



Sunday, October 23, 2022

Pentecost 20

Theme of the Day: *Faith demonstrated through total dependence.*

OPENING HYMN

446 – “I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus”
(The “Amen” is sung after the last hymn only.)

Please stand.

INVOCATION

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.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

C Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us. A - men.

The image shows two lines of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first line contains the lyrics "C Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy" with a common time signature 'C' in a box. The second line contains the lyrics "on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us. A - men." The music consists of quarter and eighth notes with stems pointing up.

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.

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

GLORY TO GOD

C Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. You are
seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re -
ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the
Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
earth. Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

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.

GOSPEL – Luke 18:18-30

What is impossible with man is possible with God. That is why we are totally dependent on him.

A certain ruler asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁹ “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. ²⁰ You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.’” ²¹ “All these I have kept since I was a boy,” he said. ²² When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” ²³ When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was a man of great wealth. ²⁴ Jesus looked at him and said, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶ Those who heard this asked, “Who then can be saved?” ²⁷ Jesus replied, “What is impossible with men is possible with God.” ²⁸ Peter said to him, “We have left all we had to follow you!” ²⁹ “I tell you the truth,” Jesus said to them, “no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God ³⁰ will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come, eternal life.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.



APOSTLE’S 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

486 – “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

SERMON

Text: Luke 18:18-30

Theme: God does the impossible!

Please stand.

CREATE IN ME

Cre - ate in me a pure heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me.
Do not cast me a - way from your pres - ence or
take your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

FRIENDSHIP REGISTRATION

Guests: Please fill out name, address, and phone number.

Members: Please fill out name and any new information.

Check the third box if you intend to commune.

Please, return the booklet to its original location. Thank you!

Please stand.

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.

Please be seated.

HYMN

402 – “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Please stand.

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.

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

415 – “Be Still, My Soul”

Announcements:

Divine Calls: Voters called Hannah Rothe as 7th and 8th grade teacher, as well as congregational music director in a call meeting held last Sunday. You may contact her by email at: hrothe@stpaulsknights.org or phone her at: 262.490.8670.

Mrs. Heather Kretz was extended a permanent call as 3rd and 4th grade teacher. You may contact her at hkretz@tlcjenera.org. Please keep these two ladies in your prayers as they consider their respective calls.

TRUNK OR TREAT is scheduled for *this* Saturday, October 29 from 5:30-7:30 PM. Plan to bring your children/grandchildren out for trick-or-treating in the church parking lot along with hayrides from 5:30-6:30. Food will be available for purchase. Indoor activities include pumpkin decorating, games, cookie decorating, crafts, and sensory bins. Please sign up in the narthex if you are able to help!

PROGRESSIVE MEAL: Women are invited to the Women's Ministry's Progressive Meal and Bible study on Sunday, November 6. Meet in the church parking lot at 4:00 to carpool with other ladies! Each stop will include one part of a three-part Bible study on "Depression and Anxiety." Invite a friend to join us, too! Sign up on the sheet in the back of church. Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 2. Questions? Contact Jane Boehm at 419-206-5011.



TLS IS STILL SEEKING a substitute bus driver to drive when needed throughout the school year. If you are interested in this position, please contact the school office, school principal, or any school board member. Drivers need not be a Trinity member, so if you know of someone who may be interested, please share with them.

FLOWER CHAIRMAN for the month of November is Mark Burkholder. Thank you, Mark, for the wonderful work you do to beautify God's house each week!

THINGS THAT GO: Mornings with Mommy meets on Monday and Tuesday, November 7 and 8. (We added an extra session at 11:00 on Monday.) Plan to join us in the church basement to learn about and play with cars, boats, trucks, trains, planes, and more. You and your little ones can make a name train, play with rice and vehicles, try out different textured ramps, and make tire tracks in playdough. A Jenera fire truck and firefighter will also be coming to visit! Register online at tlcjenera.org or call 262-391-7994.



GET YOUR TIGER GEAR HERE! TLS clothing is being offered for sale again this year. Items available include, men's and women's polos, long-sleeved t-shirts, sweatshirts, and hoodies in sizes youth to XXL adult. If you are interested in purchasing, please contact the school office for an order form. Deadline to order is November 22nd.

ALSO FOR SALE: The 7th and 8th grade classes have short-sleeved T-shirts available for purchase for \$10 each. All proceeds will off-set the annual 7th & 8th grade class trip. Please contact the school office if you would like to purchase one.

HOSPITALIZED Please remember in your prayers Sharon Sands, who is hospitalized at Blanchard Valley Hospital in Findlay. Please keep her and all of our members who are homebound or in nursing home, in your prayers.

