





Sunday, August 28, 2022

Pentecost 12

**Theme of the Day:** *The humbled will be exalted; the exalted will be humbled.*

**OPENING HYMN**

444 – “If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

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

*Please stand.*



**M:** O Lord, o - pen my lips.



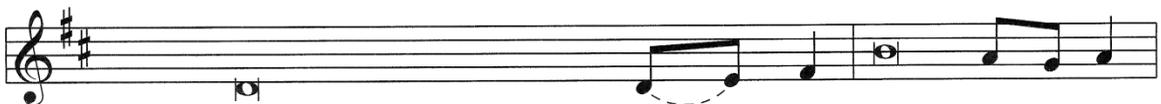
**C:** And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



**M:** Has - ten to save me, O God.



**C:** O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

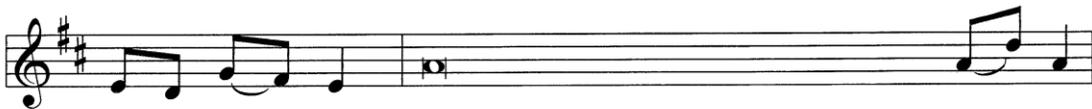


**M:** (General) Praise be to God, the Father,  
the Son, and the Holy — Spir - it: let us wor-ship him.

# OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks-giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and



bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

*Please be seated.*

**LESSON – James 2:1-13**

*James teaches that showing favoritism treats others with judgment rather than mercy, putting us at risk of receiving the same from God.*

<sup>1</sup>My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favoritism. <sup>2</sup>Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in shabby clothes also comes in. <sup>3</sup>If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my dear brothers: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have insulted the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? <sup>7</sup>Are they not the ones who are slandering the noble name of him to whom you belong? <sup>8</sup>If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. <sup>9</sup>But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. <sup>11</sup>For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker. <sup>12</sup>Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, <sup>13</sup>because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

*Please stand.*

**GOSPEL – Luke 14:1, 7-14**

*Jesus teaches some ways to demonstrate humility and promises that those who humble themselves will be exalted.*

<sup>1</sup>One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. <sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: <sup>8</sup>"When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. <sup>9</sup>If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this man your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place.

<sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all your fellow guests. <sup>11</sup> For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." <sup>12</sup> Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup> and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

## **SEASONAL RESPONSE**

M: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!

*Please be seated.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** 492 – *"Son of God, Eternal Savior"*

**SERMON** Text: Proverbs 25:6, 7

<sup>6</sup> Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence, and do not claim a place among great men; <sup>7</sup>it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here," than for him to humiliate you before a nobleman.

Theme: You've been cross-promoted!

**HYMN** 440 – *"On Eagles Wings"*

## **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.*

## LORD, HAVE MERCY



**M:** In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

## 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## PRAYER FOR GRACE

**P:** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**



**M:** Let us praise the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.

**BLESSING**



M: The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C: A - men.

**CLOSING HYMN**      326 – *“May the Grace of Christ Our Savior”*



## *Announcements:*

**WELS CONNECTION** will be shown following both services today.

**CAN'T MAKE CHURCH ON SUNDAY?** Midweek services continue Tuesday evenings Through September 6 at 7pm. Join us!

### **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY OF I SPY SALVATION'S STORY SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL.**

Investigators will gather clues, dig into the Bible and put all the pieces together to discover God's plan of salvation with "The Case of the Wind and the Fire: God Sends the Holy Spirit." If you are a student in grades 1-7 and have not yet helped solve a mystery this summer, please join your classmates at the school for this final case. Investigating begins at 9:20 AM and the case will be solved by 10:10 AM. This Bible lesson is written in the Bible in Acts 2:1-41. Parents, be sure to ask your child about the Bible lessons that he/she has investigated this summer and how each is a part of God's plan for our Salvation. **Please remember, no children's Sunday School classes on September 4. The first classes of Fall Sunday School are on September 11.**

**BRING YOUR BACKPACK EVENT:** Everyone is welcome and school families are encouraged to attend TODAY, August 28th from 2:00-4:00 to make sure their paperwork for the upcoming school year is complete. Students may bring their supplies and check out their classrooms. Meet your teachers! And EAT ICE CREAM!

**KINDERGARTEN AND PRESCHOOL PARENT ORIENTATION** is TODAY, Aug. 28. Childcare will be provided during the meetings. Preschool will meet at 1:15 **or** 2:15; kindergarten at 1:30. All families are welcome to stay afterwards for the Bring Your Backpack Event from 2-4. Kindergarten parents may contact Connie Krueger with questions. Her email is [ckrueger@tlcjenera.org](mailto:ckrueger@tlcjenera.org), or phone 419.788.1990. Jessica Krueger may be contacted at [jkrueger@tlcjenera.org](mailto:jkrueger@tlcjenera.org) for preschool questions.

**TLS IS STILL SEEKING** noontime lunch servers and recess monitors. Please contact the office at 419.326.4685 or [tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org](mailto:tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org) if you can help!

