



October 25, 2020

Pentecost 21

Worship focus: Our God invites unworthy sinners to Himself.

OPENING HYMN

580 – “Every Morning Mercies New” (verses 1-3)
(The “Amen” is sung after the last hymn only.)

1. Ev'ry morning mercies new
Fall as fresh as morning dew;
Ev'ry morning let us pay
Tribute with the early day.
For your mercies, Lord, are sure;
Your compassion will endure.

2. Still your kindness and your love
Ev'ry day our sins remove;
Daily, far as east from west,
Lift the burden from the breast;
Give unbought to those who pray
Strength to live for you each day.

3. Let our prayers each morn prevail
That these gifts may never fail.
And as we confess our sin
And the tempter's pow'r within,
Feed us with the bread of life;
Fit us for our daily strife.

Please stand.

P: O Lord, open my lips

C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.

P: Hasten to save me, O God.

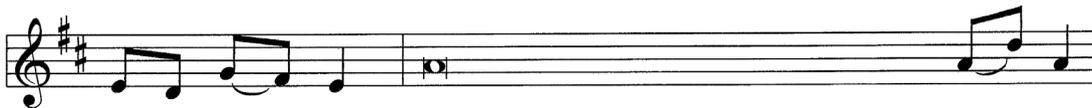
C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.

P: The Spirit of the Lord fills the world: let us worship him.

OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



great God and a great king a - bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



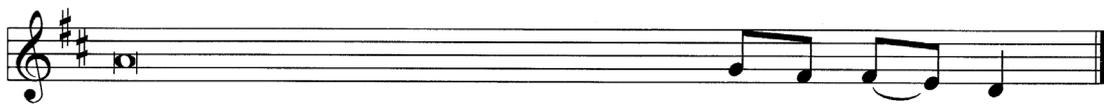
in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and



bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Please be seated.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 23

Spoken responsively.

P: He makes me lie down in green pastures;

C: he leads me beside quiet waters.

P: He restores my soul;

C: he guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

P: Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,

C: for you are with me; your rod and staff, they comfort me.

P: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies,

C: you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

P: Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,

C: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**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.**

FIRST LESSON – 2 Chronicles 30:1-5, 10-22

While some "scorned and ridiculed" the invitation to celebrate the Passover, the hearts of King Hezekiah and many others were moved by God's grace to worship Him.

Hezekiah sent word to all Israel and Judah and also wrote letters to Ephraim and Manasseh, inviting them to come to the temple of the Lord in Jerusalem and celebrate the Passover to the Lord, the God of Israel. ²The king and his officials and the whole assembly in Jerusalem decided to celebrate the Passover in the second month. ³They had not been able to celebrate it at the regular time because not enough priests had consecrated themselves and the people had not assembled in Jerusalem. ⁴The plan seemed right both to the king and to the whole assembly. ⁵They decided to send a proclamation throughout Israel, from Beersheba to Dan, calling the people to come to Jerusalem and celebrate the Passover to the Lord, the God of Israel.

It had not been celebrated in large numbers according to what was written.¹⁰ The couriers went from town to town in Ephraim and Manasseh, as far as Zebulun, but the people scorned and ridiculed them.¹¹ Nevertheless, some men of Asher, Manasseh and Zebulun humbled themselves and went to Jerusalem.¹² Also in Judah the hand of God was on the people to give them unity of mind to carry out what the king and his officials had ordered, following the word of the Lord.¹³ A very large crowd of people assembled in Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread in the second month.¹⁴ They removed the altars in Jerusalem and cleared away the incense altars and threw them into the Kidron Valley.¹⁵ They slaughtered the Passover lamb on the fourteenth day of the second month. The priests and the Levites were ashamed and consecrated themselves and brought burnt offerings to the temple of the Lord.¹⁶ Then they took up their regular positions as prescribed in the Law of Moses the man of God. The priests sprinkled the blood handed to them by the Levites.¹⁷ Since many in the crowd had not consecrated themselves, the Levites had to kill the Passover lambs for all those who were not ceremonially clean and could not consecrate their lambs to the Lord.¹⁸ Although most of the many people who came from Ephraim, Manasseh, Issachar and Zebulun had not purified themselves, yet they ate the Passover, contrary to what was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, “May the Lord, who is good, pardon everyone¹⁹ who sets their heart on seeking God—the Lord, the God of his fathers—even if he is not clean according to the rules of the sanctuary.”²⁰ And the Lord heard Hezekiah and healed the people.²¹ The Israelites who were present in Jerusalem celebrated the Festival of Unleavened Bread for seven days with great rejoicing, while the Levites and priests sang to the Lord every day, accompanied by the Lord’s instruments of praise.²² Hezekiah spoke encouragingly to all the Levites, who showed good understanding of the service of the Lord. For the seven days they ate their assigned portion and offered fellowship offerings and praised the Lord, the God of their fathers.

SECOND LESSON – Romans 11:1-10

Much of Israel rejected God, but He preserved a remnant of those who were faithful to Him and His Word.

I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin.² God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don’t you know what Scripture says in the passage about Elijah—how he appealed to God against Israel: ³“Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars; I am the only one left, and they are trying to kill me?”⁴ And what was God’s answer to him? “I have reserved for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal.”⁵ So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace.

⁶ And if by grace, then it is no longer by works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.⁷ What then? What Israel sought so earnestly it did not obtain, but the elect did. The others were hardened,⁸ as it is written: “God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes so that they could not see and ears so that they could not hear, to this very day.”⁹ And David says: “May their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling block and a retribution for them.”¹⁰ May their eyes be darkened so they cannot see, and their backs be bent forever.”

