





Sunday, October 18, 2020

Pentecost 20

**Worship focus:** *Our patient God seeks fruits of faith.*

**OPENING HYMN**

377 – “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice” (vs. 6 & 8)  
(The “Amen” is sung after the last hymn only.)

6. The Son obeyed his Father's will,  
Was born of virgin mother,  
And, God's good pleasure to fulfill,  
He came to be my brother.  
No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore;  
A servant's form like mine he bore  
To lead the devil captive.

8. "The foe shall shed my precious blood,  
Me of my life bereaving.  
All this I suffer for your good;  
Be steadfast and believing.  
Life shall from death the vict'ry win;  
My innocence shall bear your sin,  
And you are blest forever.

*Please stand.*

**INVOCATION**

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

C: *(spoken)* 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.**

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; 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 OF GOD

### FIRST LESSON – 2 Kings 21: 1-15

*Our patient God promises to send a disaster on the wicked King Manasseh of Judah for his idolatry. This would lead King Mannasseh to see his sin and repent of his wickedness.*

Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem fifty-five years. His mother's name was Hephzibah.<sup>2</sup> He did evil in the eyes of the LORD, following the detestable practices of the nations the LORD had driven out before the Israelites.<sup>3</sup> He rebuilt the high places his father Hezekiah had destroyed; he also erected altars to Baal and made an Asherah pole, as Ahab king of Israel had done. He bowed down to all the starry hosts and worshiped them.<sup>4</sup> He built altars in the temple of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, "In Jerusalem I will put my Name."<sup>5</sup> In both courts of the temple of the LORD, he built altars to all the starry hosts.<sup>6</sup> He sacrificed his own son in the fire, practiced sorcery and divination, and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the eyes of the LORD, provoking him to anger.<sup>7</sup> He took the carved Asherah pole he had made and put it in the temple, of which the LORD had said to David and to his son Solomon, "In this temple and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put my Name forever.<sup>8</sup> I will not again make the feet of the Israelites wander from the land I gave their forefathers, if only they will be careful to do everything I commanded them and will keep the whole Law that my servant Moses gave them."<sup>9</sup> But the people did not listen. Manasseh led them astray, so that they did more evil than the nations the LORD had destroyed before the Israelites.<sup>10</sup> The LORD said through his servants the prophets:<sup>11</sup> "Manasseh king of Judah has committed these detestable sins. He has done more evil than the Amorites who preceded him and has led Judah into sin with his idols.<sup>12</sup> Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: I am going to bring such disaster on Jerusalem and Judah that the ears of everyone who hears of it will tingle.<sup>13</sup> I will stretch out over Jerusalem the measuring line used against Samaria and the plumb line used against the house of Ahab. I will wipe out Jerusalem as one wipes a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down.<sup>14</sup> I will forsake the remnant of my inheritance and hand them over to their enemies. They will be looted and plundered by all their foes;<sup>15</sup> because they have done evil in my eyes and have provoked me to anger from the day their forefathers came out of Egypt until this day."

P: The Lord is my strength and my song;

**C: he has become my salvation.**

P: The Lord's right hand is lifted high;

**C: the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!**

P: I will not die but live,

**C: and will proclaim what the Lord has done.**

P: I will give you thanks, for you answered me;

**C: you have become my salvation.**

P: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

**C: the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

P: This is the day the Lord has made;

**C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**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 – Revelations 3:14-22**

*Our patient God encourages the Laodiceans to get rid of their lukewarm attitude. God's loving encouragement from his Word gives them the strength to produce fruits of faith that show the life God has given them.*

<sup>14</sup> "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. <sup>15</sup> I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! <sup>16</sup> So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. <sup>17</sup> You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. <sup>18</sup> I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see. <sup>19</sup> Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent. <sup>20</sup> Here I am! I stand at the door and knock.

If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me. <sup>21</sup> To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne. <sup>22</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

### **THE VERSE OF THE DAY**

Alleluia. I will proclaim your name to my people; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you. Alleluia. (Hebrews 2:12)

*Please stand.*

P: The Gospel according to St. Matthew chapter 21.

