



Sunday, September 5, 2021

Pentecost 15

Worship focus: *Built according to God's Blueprint :
His Soldiers are Equipped with the Armor of God.*

HYMN 262 – “All Glory Be to God Alone”
(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,

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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.

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON – 2 Kings 6:8-23

The King of Aram wants to seize Elisha, but God shows his mighty power to protect his prophet. God delivers Elisha.

Now the king of Aram was at war with Israel. After conferring with his officers, he said, "I will set up my camp in such and such a place."⁹ The man of God sent word to the king of Israel: "Beware of passing that place, because the Arameans are going down there."¹⁰ So the king of Israel checked on the place indicated by the man of God. Time and again Elisha warned the king, so that he was on his guard in such places.¹¹ This enraged the king of Aram. He summoned his officers and demanded of them, "Will you not tell me which of us is on the side of the king of Israel?"¹² "None of us, my lord the king," said one of his officers, "but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the very words you speak in your bedroom."¹³ "Go, find out where he is," the king ordered, "so I can send men and capture him." The report came back: "He is in Dothan."¹⁴ Then he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They went by night and surrounded the city.¹⁵ When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?" the servant asked.¹⁶ "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them."¹⁷ And Elisha prayed, "O, LORD, so that he may see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.¹⁸ As the enemy came down toward him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, "Strike these people with blindness." So he struck them with blindness, as Elisha had asked.

¹⁹ Elisha told them, “This is not the road and this is not the city. Follow me, and I will lead you to the man you are looking for.” And he led them to Samaria. ²⁰ After they entered the city, Elisha said, “LORD, open the eyes of these men so they can see.” Then the LORD opened their eyes and they looked, and there they were, inside Samaria. ²¹ When the king of Israel saw them, he asked Elisha, “Shall I kill them, my father? Shall I kill them?” ²² “Do not kill them,” he answered. “Would you kill men you have captured with your own sword or bow? Set food and water before them so that they may eat and drink and then go back to their master.” ²³ So he prepared a great feast for them, and after they had finished eating and drinking, he sent them away, and they returned to their master. So the bands from Aram stopped raiding Israel’s territory.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 71

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SECOND LESSON – Ephesians 6:10-20

God reminds the Ephesians that their fight is against the devil and his minions. We stand firm in God's power that he shows through his mighty Word.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart. Alleluia.



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 – John 17:6-19

Jesus prays for his disciples before he dies and rises from the dead, just as he continues to intercede and pray for his children today.

“I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹ I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. ¹³ “I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴ I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY 455 – “Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You”

SERMON Text: Ephesians 6:10-20

Theme: Be strong

- I. Not in the world or yourself.
- II. Only in the Lord and his mighty power.

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

P: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another.

Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.

P: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer

P: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

391 – “God Loved the World So that He Gave”

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.

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

HYMN

474 – “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”



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GREETERS

today are:

Jim & Jane Smith – Early Service
Mike & Jill Woodward – Late Service

Next Sunday:

Mark & Kathi Curth – Early Service
Bob & Julie Inniger – Late Service

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of August 29, 2021)

Total Worship Attendance: 198; Early: 96; Late: 102; Adult Bible Study: 25; Sunday School: 18.
On-line worship service views for August 22 were 24.

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through September 11 are the members of Joe Spaeth's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, September 12, will be the members of Adam Rettig's Undershepherd group.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (September 5 through September 12)

TODAY Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30; Communion; Adult Bible Study. (*no Sunday School*)

MON Fair booth tear-down 4:00.

WED Bible Information class 7:00; Choir practice 7:00 (*please note time change.*)

FRI Wedding rehearsal.

SAT Benner/Yant wedding.

SUN **Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30;** Children's Lesson; Adult Bible Study, Sunday School 9:20;
Catechism 1:00; Outreach meeting 2:00; Elders 3:00.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

TUE School Opening services in the church 8:30; First day of School and Pre-School;
Soccer Practice 3:30pm to 5:00 pm.

WED Chapel 8:20.

THU Soccer Practice 3:30pm to 5:00 pm.

HOLY COMMUNION: The Bible teaches us that Holy Communion is a public demonstration of participants' united confession of the Bible's teachings (1 Cor. 10:17). Since we strive to follow all that the Bible teaches, we believe that members of this congregation or the WELS or ELS synod are united in the true teaching and may commune together.

