



Sunday, September 4, 2022

Pentecost 13

Theme of the Day: Put down what you love; Pick up what you loathe.

HYMN 338 – “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”
(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: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

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.**

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: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.



C: A - men.

P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,

you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;
 you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and
 ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,
 but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.
 O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,
 you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;
 you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the
 King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what 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.



Please be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON – Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Through Moses, the LORD sets two paths before Israel: one leading to life, the other to death.

¹⁵ See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. ¹⁶ For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, ¹⁸ I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live ²⁰ and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 33

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SECOND LESSON – Philemon 1, 7-21

The case of the escaped slave, Onesimus, returning to his owner, Philemon, is a perfect example of the cost involved in following Jesus. Paul encourages Philemon to take Onesimus back and embrace him as a brother.

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker. ⁷ Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the saints. ⁸ Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, ⁹ yet I appeal to you on the basis of love. I then, as Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus— ¹⁰ I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. ¹³ I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. ¹⁴ But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do will be spontaneous and not forced. ¹⁵ Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back for good— ¹⁶ no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a man and as a brother in the Lord. ¹⁷ So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. ²⁰ I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia. (Hebrews 4:12)



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



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



Please stand.

GOSPEL – Luke 14:25-35

Jesus teaches us that truly following him will come at a cost: the need to carry a cross, the need to give up everything. Count the cost.

²⁵ Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: ²⁶ “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters—yes, even his own life—he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? ²⁹ For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ “Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Will he not first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. ³³ In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple. ³⁴ “Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? ³⁵ It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out. “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY 465 – “Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”

SERMON Text: 14:25-35

Theme: Jesus calls us to be all in.

- 1) In our love for Him
- 2) In our love for others

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.

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.

THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so 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 right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

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: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



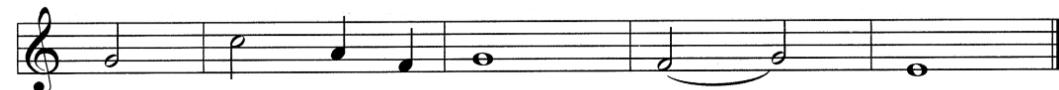
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

428 – “Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me”

313 – “Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”

THANKSGIVING

Please stand.

THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, 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: 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.



HYMN 334 – “Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow”

Announcements:

GOT BIG PLANS for the Labor Day weekend? Can't make it to church on Sunday? That's OK! Join us Tuesday, September 6th for our final mid-week service (with Communion) at 7:00pm.

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

SHARE THE ABUNDANCE: The Outreach Committee Produce Giveaway continues today! Items can be placed on the table at any time. Produce can be picked up before 3:00. Please invite your friends and neighbors to stop by!

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL begins September 11th 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. If you don't receive a registration form, please contact the school office at tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org. We are excited to welcome children of all ages back to Sunday School this new school year! Classes will be meeting in both the church and the school from 9:20-10:10, and pickup time will be no later than 10:15. Children ages 3-4 will meet in the church basement. Kindergarten and 1st grades will meet in the preschool room at school. Grades 2-4 will meet in the 1st and 2nd grade room. Grades 5-7 will meet in the 3rd-5th grade classroom. Grades 8-12 should meet in the church basement Bible study room.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DOOR OFFERING Our volunteer Sunday School teachers do a great job teaching God's Word to our children. Many times, they go beyond what is suggested for activities and enhance the lessons they teach, often using money from their own pockets. With that in mind, the Church Council has approved a door offering to be collected next Sunday, September 11. The gifts collected in this door offering will be divided among the lead teachers so they can continue to create great activities to enhance the even greater message they have to share. Thank you for your support of our Sunday School program!

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH is seeking a Handbell choir director. Please contact the school office or Pastor Nowak at 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.

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.

SCHOOL STARTS Tuesday, September 6th. 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!