**C: Glory be to you, O Lord!**

### **GOSPEL – Matthew 21:33-43**

*Our patient Savior shows the heart of God. God repeatedly sent the prophets to the people of Israel. He even sent his Son, but they rejected him. God in his patience sends the Word to the rest of the nations, so that they would repent, believe and produce fruits of faith.*

<sup>33</sup> “Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and went away on a journey. <sup>34</sup> When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. <sup>35</sup> “The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. <sup>36</sup> Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. <sup>37</sup> Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said.

<sup>38</sup> “But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup> So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. <sup>40</sup> “Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup> “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.” <sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “‘The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? <sup>43</sup> “Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## **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 be seated.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

753 – “Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us” (verses 1 & 4)

1. **Father, God of grace, you knew us,  
Chose us, named us as your own,  
Through eternal ages planning  
To redeem us in your Son.  
Praise the Father, God who loved us  
Ere creation was begun!**

4. **Lord, your changeless Word has fed us,  
Spanning time, transcending space.  
Water, bread, and wine sustained us  
When the darkness hid your face.  
Keep us with you, faithful Shepherd,  
By your saving means of grace!**

**SERMON**      Text: Revelations 3:14-22

Theme: Avoid a lukewarm attitude!

1. See the ugly truth of indifference. (15-17)
2. Know the zealous heart of God. (18-19)
3. Live with the Truth Wherever You Go. (14, 20-22)

*Please stand.*

## OFFERING

**Offering plates are near the exits in which you may 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

### 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 promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a common time signature 'C' in a square box. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The score ends with a double bar line and a circled number 8.

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,  
God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -  
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -  
ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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.

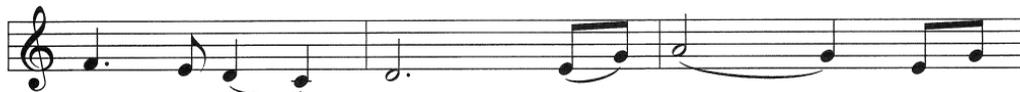
## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



**C** O Christ, Lamb of



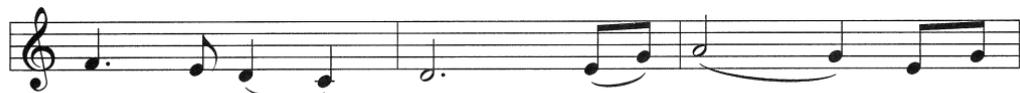
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



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. A - men.

*Please be seated.*

**DISTRIBUTION**

*Please stand.*

**SONG OF SIMEON**

**C** In peace, Lord, you let your  
 ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my  
 eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for  
 ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the  
 glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

**P:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**C:** And his mercy endures forever.

P: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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.**

**CLOSING HYMN**                      385 – “Chief of Sinners Though I Be” (verses 1 & 5)

**1. Chief of sinners though I be,  
Jesus shed his blood for me,  
Died that I might live on high,  
Lives that I might never die.  
As the branch is to the vine,  
I am his and he is mine!**

**5. Strengthen me, O gracious Lord,  
By your Spirit and your word.  
When my wayward heart would stray,  
Keep me in the narrow way;  
Grace in time of need supply  
While I live and when I die. Amen.**



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## **GREETERS**

today are:

James & Deb Reichley – Early Service  
Mark & Jane Boehm – Late Service

Next Sunday:

John & Janet Weihrauch – Early Service  
Jerry & Joyce Beagle – Late Service

## **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE** (week of October 11, 2020)

Total Worship Attendance: 207; Early: 64; Late: 96; Midweek: 47; Adult Bible Study: 26.  
Teen Bible Study: 6. On-line worship service views for October 4 were 35.

**MONEY COUNTERS** for this morning through October 24th are the members of Joe Spaeth's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, October 25th will be the members of Adam Rettig's Undershepherd group.

## **THIS WEEK AT TRINITY** (October 18 – October 24)

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

**MON** Mornings with Mommy 9:30; Ohio Pastors Conf., Powell; Church Council 7:00.

**TUE** Mornings with Mommy 9:30; Ohio Pastors Conf., Powell; Midweek Worship 7:00.

**WED** On-line Catechism class 6:30; Handbells 6:30.

**THU** Bible Information Class 6:30.

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

## **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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

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

**SAT** Volleyball game (AWAY) 9:00 vs. Monroe and Zion.

**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.

**CALL MEETING:** There will be a call meeting at 2:00 p.m. **today**, to call a school principal and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. All voting members are encouraged to attend.

