



Sunday, September 12

Pentecost 16

Worship focus:

Praise the One: Who gives us an obedient heart.

OPENING HYMN

162 – “He Is Arisen! Glorious Word”
(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.

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven lines of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The first line starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - men.

The musical notation shows a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a single line of music with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple, consisting of a few notes: a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, and a quarter note C. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

C: A - men.
Please be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON – Deuteronomy 4:1, 2, 6-8

An obedient heart listens to all of God's Word without adding or subtracting to it. God's Laws are good, because God is good. He gives them to us as a blessing.

Hear now, O Israel, the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you.² Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you.⁶ Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.”⁷ What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him?⁸ And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 119c

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SECOND LESSON – James 1:17-27

God gives us an obedient heart that produces fruit: listening to others, slow to speak, become angry, and watching what we say. As Christians, we produce fruits of faith that say thanks for what God has given us.

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. ¹⁸ He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created. ¹⁹ My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, ²⁰ for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. ²¹

Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. ²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. ²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵ But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does. ²⁶ If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. I will proclaim your name to my people; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you. 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 – Mark 7:1-8, 14, 15, 21-23

God gives us an obedient heart that watches what it does. We don't add or subtract from God's Word. We correct ourselves according to God's Word that we may let our faith shine brightly in the world.

The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and ²saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were “unclean,” that is, unwashed. ³(The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. ⁴When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with ‘unclean’ hands?” ⁶He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: “These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

⁷ They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.’ ⁸ You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men.” ¹⁴ Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen to me, everyone, and understand this.

¹⁵ Nothing outside a man can make him ‘unclean’ by going into him. Rather, it is what comes out of a man that makes him ‘unclean.’” ²¹ For from within, out of men’s hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²² greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. ²³ All these evils come from inside and make a man ‘unclean.’ ”

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S LESSON

HYMN OF THE DAY

541 – “Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide”

SERMON

Text: Mark 7:1-8, 14, 15, 21-23

Theme: Take God’s Word to heart!

- 1) By putting it above all else
- 2) so that you will be clean in word **and** action.

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!

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

294 – “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”

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

320 – “On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

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GREETERS

today are:

Mark & Kathi Curth – Early Service

Bob & Julie Inniger – Late Service

Next Sunday:

James & Deb Reichley – Early Service

Mark & Jane Boehm – Late Service

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE (week of September 5, 2021)

Total Worship Attendance: 171; Early: 96; Late: 75; Adult Bible Study: 21. On-line worship service views for August 29 were 31.

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through September 25 are the members of Adam Rettig’s Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, September 26, will be the members of Tyler Smith’s Undershepherd group.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (September 12 through September 19)

TODAY Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30; Children's Lesson; Adult Bible Study (meeting in the narthex), Sunday School, Teen Bible Class 9:20 (meeting in the Bible Class room in the basement); Catechism 1:00; Outreach 2:00; Barn Clean-out 1:00; Elders 3:00.

MON Circuit meeting 9:00, Women's Ministry 7:30.

TUE Choir practice 7:00 (*please note day and time change.*)

WED Bible Information class 7:00;

THU Good Samaritan Bible Class 11:00; CLS visit (through Sunday).

SUN **Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30;** Communion; Adult Bible Study Sunday School, Teen Bible Class 9:20; **CALL MEETING 12:00;** Catechism 1:00.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

MON Faculty Meeting 3:30.

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

WED Chapel 8:20.

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

SAT Soccer game, 10:30 & 12:30 (Home), vs. St. Stephen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL MEETING: There will be a call meeting on September 19th immediately following second service to call a new co-pastor. We will also be discussing the 7th & 8th grade teacher/ principal vacancy. Voters- this is your opportunity to voice your opinions. All are welcome to attend including non-voters and the women of the church.

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 20 & 21 at 9:30 in the church basement. Our first session's theme is "At the Farm." Play with soy beans 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 live farm animals and go on a hay ride.** Space is limited! Register soon online at tlcjenera.org or call 262-391-7994.

CHOIR IS MOVING...to *Tuesday evenings* for the rest of September. We will continue to practice in the church at 7:00 PM on our new/temporary night. Come and join us!

TEEN BIBLE CLASS will resume Sunday, September 12th at 9:20 a.m. Class will be meeting in the Bible class room in the church basement.

IT'S A NEW YEAR! Sunday School begins *today*, Sunday, September 12 from 9:20-10:10 AM. We will be studying New Testament lessons. Please plan to join us! Classrooms are as follows:

~Preschoolers--Church basement

~Kindergarten & 1st Graders--Preschool classroom

~2nd, 3rd, & 4th Graders--Miss Jensen's classroom

~5th, 6th, & 7th Graders--Mrs. Kretz's classroom

~8th Graders are invited to join the Teen Bible class in the basement Bible class room.

BARN CLEAN UP: We will be cleaning out the barn behind the parsonage this afternoon, September 12, at 1:00. 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. Also, please complete one of the surveys found on the table in the church entry-way.

THE FALL LWMS RALLY is October 2 at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Maumee, Ohio . There is an envelope for LWMS in our offering envelope boxes. The treasurer would like to have our count by Sept. 15. We would like these to be used as soon as possible, so we get the amount to the treasurer.



WHO'S READY FOR SOME CHILI? Trinity Outreach is hosting a Chili Cook Off and bonfire Saturday, 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.

STILL DESPERATELY SEEKING a lunch-time volunteer for the school on Thursdays and Fridays to serve hot meals to our kids. If you are able to help out, please contact the school office at 419.326.4685. Thank you!

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.

OPEN HOUSE: Risen Savior Lutheran Church, Mansfield, is having an open house and dedication of their church on October 9 & 10. Saturday's festivities from 11-2 include tours of the church, caramel apples and pumpkin decorating. There will be a special worship service and dedication on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. There will be a meal served after the service. Please RSVP for the meal to pastorbradwright@gmail.com. For details, see the poster on the bulletin board by the south door.

CHECK OUT THE NEW HYMNAL!! Immanuel in Findlay is previewing the new WELS hymnal this month. On Sept. 19th at 9:15 am, there will be a recorded hymn sing, a one-hour video of WELS choirs singing old and new hymns which the congregation can join in singing. On Sept. 26th at 4:00 pm there will be a video of a choir concert, recorded by WELS choirs singing anthems on different hymns. The concert will be followed by a light supper. Call 419-422-8209 to register for the meal.