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in Summer Sunday School. Thirteen Bible Lessons were investigated in "I Spy Salvation's Story" by students in Grades 1-7. Summer teachers were Jenny Boehm, Allison and Annette Stuckey, Amanda Green, Dawn and Clark Inniger, Heather, Ayden and Evan Kretz, Courtney and Caleb Breitigam, Lauren Siefker, Ray Curth, Bob and Julie Inniger, Kathy Rettig, Brad and Lisa Inniger, and Nathan Inniger. Thank you for leading the students to dig deep into God's Word and to see God's plan for their Salvation through these Bible lessons.

**NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER INSTALLATION** will take place in second service on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to those who have agreed to volunteer their time!

**FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL** begins September 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. New registration forms will be sent home with each child. The forms will help us with information such as allergies, current grade in school. To avoid any confusion, we are also asking who will be picking up your child or children after Sunday School is over at 10:30 (children must be picked up no later than 10:15). If you don't receive a registration form, please contact the school office at [tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org](mailto:tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org).

**UPDATE!** Paul Yijun Wang has begun his freshmen year of college at Martin Luther College in New ULM, MN. He last was able to see his parents in Beijing in 2019 due to Covid travel restrictions. Paul has been our guest this past year for holidays and summer break. His planned major is high school education. Please pray for him as a teacher in our synod. Thank you, Doug & Marilyn Stahl.

**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!

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH** is seeking a Handbell choir director. Please contact the school office or Pastor Nowak at [pastormattn@gmail.com](mailto:pastormattn@gmail.com).

**CHOIR IS BACK!** The Trinity Lutheran Church choir will start the season on Tuesday, September 13 at 7:00p.m. Practices will be on Tuesday evenings through the middle of October, then switch to Wednesday evenings at 7:00. Come raise your voices to God. To God be the Glory! If you have any questions, please call Jr. Weihrauch at 419.889.4315.

**TLS IS SEEKING** a bus driver substitute to drive when needed throughout the school year. If you are interested in this position, please contact the school office, school principal, 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.

***LWMS News:***

*Lutheran Women's Missionary Society* has published a fall 2022 newsletter. Copies may be found on the table in the entryway.

*The Ohio Circuit Fall Rally* will take place at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Findlay on Saturday, October 1, 2022. There is an LWMS envelope with your Offering Envelopes. If you wish to contribute to the LWMS Mission Projects, please return envelope by Sept. 10, 2022, so we may forward it to the Ohio Circuit Treasurer. Trinity is a member of the Ohio Circuit; therefore, all Trinity women are members. Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the entry way before September 11. We hope to see you there!

**CHILI COOK-OFF:** Join Trinity's Outreach Committee on Saturday, September 10 at 5:00 for some delicious chili! You can taste test each participants' special recipe and vote for your favorite. Also scheduled is a bonfire with s'mores and hotdogs, as well as cornhole games! Sign-up on the sheet at the back of church.

**PASTOR NOWAK** has returned the call to Our Savior Lutheran Church in Kasson, MN. Please see September's Newsletter for more information.

**HELPING THE SCHOOL IN SMALL THINGS MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE!** Our Tiger sports teams are preparing for a great year. One way we help offset the costs of equipment, uniforms, and facility use is through our concession stand. Currently we are looking for donations of paper plates and napkins. 500 plates and 1000 napkins will get us through the entire year. Any amount of these items given can really go a long way. There will be a signup sheet at the back of the church. Other needs will be communicated throughout the year. Donations can be dropped off at church or school. Our first soccer games will be Saturday, September 10th beginning at 9AM. Go Tigers!

**SCHOOL STARTS** Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. We will have our chapel service around 8:30 that morning at the church. Chapel is open to the public, so feel free to join us! Chapel will continue weekly every Wednesday during the school year at 8:20. Come join us in worship!

### ***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](http://tlcjenera.org) Space is limited, so please sign up soon! Questions?—Contact Jenny Boehm (262) 391-7994 or [mwmtrinity@tlcjenera.org](mailto: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. Thankyou 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.***

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## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of August 21, 2022)

Total Worship Attendance: 235; Early: 106; Late: 118; Midweek: 11; Adult Bible Study: 24; Sunday School: 17. On-line worship service views for August 14 were 30.

**MONEY COUNTERS** for this morning through September 10 are the members of David Bower's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, September 11, will be the members of Bill Hull's Undershepherd group.

**GREETERS** today are: Joe & Jean Spaeth – Early Service  
Richard & Ruth Johnson – Late Service

Next Sunday: Dwight & Norma Rader – Early Service  
Warren & Marilyn Pratt – Late Service

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (August 28 through September 4)

**TODAY** Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30; WELS Connection; Adult Bible Study, Sunday School; Outreach meet at 12:00; Produce Give-Away until 3:00.

**TUE** Midweek Worship 7:00.

**WED** Hancock County Fair Begins

**SUN** **Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30:** Communion; Adult Bible Study; *no Sunday school*; Produce Give-Away until 3:00.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

**MON** 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.*