**PRAYER REQUEST:** Please add Joyce Beagle and Mark Heldman to your prayer list. Joyce is under hospice care at home and Mark has undergone surgery. Let's remember all of our members who are hospitalized, homebound or in nursing homes and lift them up in prayer.

**MIDWEEK WORSHIP** continues on Tuesdays at 7:00pm. Please make use of this worship opportunity if you are not able to join us on Sunday morning.

**DINOSAURS:** Join us for Mornings with Mommy on Monday, October 19 or Tuesday, October 20 from 9:30-10:30. Bring your children and grandchildren to explore all kinds of dinosaurs. Make a dinosaur stomp painting, explore dinosaur pasta, play with dinosaur puppets, and dig for dinosaur bones. Register online at [tlcienera.org](http://tlcienera.org) or call 262-391-7994.

**PASTOR NOWAK** will be attending the Ohio Pastors Conference in Powell, Ohio on Monday and Tuesday of this week. You may contact him by phone or text at 419.306.5271. Please leave a message if he does not answer.

**CHURCH COUNCIL** meeting will still take place on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> as scheduled.

**THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE** will meet on Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

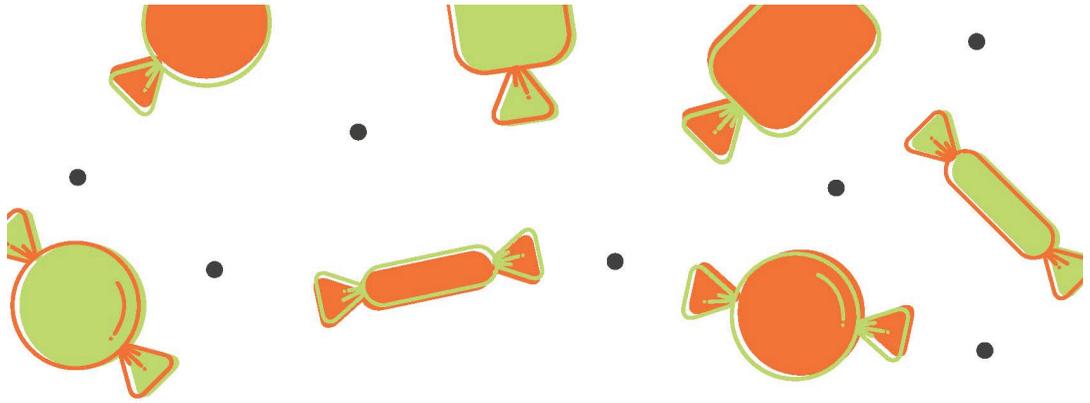
**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday School lesson packets for three-year-olds, containing lessons 5-8, are available for pick up in the narthex. Packets are labeled with each child's name. Sunday School for Pre-school through 8th grade continues by lessons-on-video at [nph.net/ss-at-home](http://nph.net/ss-at-home). The Bible lesson for today/this week is #6, "The Passover." If you haven't already picked up a lesson packet for your child's grade level, there are free lesson packets on a table in the narthex that go with the videos for Pre-school through 8th grade. May God bless your child/children as we together continue to share His love.

**THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE** is hosting Trunk or Treat 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, pumpkin decorating, trunk judging, and crafts and games for kids. 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!

**PASTOR PHILIP CASMER** has received our call to act as associate pastor at Trinity. Please email him at [pcasmer@christthelordbrookfield.org](mailto:pcasmer@christthelordbrookfield.org) and let him know just how great our church and school are!

**LWMS:** The Fall Rally of the Ohio Circuit was canceled, but we still are supporting the mission projects of the LWMS. If you would like to donate towards these projects, please use your LWMS envelope that is in your church envelope box. The 58th Annual LWMS Convention will be in Cincinnati, OH on June 24-27, 2021, hosted by the Heartland and Ohio Circuits.

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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

TRUNK  
OR  
TREAT

Friday, October 30\* @ 5:30pm  
301 Main St. Jenera, OH

Join us for trick-or-treating, pumpkin painting, and games!

Food will be available for purchase

\*Rain date is Saturday, 10/31

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