



Sunday September 20, 2020

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship focus: *Christians fulfill their roles as their brother's and sister's keeper.*

OPENING HYMN

304 – “Jesus Sinners Does Receive: (verses 1, 3 & 7)
(The “Amen” is sung after the last hymn only.)

1. Jesus sinners does receive;
Oh, may all this saying ponder
Who in sin's delusions live
And from God and heaven wander.
Here is hope for all who grieve
Jesus sinners does receive.

3. Sheep that from the fold did stray
Are not by the Lord forsaken;
Weary souls who lost their way
Are by Christ, the shepherd, taken
In his arms that they may live
Jesus sinners does receive.

7. Jesus sinners does receive.
Even I have been forgiven.
And when I this earth must leave,
I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to him I cleave
Jesus sinners does receive.

Please stand.

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

CONFESSION

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

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.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON – Ezekiel 33:7-11

Believers are to be watchmen to care for the souls of fellow Christians.

⁷ “Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. ⁸ When I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked man, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade him from his ways, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. ⁹ But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his ways and he does not do so, he will die for his sin, but you will have saved yourself. ¹⁰ Son of man, say to the house of Israel, ‘This is what you are saying: “Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?” ’ ¹¹ Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, O house of Israel?’”

P: Have mercy on me, O God,
C: according to your unfailing love.

P: Wash away all my iniquity.
C: and cleanse me from my sin.

P: For I know my transgressions,
C: and my sin is always before me.

P: Against you, you only, have I sinned
C: and done what is evil in you sight.

P: Surely I was sinful at birth,
C: sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

P: Hide you face from my sins,
C: and blot out all my iniquity.

P: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
C: and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

SECOND LESSON – Galatians 2:11-21

In Christian love, Paul corrected Peter for his hypocritical actions.

¹¹ When Peter came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he was clearly in the wrong. ¹² Before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. ¹³ The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray. ⁴ When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter in front of them all, “You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs? ¹⁵ We who are Jews by birth and not ‘Gentile sinners’ ¹⁶ know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ.

So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified.¹⁷ “If, while we seek to be justified in Christ, it becomes evident that we ourselves are sinners, does that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not!¹⁸ If I rebuild what I destroyed, I prove that I am a lawbreaker.¹⁹ For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God.²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.²¹ I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!”

THE VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Alleluia. (Philippians 4:4)

Please stand.

P: The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 18.

C: (*spoken*) Glory be to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL – Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus commands Christian discipline for an unrepenting brother or sister.

¹⁵ “If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over.¹⁶ But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.¹⁸ I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.¹⁹ Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.²⁰ For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: (*spoken*) Praise be to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

454 – “I Gave My Life for Thee” (verses 1, 5, & 6)

**1. I gave my life for thee;
My precious blood I shed
That thou might'st ransomed be
And quickened from the dead.
I gave my life for thee;
Come, give thyself to me!**

**5. And I have brought to thee
Down from my home above
Salvation full and free,
My pardon and my love.
Great gifts I brought for thee;
Come, bring thy gifts to me.**

**6. Oh, let thy life be spent,
Thy years for me be giv'n,
As I for thee was sent
To bear thee home to heav'n.
I gave my life for thee;
Come, give thy life to me**

Sermon Text: Matthew 18: 15-20

Theme: True Christian friends have the tough conversations.

1. Tough love can make you the enemy.
2. God stands among you.
3. Tender love wins your friend over.

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 remain standing.

OFFERING

Offering plates are near the exits in which you may place your thank-offering.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also 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 good and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

- 1 O holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us, Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy Receive our fervent cry.**
- 2 Hosanna in the highest! How truly blest is he
Who in God's name is coming To set his people free!
He comes to bring salvation And with his blood outpoured,
Deliver us from bondage — Hosanna, mighty Lord!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: 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.

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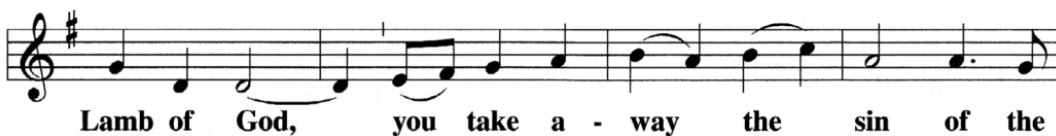
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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.

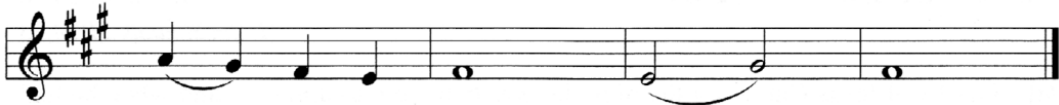
C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD





you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

Please stand.

P: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: 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: Amen.

HYMN

469 – “Take My Life and Let It Be” (verses 1, 5, & 6)

1. Take my life and let it be

Consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days;

Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

5. Take my will and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart - it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne.