SOCCER PRACTICES will resume on Wednesday, September 7th from 3:30-5pm. Practice will continue Mondays and Wednesdays when school is in session.

VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE will begin on Tuesday, September 6th from 3:30-5pm and will continue Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the season. There will be a parent meeting on Thursday, September 8th, check with the coach for the time.

LUTHER SOCIETY FAMILY PICNIC - Please join us at the Jenera Park (weather permitting) on Sept. 11th for the Luther Society Family Picnic. We will meet following second service for food and games. Families are asked to bring a hot and cold dish to share as well as their own table service and drinks. If the weather does not cooperate, we will meet in the school's gym. See you next Sunday!

AT THE FARM: Are your little ones ready for some learning and fun? Sign up for our first sessions of Mornings with Mommy on Monday and Tuesday, September 19 & 20 at 9:30 in the church basement. Our first session's theme is "At the Farm." Play with soybeans in our sensory bins, make a muddy pig, gallop on a horse, drive some tractors, and much more. **After snack, children can go outside to visit some live farm animals and go on a hayride.** Monday's session is currently filled but you have the option of signing up for the waiting list. If there is enough interest, we can add another session from 11:00-12:00 for more families. Register soon online at tlcjenera.org or call 262-391-7994.

Women's Ministry News

WOMEN'S MINISTRY: is planning a paint event on Saturday, October 8th starting at 3:00 PM. It will be a Christian fall painting on canvas. Join us in the church basement as Courtney Breitigam gives us step by step instructions for the painting. The cost is \$15 per person. Please sign up in the back of church by Sunday, September 25.

BIBLE STUDY and BONFIRE: Women's Ministry will be hosting a Bible study and bonfire at Jane Boehm's house (16818 TR 59 Rawson) on Sunday, September 25 at 6:30 PM. Come learn more about yourself and the women around you with a Bible study entitled, "Gifted for More." Snacks and drinks will be provided. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you plan to come, but sign up is not necessary! If you need a ride, contact Dawn Curth (419) 889-3597.

SAVE THE DATE: Women's Ministry is planning another Progressive Meal on Sunday, November 6 starting at 4:30 PM. We need volunteers to host each part of the meal—salad, main course, and dessert. If you are interested in serving as a hostess this year, please contact Dawn Curth (419) 889-3597.

REMINDER: Last year, Women's Ministry made plates with our church's name. These plates are available for anyone in the congregation who would like to visit a neighbor, friend, new parent, etc., and take a "gift". Whether that would be a few cookies, some fruit, loaf of bread, chocolates, or whatever fits the occasion, feel free to take a plate to leave with them. The plates are in a basket on the table by the guest book in the narthex. Take a look and pick one up if you have someone you want to visit and possibly invite to church! (Note: the plates should not be immersed in water, only hand wiped.)

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of August 28, 2022)

Total Worship Attendance: 232; Early: 100; Late: 124; Midweek: 8; Adult Bible Study: 28; Sunday School: 19. On-line worship service views for August 21 were 32.

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

Next Sunday: Tom & Becky Smith – Early Service
Mike & Jill Woodward – Late Service

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (September 4 through September 11)

TODAY Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30; Communion; Adult Bible Study, *no Sunday School*; Produce Giveaway 1:00-3:00.

TUE School Resumes; LAST Midweek Worship (with Communion) 7:00.

WED Elders 7:00.

SAT Chili Cook Off, Bonfire, & Cornhole 5:00.

SUN **Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30:** Children's Lesson; Adult Bible Study; Sunday school; Sunday School Teacher Installation; Door Offering; Produce Giveaway 1:00-3:00; Luther Society Picnic, after 2nd service.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

TUE School Resumes; Chapel 8:30 (all are welcome!); Volleyball Practice 3:30-5:00.

WED Soccer Practice 3:30-5:00.

THU Volleyball Practice 3:30-5:00.

SAT TLS Soccer Tournament 9:00.

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.*