



Sunday, September 27, 2020

17th Sunday in Pentecost

Worship focus: *The Church forgives as God forgives.*

HYMN

284 – “How Precious Is the Book Divine” (all verses)
(The “Amen” is sung after the last hymn only.)

1. How precious is the Book divine,
By inspiration giv'n!
Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine
To guide our souls to heav'n.
2. Its light, descending from above
Our gloomy world to cheer,
Displays a Savior's boundless love
And brings his glories near.
3. It shows to us our wand'ring ways
And where our feet have trod
But brings to view the matchless grace
Of a forgiving God.
4. This lamp through all the dreary night
Of life shall guide our way
Till we behold the clearer light
Of an eternal day.

Please stand.

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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 \dagger and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON – Genesis 50:15-21

Joseph reminds his brothers that he has fully forgiven them.

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: ¹⁷ 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept. ¹⁸ His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said. ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹ So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 103

Spoken responsively

P. Praise the Lord, O my soul;

C. all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

P. He forgives all your sins

C. and heals all your diseases;

P. He redeems your life from the grave

C. and crowns you with love and compassion.

P. The Lord is compassionate and gracious,

C. slow to anger, abounding in love.

P. He does not treat us as our sins deserve

C. or repay us according to our iniquities.

P. For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

C. so great is his love for those who fear him;

P. as far as the east is from the west,

C. so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

P. As a father has compassion on his children,

C. So the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;

P. for he knows how we are formed,
C. he remembers that we are dust.

P. Our days are like grass, like a flower of the field;
C. the wind blows over it and it is gone.

P. But the Lord's love is with those who fear him
C. from everlasting to everlasting.

**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 – Ephesians 4:29-5:2

Paul reminds believers that their lives are to imitate God's goodness in their actions and their forgiveness.

²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. ¹ Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

THE VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.
Alleluia. (Romans 15:4)

Please stand.

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

GOSPEL – Matthew 18:21-35

Jesus uses a parable to teach Peter and the disciples about forgiveness.

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?” ²² Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³ Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. ²⁶ The servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ ²⁷ The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. ²⁸ But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded. ²⁹ His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.’ ³⁰ But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed and went and told their master everything that had happened. ³² Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ ³⁴ In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. ³⁵ This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY 493 –“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive” (all verses)

**1. "Forgive our sins as we forgive,"
You taught us, Lord, to pray,
But you alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say.**

**2. How can your pardon reach and bless
The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let
Old bitterness depart?**

**3. In blazing light your cross reveals
The truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us;
How great our debt to you!**

**4. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
And bid resentment cease;
Then, bound to all in bonds of love
Our lives will spread your peace.**

SERMON Text: Luke 13:22-30

²² Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. ²³ Someone asked him, “Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?” He said to them, ²⁴ “Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. ²⁵ Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, ‘Sir, open the door for us.’ “But he will answer, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from.’ ²⁶ “Then you will say, ‘We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.’ ²⁷ “But he will reply, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!’ ²⁸ “There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out.

²⁹ People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. ³⁰ Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last.

Theme: Strive to Enter the Feast

1. There is one key to the door.
2. There is little time to enter.

Please stand.

CREATE IN ME

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -



tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

OFFERING

Offering plates are near the exits for you to place your thank-offering

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.

P: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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 332 – “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (verses 1 & 2)

1. Go, my children, with my blessing, Never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you;
You are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing -
You are my own.

At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you,
What I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story;
Here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven,
At peace and pure. Amen.

2. Go, my children, sins forgiven,

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GREETERS Next Sunday: Joshua & Ashley Breitigam – Early Service
Warren & Marilyn Pratt – Late Service

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of September 20, 2020)

Total Worship Attendance: 191; Early: 62; Late: 98; Midweek: 31; Adult Bible Study: 30.;
Teen Bible Study: 6; Mornings with Mommy: 39. On-line worship service views for
September 13 were 36.

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through October 10th are the members of Gary
Mitchell's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, October 11 will be the members of
Joe Spaeth's Undershepherd group.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (September 27 – October 3)

TODAY Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30; WELS Connection; Adult Bible Study 9:20; Teen Bible
Study 9:20; **Call Meeting 2:00.**

MON Newsletter articles due.

TUE Midweek Worship 7:30.

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

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

SCHOOL CALENDAR

MON 3rd-8th Grade MAP Testing through Friday; Volleyball Practice 3:30-5:15.

WED Chapel 8:20; Volleyball Practice 3:30-5:15.

THE WELS CONNECTION will be shown after each service today.

VICAR COLLIN WENZEL, from Immanuel Lutheran in Findlay, is guest preaching this morning. Welcome to Trinity, Vicar!

CALL MEETING: There will be a call meeting **TODAY** at 2:00pm to call a second pastor. Voting members are invited to participate.

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.

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. *Beginning October 6th, the Tuesday night service will begin at 7:00pm.*

ATTENTION BELL RINGERS! We will begin regular practice on Wednesday's at 6:30, beginning on October 7. Masks are required. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Enderle at 419-306-8360.

BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS will meet, starting this Thursday, September 24th from 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 are also welcome. 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.

HOSPITALIZED: Dee Dillman's grandson, Lane Rossman, was just diagnosed with Leukemia and taken to the Columbus Children's Hospital. He will have surgery and

undergo treatment for that soon. Please pray for Lane and all of our members who are hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing homes.

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School continues by lessons-on-video at nph.net/ss-at-home. The Bible lesson for today/this week is #3, "Baby Moses." You don't have to be a child to watch the videos. (Maybe you even want to watch all four grade levels!) They are easy to share with friends and family too. Just send the web site to them. If you haven't already picked one up for your child's grade level, remember that there are free lesson packets on a table in the narthex that go with the videos. May God bless your child/children as we together continue to share His love.

GREETERS: New schedules may be found at the back of church. Be sure and pick one up.

FROGS, DUCKS, AND POND ANIMALS: Mornings with Mommy meets on Monday, October 5 or Tuesday, October 6 in the church basement from 9:30-10:30. We have activities planned for you to enjoy with your children ages 0-6. Join us to sing about ducks and frogs, explore blue rice, feathers, and pond animals, go fishing, make a bubbly pond, or go "duck" bowling. Register online at tlcjenera.org or call 262-391-7994.

