



Sunday, October 4, 2020

Pentecost 18

Worship focus: *Our God is incomprehensibly gracious.*

HYMN 401 – “Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ” (verses 1, 4, & 5)
 (The “Amen” is sung after the last hymn only.)

**1. Your works, not mine, O Christ,
Speak gladness to this heart.
They tell me all is done;
They bid my fear depart.
To whom but you, Who can alone
For sin atone,
Lord, shall I flee?**

**4. Your death, not mine, O Christ,
Has paid the ransom due;
Ten thousand deaths like mine
Would have been all too few.
To whom but you, Who can alone
For sin atone,
Lord, shall I flee?**

**5. Your righteousness, O Christ,
Alone can cover me;
No other righteousness
Can set a sinner free.
To whom but you, Who can alone
For sin atone,
Lord, shall I flee?**

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

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 mercy.

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 mercy.

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 mercy.

P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.

C: Amen.

P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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 – Jonah 4:5-11

Jonah wanted God to destroy Nineveh, the capital city of Israel's enemy. With the example of a vine, God taught Jonah that his grace is for all.

⁵ Jonah went out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. ⁶ Then the Lord God provided a vine and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the vine. ⁷ But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the vine so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live." ⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Do you have a right to be angry about the vine?" "I do," he said. "I am angry enough to die." ¹⁰ But the Lord said, "You have been concerned about this vine, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. ¹¹ But Nineveh has more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left, and many cattle as well. Should I not be concerned about that great city?"

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 27

Spoken responsively

P: Hear my voice when I call, O Lord;

C: be merciful to me and answer me.

P: Do not hide your face from me,

C: do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper.

P: Do not reject me or forsake me,
C: O God my Savior.

P: Though my father and mother forsake me,
C: the Lord will receive me.

P: I am still confident of this:
C: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

P: Wait for the Lord;
C: be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

**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 – Romans 9:6b-16

Paul uses the example of Abraham’s descendants to display God’s grace and to warn against rejecting His grace.

For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. ⁷ Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham’s children. On the contrary, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.” ⁸ In other words, it is not the natural children who are God’s children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham’s offspring. ⁹ For this was how the promise was stated: “At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son.” ¹⁰ Not only that, but Rebekah’s children had one and the same father, our father Isaac. ¹¹ Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God’s purpose in election might stand: ¹² not by works but by him who calls—she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³ Just as it is written: “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.” ¹⁴ What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! ¹⁵ For he says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” ¹⁶ It does not, therefore, depend on man’s desire or effort, but on God’s mercy.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.
Alleluia. (2 Corinthians 12:9a)

Please stand.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 20.

GOSPEL – Matthew 20:1-16

In the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard, Jesus teaches that entrance into heaven does not depend on a person's works but on God's grace.

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire men to work in his vineyard. ² He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. ³ About the third hour he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴ He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ ⁵ So they went. “He went out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour and did the same thing. ⁶ About the eleventh hour he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’ ⁷ ‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered. He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’ ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’ ⁹ The workers who were hired about the eleventh hour came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰ So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹² ‘These men who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’ ¹³ But he answered one of them, ‘Friend, I am not being unfair to you. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius?’ ¹⁴ Take your pay and go. I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵ Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY 390 – “Salvation unto Us Has Come” (verses 1 & 5)

**1. Salvation unto us has come
By God's free grace and favor.
Good works cannot avert our doom;
They help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,
Who did for all the world atone;
He is the one Redeemer.**

**5. Since Christ has full atonement made
And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad
And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead;
Your death is now my life indeed,
For you have paid my ransom.**

SERMON Text: Matthew 20:1-16

Theme: God's not fair and that's great.

1. He's not fair according to human standards.
2. He's not fair according to how he wishes to bless us.

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 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.

THE SACRAMENT

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 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: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



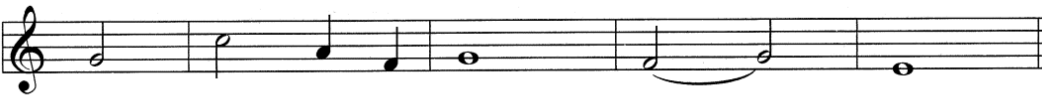
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



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

THANKSGIVING

Please stand.

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: Amen.

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: Amen.

HYMN

389 – “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” (verses 1 & 3)

**1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood
From thy riven side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure:
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.**

**3. Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress,
Helpless, look to thee for grace.
Foul, I to the fountain fly –
Wash me, Savior, or I die! Amen.**

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GREETERS today are:

Joshuah & Ashley Breitigam – Early Service
Warren & Marilyn Pratt – Late Service

Next Sunday:

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

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of September 27, 2020)

Total Worship Attendance: 212; Early: 92; Late: 85; Midweek Service: 35; Adult Bible Study: 29; Teen Bible Class: 3. On-line worship service views for September 20 were 45.