Thank you to everyone who helped clean the church this past week. Many hands do make light the work and we appreciate everyone taking time to help. We also want to thank Dawn and Ray Curth for their hard work in caring for our church each week. What a blessing to have such a beautiful church to worship our wonderful God.

LUTHER SOCIETY will be collecting items for the annual Thanksgiving display. Please have your items in the church basement by Sunday November 13th. Luther Society members watch your text and the bulletin for more details on our November activities.

LIMA FOOD BANK: Women's Ministry is volunteering again at the West Ohio Food Bank in Lima on **Wednesday, October 26** from **1:00-3:00 PM**. We will be packing/preparing boxes, sorting through food, and checking expiration dates. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you are able to join us. We will meet in the church parking lot at 12:20 if you want to drive together. The address is 1380 Kibby St. Lima, OH 45802. Questions? Contact Jenny Boehm 262-391-7994.

WOULD YOU LIKE to own a piece of Trinity History? On Sunday, November 20th, after second service, you are welcome to take home the red hymnals. If you want more than one, that's ok, too! Join us on Thanksgiving morning as we begin a new era at Trinity when we begin using the new Christian Worship hymnals.

“I Hear the Bells A’ringing!”

We live in an era when many churches have elected to remove their bells due to the expense of maintaining them. Our bells have sadly been silent for most of this year because they too needed serious repair. Thankfully, our council chose to restore them rather than silence them. Let us rejoice that our bells once again ring from the bell tower where they have rung for 133 years!!

Trinity Lutheran Church is blessed to have 3 bells in our bell tower. All three are made of solid brass. They were cast in Missouri in 1889 and legend has it they were shipped by rail to Rawson and brought by horse and wagon to Jenera.

Each bell is tuned to ring in harmony when rung together.

The “Big Bell” is 36 inches high and 48 inches in diameter. Its wheel is six feet in diameter. Trinity trustees can attest to the fact that it’s very heavy. Donated by Michael Heldman, it is engraved with the following verse:

“Die Lebenden rufe ich” (I call the living)

“Die Toden Becklage ich” (I mourn the dead)

“Die Feuer Loesche ich” (I extinguish the fire)

The Second Bell was donated by George Henrich Heldman. It’s a little smaller at 30 inches high and 36 inches in diameter. (Exuberant bell ringers have actually flipped this one over, which requires a climb up into the bell tower to flip it back.) It is engraved “Ehre SieGott inder Hohe” (Glory to God in the Highest).

A third Heldman, J. Phillip, donated the smallest bell. It rings in at 30 inches high and 31 inches across. It is engraved with “Gott Segne” (God Bless) and “Die Duetesigh Ev. Lutheran Trinitats Gemeinde” (The German Ev. Lutheran Trinity Church).

Did you know there is an entire schedule for ringing the bells? For instance, on Sunday mornings before service, the big bell is rung 20 times (pulls) with the other 2 bells following suit. The second bell is rung during the Lord’s Prayer. In the old days, this was done so that the farmers working in the field could stop what they were doing and join in the prayer. The second bell is also rung to summon everyone to Sunday school.

Things get really complicated at midnight on New Year’s Eve. The bells aren’t rung often any more for this occasion but when they are it’s a carefully choreographed and timed process lasting more than twelve minutes.

The big bell is rung when the church is notified of the death of a member. There is a toll bell which is used during funeral services.

And don’t forget weddings! The second bell is rung upon the request of the bridal couple.

So, next time you’re outside of church, look up and marvel at the work and ingenuity required to raise these bells up to the bell tower. That’s a long way up!

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of October 16, 2022)

Total Worship Attendance: 270 ; Early: 115; Late: 155;
Adult BC: 28; SS 31; Teen BC: 8; MwM: 69.
On-line worship service views for October 9 were 25.



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MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through November 5 are the members of Warren Pratt's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, November 6, will be the members James Rausch's of Undershepherd group.

GREETERS

today are:

James & Deb Reichley – Early Service
Richard & Ruth Johnson – Late Service

Next Sunday:

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

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (October 23 through October 30)

TODAY Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30; Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, Teen Bible Class 9:20.

MON Newsletter Articles Due.

WED Choir 7:00.

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

SCHOOL CALENDAR

MON Faculty Bible Study 3:30.

TUE Volleyball Practice 3:30-5:00.

WED Chapel 8:20.

THU Volleyball Practice 3:30-5:00.

SAT Volleyball vs St. Stephen (HOME) 9:00am.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT: *Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to glorify our Triune God as we train, strengthen and nurture ourselves and others through His Word and Sacraments, so that we are enabled by His love to live lives of faith and to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.*