school office or Pastor Nowak at pastormattn@gmail.com.

TLS is in need of a full-time bus driver to drive morning and afternoon routes each school day through-out the school year, beginning in 2023. We are also in need of substitute bus drivers. If you are interest-ed 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.

JENERA COMMUNITY LEADERS invite the Jenera Community, including members of Trinity, to join them for Coffee and Donuts at the Park on August 20th from 8:30-10:30am. Come and gather as a community to enjoy the company of others and to discuss your passions about Jenera.

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? There is a list of needed supplies on the table in the back of church. 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.***

ON THE MOVE: Marie Marquart has been moved to Good Samaritan temporarily. Please keep her in your prayers. You may send a card in care of Good Samaritan Society, 100 Powell Drive, Arlington, Ohio 45814

GIVING: Going to be out of town, but still want to get your offering in? There are several ways to do that! You may sign up for e-giving through the website (www.tlcjenera.org- click on "ON-LINE GIVING" at the top. You can also use our Vanco Mobile App). You may also sign up for regular offerings through your bank's on-line payment program. This is usually free, whereas there is a fee associated with our on-line giving program. Not into "The Internet"? You can mail your offerings to the school at 105 Allen Street, Jenera 45841. You can even drop them off at the school. There is usually someone here on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but call first to be sure- 419.326.4685.

WANT TO SHARE, but not necessarily monetarily? It's easy! There are several different companies that will donate a portion of what you spend with them to our school.

Box Tops: All you need is your phone! Download the Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then use the app to scan your store receipt within 14 days of purchase. The app will identify Box Tops products on your receipt and automatically credit your school's earnings online. Download the app on the Apple App Store or Google Playstore.

Amazon Smile: Sign up for Amazon Smile on your Amazon account and designate Trinity Lutheran School for donations. That's it- nothing else!

Kroger Rewards: Use your Kroger Rewards card to save money for YOU and to give money to US! It's a win-win!

Community Market: Just save your receipts and turn them into church or school. Too easy.

Volunteer: There are always volunteer opportunities at both the church and school. Just ask!

PLEASE RESERVE the back pews for families with small children to lovingly provide this space for the little ones and their parents.

WELCOME! Thank you for joining our Trinity family in worship today. We invite you to keep growing with us through God's Word and Sacraments. If you have a question, please speak to a pastor or a Trinity member. If you are a guest, please pick up a guest packet and give your name and address in the friendship registration located in each pew. Ask the ushers if you need a pocket-sized aid for the hearing impaired. Six large-print hymnals are available for use. A Nursery with our service on TV is located off the lobby for parents who need to calm young children.

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of August 7, 2022)

Total Worship Attendance: 220; Early: 95; Late: 103; Midweek: 22; Adult Bible Study: 30; Sunday School: 18. On-line worship service views for July 31 were 46.

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through August 27 are the members of Craig von Stein's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, August 28, will be the members of David Bower's Undershepherd group.

GREETERS today are: Mark & Kathi Curth – Early Service
John & Esther Spaeth – Late Service

Next Sunday: James & Deb Reichley – Early Service
Gary & Rebecca Mitchell – Late Service

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (August 14 through August 21)

TODAY Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30; Children's Lesson; Adult Bible Study, Sunday School; Luther Society Get Together 12:00; Produce Give-Away 1:00-3:00.

MON Morning with Mommy Park Play Date 9:30; Church Council 7:00.

TUE Midweek Worship 7:00.

WED Faculty Meeting 9:00

SAT Jenera Coffee & Donuts at the Park 8:30-10:30

SUN **Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30:** Communion; Adult Bible Study, Sunday School; Sunday School Teachers 12:00; Produce Give-Away until 3:00.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

MON Soccer Practice 6-8pm.
WED Soccer Practice 6-8pm.

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.*