



Sunday, September 11, 2022

Pentecost 14

Theme of the Day: *The found are left, the lost are found.*

OPENING HYMN

256 – “How Great Thou Art”

(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.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 – Hosea 3:1-5

The LORD called Hosea to seek his adulterous wife and love her again. This served as an object lesson, showing our God is a God who seeks and redeems those who are lost.

The LORD said to me, “Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another and is an adulteress. Love her as the LORD loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes.”² So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and about a homer and a lethek of barley.³ Then I told her, “You are to live with me many days; you must not be a prostitute or be intimate with any man, and I will live with you.”⁴ For the Israelites will live many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred stones, without ephod or idol.⁵ Afterward the Israelites will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They will come trembling to the LORD and to his blessings in the last days

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 33

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SECOND LESSON – 2 Corinthians 2:5-11

A member of the church at Corinth had been lost in sin, but through loving church discipline, had been moved to repent. Paul encourages the members to lovingly welcome him back.

If anyone has caused grief, he has not so much grieved me as he has grieved all of you, to some extent—not to put it too severely.⁶ The punishment inflicted on him by the majority is sufficient for him.⁷ Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.⁸ I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him.⁹ The reason I wrote you was to see if you would stand the test and be obedient in everything.¹⁰ If you forgive anyone, I also forgive him. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake,¹¹ in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia. (1 Timothy 1:10b)



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 15:1-10

Through two parables, Jesus rebukes those who consider themselves already found and not in need of repentance.

Now the tax collectors and “sinners” were all gathering around to hear him. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” ³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. ⁸ “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ ¹⁰ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

HYMN OF THE DAY

304 – "Jesus Sinners Does Receive"

SERMON

Text: Luke 15:1-10

Theme: Rejoice with the Savior over the one who repents!

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

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!

Installation of new Sunday School teachers.

1st service

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.

Please be seated.

HYMN

432 – "I Am Jesus Little Lamb"

Please stand.

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

169 – “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

Announcements:

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

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER INSTALLATION will take place in first service today, September 11th. Thank you to those who have graciously volunteered their time!

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL begins *today* at 9:30 a.m. New registration forms have been sent home with each child. The forms will help us with information such as allergies, current grade in school. If you have not received a registration form, please contact the school office at tsoffice@tlcjenera.org or check out the link on the church website. 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 *today*, 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!

LUTHER SOCIETY FAMILY PICNIC - Please join us at the Jenera Park (weather permitting) **today** 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.

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 at 7:00 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.

THE FUNERAL for Carolyn Inniger was conducted in church on Tuesday. Carolyn was called home to heaven last week. May the peace of our ascended Savior comfort those who mourn.

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.

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.

FLOWERS for September are being done by Mark Burkholder. Thank you, Mark, for your time and talent!

DO YOU HAVE a love of flowers? How about sharing that love with our church? Volunteers are being sought to adorn the front of church monthly for 2023. Sign up on the sheet in the basement. Show off your flower arranging skills!

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.

LIMA FOOD BANK: Women's Ministry is volunteering again at the West Ohio Food Bank in Lima on **Thursday, September 29** 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 can 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.

PRODUCE GIVEAWAY continues for as long as the produce lasts! If you have anything to share, please place it on the table outside the front of the church. You are also welcomed to take anything you like. Produce can be picked up before 3:00. Please invite your friends and neighbors to stop by!

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UNDERSHEPHERDS: The Elders have updated the undershepherd list. Please check your mailboxes for an updated copy of your list. Thank you so much!

THE TRINITY



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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of September 4, 2022)

Total Worship Attendance: 188; Early: 83; Late: 85; Midweek: 21; Adult Bible Study: 28.
On-line worship service views for August 28 were 34.

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through September 24 are the members of Bill Hull's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, September 25, will be the members of Dwight Rader's Undershepherd group.

GREETERS today are: Tom & Becky Smith – Early Service
Mike & Jill Woodward – Late Service

Next Sunday: Josh & Ashley Breitigam – Early Service
Bob & Julie Inniger – Late Service

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (September 11 through September 18)

TODAY Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30; Children's Lesson; Sunday School Teacher Installation (1st service); Door Offering; Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, Teen Bible Class 9:20; Luther Society Picnic, after 2nd service; Produce Giveaway 1:00-3:00.

MON Circuit Pastors' meeting 9:00; Board of Ed 6:00.

TUE Good Samaritan Bible Study & Communion 11:00; Choir 7:00.

SUN **Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30:** Communion; Adult Bible Study; Sunday school; Teen Bible Study; Sunday School Teachers meet at 12:00; Produce Giveaway 1:00-3:00.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

MON Faculty meeting 3:30; Soccer Practice 3:30-5:00.

TUE Volleyball Practice 3:30-5:00.

WED Chapel 8:20; Soccer Practice 3:30-5:00.

THU Volleyball Practice 3:30-5:00.

SAT TLS Soccer @ Zion 10:30.

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.*