All guests should speak with a pastor before Communion, to first determine if unity of faith exists. We're eager to establish a unity of faith and to declare this oneness at Communion with you. Members of the congregation are to indicate their intention to commune in the friendship registration booklet. Prayers for before and after Communion and worship are on pages 10-11 in the hymnal.

SUNDAY SCHOOL VACATION: There will be no Sunday School for children today, Sunday, September 5. School year Sunday School will begin on September 12. Adult Bible Class will take place as normal.

IT'S A NEW YEAR: Sunday School will begin on September 12 at 9:20 AM. Students will be ready for pick-up around 10:10 AM. We look forward to a wonderful year with God as our guide! The teachers and classrooms are as follows: Preschool-Jenny Boehm-church basement; K-1-Nancy Schmehl-Preschool room; Grades 2 - 4-Barb Stamper in 1st and 2nd grade room; and 5 - 7-Megan Nowak in 7th and 8th grade room. We will be studying New Testament lessons. Be sure to listen for something in each lesson that you didn't know before!

THANK YOU! Thanks to all of our Summer Sunday School teachers; Jenny Boehm, Holly Glick, Amelia Mitchell, Jane Boehm, Megan Nowak, Kelsey and Mason Waltz, Heather Kretz and Esther Spaeth. The students and teachers had a fun summer learning how Jesus used God's gift of water to teach us about His love.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL! Trinity Lutheran School begins a new year this Tuesday, September 7th. Opening services will be held in the church beginning at 8:30. All are welcome. May God bless our students, faculty and staff this year!

TEEN BIBLE CLASS will resume Sunday, September 12th at 9:20 a.m. 8th graders are now welcome to attend this class.

A NEW BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS begins this Wednesday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m., in the Bible Study classroom in the church basement. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn or review the truths that God has revealed to us in the Bible. The class is open to all members and guests. Please contact Pastor Nowak if you have any questions.

CALL MEETING: There will be a call meeting on September 19th immediately following second service to call a new co-pastor. Voters- this is your opportunity to voice your opinions. All are welcome to attend including non-voters and the women of the church.

BARN CLEAN UP: We will be cleaning out the barn behind the parsonage on September 12. Volunteers are needed to help. Also, if you are interested in any items that will not be useful to church or school, you are free to take those items.

IT'S NEW! IT'S FRESH! But most importantly it's all about God and showing our love to Him through service and friendships. ALL women are encouraged to gather Monday, September 13 at 7:30 p.m. for woman-lead devotion on "Making an Impact" followed by a service project. We look forward to spending time with women of all ages!

CLS VISIT: Representatives from the Commission on Lutheran Schools (CLS) will be visiting Trinity September 16-19 to advise and direct us on the early childhood program at Trinity Lutheran School and the current principal vacancy. There will be multiple opportunities for the congregation to participate and voice their opinions with what's great and with what needs improvement in regards to school and the early childhood education program. Please feel free to reach out to one of the representatives.

WHO'S READY FOR SOME CHILI? Trinity Outreach is hosting a Chili Cook Off and bonfire on September 18th at 5:00p.m. Want to show off your chili-making skills? Bring 4 to 6 quarts of chili to be judged. Please provide a description of your chili-hot, mild, etc.. The cook off will be held from 5:00 to 6:00pm; games from 6:00 to 7:00pm (corn hole tournament!). In the event of rain- the cook off will be held in the school gym. Please bring your own chairs and drinks.

MORNINGS WITH MOMMY: Our 2021-2022 sessions begin on September 20 & 21. 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. The program costs \$5 per family per session. Register online at tlcjenera.org Space is limited, so please sign up soon! Questions?—Contact Jenny Boehm (262) 391-7994 or mwmtrinity@tlcjenera.org. ALSO STILL LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

ADULT CHOIR: Our next choir practice will be on Wednesday, September 8 at **7:00 PM**. Please note the earlier time! All confirmed members of the congregation are welcome to join us. We will be meeting upstairs in church. If you are not able to attend rehearsal, please contact Linda Baumann (567-525-4075 or lbaumann@tlcjenera.org) for information about upcoming practice times and singing schedule.

MOM'S DAY OUT: Immanuel Lutheran Church in Findlay is in need of one teacher for Mom's Day Out. Thursday's from 9 AM-2:15 PM. This is a paid position. The children are aged 15 months to 5 years old. Please call the church for more information. 419-422-8209.