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

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (October 4 – October 10)

TODAY Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30; Communion; Adult Bible Study 9:20; Teen Bible Class 9:20; Elders Meeting 2:00.

MON Mornings With Mommy 9:30 a.m.

TUE Mornings With Mommy 9:30 a.m.; Midweek Worship 7:00 (note time change).

WED Handbell Practice 6:30; On-line Catechism 6:30.

THU Bible Information Class 6:30.

SUN **Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30;** Children's Lesson; Adult Bible Study; Teen Bible Study 9:20.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

MON Volleyball practice, 3:30-5:15.

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

THU Teacher in-service NO SCHOOL.

FRI NO SCHOOL.

SAT Volleyball game (HOME) 9:00 vs. Monroe and 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.

MONTHLY FLOWER CHAIRPERSON for October is Linda Webb.

MIDWEEK WORSHIP continues on Tuesdays. Please note that beginning this week, service **will begin at 7:00 p.m.** Please make use of this worship opportunity if you are not able to join us on Sunday morning.

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

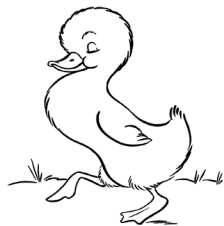
LADIES AID: The next meeting is Monday, October 12th at 7:30. We will continue our bible study on prayer. All ladies of the church are welcome. We will meet in the sanctuary. Face masks are required, according to the governor's mandate.



THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE is hosting Trunk or Treat (*tentatively*) on Friday, October 30 from 5:30-7:30 PM. (Saturday, October 31 will be the rain date.) All activities will take place outside this year—including a cook out (possibly), pumpkin decorating, trunk judging, and crafts and games for kids. We are also thinking about a petting zoo, so if you have farm animals you'd like to show off, please let us know! We need lots of help to make this outreach event a success! Please save the date and consider joining us for the evening. Bring your vehicles and hand out candy in the church parking lot—decorations are encouraged but not required. We also need volunteers to help with games and crafts. Sign up in the narthex if you are able to help!

GREETERS: New schedules may be found at the back of church. Be sure to get yours!

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School continues by lessons-on-video at nph.net/ss-at-home. The Bible lesson for today/this week is #4, "God Calls Moses to Lead Israel." 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 up one for you 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.



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.

PHOTO BOMBED? School Picture Day is Tuesday, October 13. (This is a change from what the school calendar says.) Order forms were sent home last week. If you did not get one, please contact the office. You may also order online at mylifetouch.com, using our Picture Day ID: EVTZC439V. Big smiles!

WELCOME! Thank you for joining our Trinity family in worship today. We invite you to keep growing with us through God's Word and Sacraments. If you have a question, please speak to a pastor or a Trinity member. If you are a guest, please pick up a guest packet and give your name and address in the friendship registration located in each pew. Ask the ushers if you need a pocket-sized aid for the hearing impaired. Six large-print hymnals are available for use. A Nursery with our service on TV is located off the lobby for parents who need to calm young children.

RECEIPT OF CALL:

Dear brothers and sisters at Trinity,
Please know that yesterday, by telephone, I received notice of the call you extended to me on Sunday, September 28, 2020. I look forward to receiving the packet of call/congregational information in the mail this week.

As I deliberate, I will be in contact with various leaders at Trinity, but I also welcome your thoughts via email (pcasmer@christthelordbrookfield.org). In addition, I ask for your prayers on a few fronts: that God would bless his Church overall, that he would give me wisdom from Christian counsel and the insights of his Word to weigh out the two calls I now hold, and that he might use me, in whichever place, to be a blessing to his people.

In the meantime, I will pray that God bless your church as you seek a new associate pastor. It is always difficult in different ways to fill a long-time pastor's place. May God bless you as we walk together through this strange time in world history and as we move toward the encouragements of the End Time season. Christ is King and he rules with truth and grace!

Blessings in Jesus' name,
Pastor Philip J. Casmer



Frogs, Ducks, and Pond Animals

Prayer:

Thank you, Lord, for trusting me.
To care for animals, ponds, and trees. Amen.

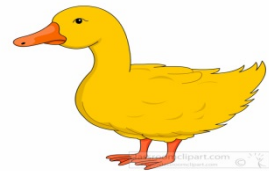


Bible Verse:

“You made him ruler over the works of your hands;
you put everything under his feet.” Psalm 8:6

Books to Read:

The Wide Mouthed Frog by Keith Faulkner
The Foolish Tortoise by Richard Buckley
Turtle Splash by Cathryn Falwell
Down By the Cool of the Pool by Tony Mitton
The Croaky Pokey! by Ethan Long



Upcoming Events:

Dinosaurs:

Monday, October 19 and Tuesday, October 20

Trunk or Treat at Trinity – crafts, games, and food

Friday, October 30 – 5:30-7:30 p.m.