6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee. Amen.



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GREETERS today are:

Richard & Cheryl Kretz – Early Service
John & Esther Spaeth – Late Service

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of September 13, 2020)

Total Worship Attendance: 209; Early: 85; Late: 81; Midweek: 43; Adult Bible Study: 25.
On-line worship service views for September 6 were 40.

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through September 26th are the members of Steve Bormuth's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, September 27th will be the members of Gary Mitchell's Undershepherd group.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (September 20 – September 26)

TODAY Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30; Communion; Adult Bible Study 9:20; Teen Bible Study 9:20.

MON Mornings with Mommy 9:30; Church council 7:00.

TUE Mornings with Mommy 9:30; Principal Conference HVL; Midweek Worship 7:30.

WED Public school student catechism class, meeting on-line at 6:30.

THU Good Samaritan Bible Study 10:00.

SUN **Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30;** Wels Connection; Adult Bible Study, Teen Bible Study 9:20.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

MON Soccer Practice, 3:30-4:45; Volleyball Practice 5:00-6:00.

WED Chapel 8:20; Soccer Practice, 3:30-4:45; Volleyball Practice 5:00-6:00.

SAT Soccer game (HOME - St. Stephen, Adrian) 9:00, vs. Adrian; 10:30 vs. Monroe; 12:00 Monroe vs. Adrian.

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.

BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS will meet, starting on Thursday September 24th at 6:30 to 7:30 pm. This class is for those who are interested in learning what God's Word has to offer and walking together with Trinity Lutheran Church, as we learn more about God through his Word. If you are a member, you can also show up. This is a good course to help you learn or relearn the wonderful truths of Scripture. If you are interested, let Pastor Nowak know by calling 419-302-5271 or emailing him at pastormattn@gmail.com.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES are here. If you had your portrait taken last fall, or submitted a photo, you are entitled to a free copy of the new directory. If you did not, you will need to wait until everyone has received their copies. They may be found at the back of church.

PRESERVICE MUSIC for both services today, as well as the midweek service, will be performed by Ky Koepsell.

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 21 & 22 at 9:30 in the church basement. We will have a modified set up this year. Families will be asked stay on their own rug to maintain social distancing during circle time. Separate stations will be set up for each family with crafts, sensory bins, and educational toys and activities. Snacks will be distributed at 10:30. 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 some live farm animals.** Space is limited! Register soon online at tlcjenera.org or call 262-391-7994.

ATTENTION PARENTS: In light of current challenges related to classroom gathering, our church is introducing a new approach to Sunday School. Lessons taught by experienced WELS teachers are available free via YouTube. The engaging and age appropriate Lesson Videos tie to printed Student Lessons that our church provides to you. This new approach presents an easy yet meaningful way for you to encourage your child/children's faith in Christ. Today's lesson is #2, "Man's Sin and God's Promise." To access Lesson Videos, visit nph.net/ss-at-home. The videos for Pre-K through Grade 4 are about 12 minutes long. The videos for Grades 5-8 are about 25 minutes long. Printed Student Lessons for you child/children are available for pick-up in the narthex. Choose the lesson packet that matches your child/children's grade level. There are also lesson packets available for three-year old preschoolers in the narthex. There are no online videos that match these lessons; however, you are encouraged to read the lessons together with your three year old and do the suggested activities. May God bless your child/children as we together continue to share His love.

MIDWEEK WORSHIP continues on Tuesdays, at 7:30 PM. Please make use of this worship opportunity if you are not able to join us on Sunday morning. Council has voted to extend these services through the month of September.



MASKS ARE REQUIRED to be worn in public places, including here at church, according to the governor's guidelines. Anyone with a medical reason for not wearing a mask is asked to sit in the front wing seats.

KROGER REWARDS: Our school receives cash rewards from purchases made at the Kroger store. If you are interested in helping us out, go to www.kroger.com to create an account, or you may visit the service desk at any Kroger store. Go to “My Account”, go to “Community Rewards”, click “Find an Organization”, enter either Trinity Lutheran Jenera or ND143, click “Enroll”. The rewards will automatically generate when you check out. It’s that easy!

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION: Don’t forget – our school receives cash rewards for Box Tops for Education. Things have changed- you no longer need to clip the labels from the items you purchase. In order to redeem them, you must have an app on your phone. More information can be found by the Box Tops donation box in the church basement window or by calling the school. If you have traditional box tops that you’ve clipped, they are still good as long as they are not expired. Trinity Lutheran School appreciates your continued support!

CASH REGISTER RECEIPTS: We are also collecting the cash register receipts from Community Markets and receive money back from them for school supplies. It adds up to quite a bit of money for the school to help buy school supplies.

*“For where two
or three come
together in my
name, there
am I with
them.”*

Matthew 18:20