Please Stand

GOSPEL - Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus' Parable of the Wedding Banquet tells of God's free invitation for all to join Him in heaven's bliss, but many are distracted by worldly interests or try to enter through their own way.

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying:² “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son.³ He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.⁴ “Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’⁵ “But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business.⁶ The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them.⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.⁸ “Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come.’⁹ Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’¹⁰ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes.¹² Friend, he asked, ‘how did you get in here without wedding clothes?’ The man was speechless.¹³ “Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie his hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’¹⁴ “For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

SEASONAL RESPONSE

P: Come Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY 550 – “Behold a Host, Arrayed in White” (verses 1 & 2)

1. **Behold a host, arrayed in white,
Like thousand snow-clad mountains bright;
With palms they stand. Who is this band
Before the throne of light?
These are the saints of glorious fame,
Who from the great affliction came
And in the flood Of Jesus' blood
Are cleansed from guilt and blame.
Now gathered in the holy place,
Their voices they in worship raise.
Their anthems swell
Where God does dwell
Mid angels' songs of praise.**

2. **Despised and scorned,
They sojourned here;
But now, how glorious they appear!
Those martyrs stand, A priestly band,
God's throne forever near.
So oft in troubled days gone by,
In anguish they would weep and sigh;
At home above The God of love
Fore'er their tears shall dry.
They now enjoy the Sabbath rest,
The heav'nly banquet of the blest;
The Lamb, their Lord,
At festive board
Himself is host and guest.**

SERMON Text: Matthew 21:1-14

Theme: Lord, make us fearless servants.

1. Don't fear rejection and loss.
2. Be courageous because of the banquet of the Lord.

Please stand.

HYMN 550 – “Behold a Host, Arrayed in White” (verse 3)

3. **O blessed saints, now take your rest;
A thousand times you will be blessed
For keeping faith Firm unto death
And scorning worldly trust.
For now you live at home with God;
You toiled and sowed the Word abroad.
Rejoice and bring Your fruits and sing
Before the throne of God.
The myriad angels raise the song;
O saints, sing with that happy throng!
Lift up one voice; Let heav'n rejoice in our Redeemer's song.**

OFFERING

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

P: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

C: Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us praise the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

442 – “Have No Fear, Little Flock” (verses 1 & 2)

1. **Have no fear, little flock;
Have no fear, little flock,
For the Father has chosen
To give you the kingdom;
Have no fear, little flock!**

2. **Have good cheer, little flock;
Have good cheer, little flock,
For the Father will keep you
In his love forever;
Have good cheer, little flock! Amen.**



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GREETERS

today are:

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

Next Sunday:

Barb Roidt & Ruth Marquart – Early Service
Charlotte Brown & Janice Rausch– Late

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE (week of October 18, 2020)

Total Worship Attendance: 184; Early: 77; Late: 78; Midweek: 29; Adult Bible Study: 29;
Teen Bible Study: 7. On-line worship service views for October 11 were 67.

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through November 7 are the members of Adam Rettig’s Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, November 8th will be the members of Tyler Smith’s Undershepherd group.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (October 25 – October 31)

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

MON Newsletter Articles due; Worship Committee meeting 6:00; **CALL MEETING 7:30.**

TUE Midweek Worship 7:00 (final one).

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

THU Bible Information Class 6:30.

FRI Trunk or Treat! 5:30 (rain date Saturday, October 31.)

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

SCHOOL CALENDAR

WED School Chapel 8:20.

THE WELS CONNECTION will be shown after each service today.

CALL MEETING: There will be a call meeting at 7:30pm *tomorrow*, Monday, October 26, to call an associate pastor. All voting members are encouraged to attend.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for Elizabeth Bower and her family. Elizabeth is being called home to heaven.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, October 26th at 6:00pm.

WANTED! The church is in need of a 42 inch (or larger), newer, flat screen TV for use in the basement for overflow seating. If you have one you are not using, please consider donating!

THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE is hosting Trunk or Treat this 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. Lots of help is still needed for games and crafts. Please contact any Outreach team member to volunteer.

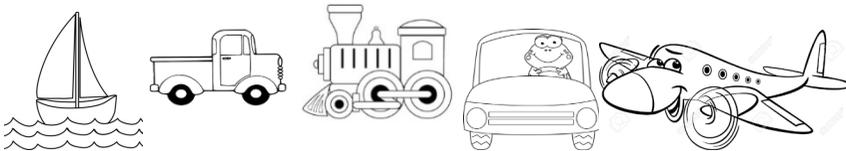
MIDWEEK WORSHIP: Our final midweek worship service will be Tuesday, October 27th at 7:00pm.

DOOR OFFERING: There will be a door offering on Sunday, November 15th to help support the LWMS mission projects. The Fall Rally of the Ohio Circuit was cancelled this year, along with many other fundraisers. Ladies Aid is asking for our support for this worthy cause!

CHURCH DIRECTORIES: Just a reminder- you may pick up your directory at the back of church. If you are not able to do this, please call the school office and arrangements may be made to pick one up during school hours.

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. The Bible lesson for today/this week is #7, "God Delivers His People at the Red Sea." 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.

DON'T FORGET! Sunday services are recorded each Sunday and uploaded to YouTube each week. If you are unable to attend live services on Sunday, please be sure to check it out on line. You may find the link on the website (www.tlcjenera.org) or on YouTube (search Trinity Lutheran Church Jenera). We are also on Facebook (search Trinity Lutheran School or Friends in Christ Trinity Lutheran Church Jenera, Oh) An easy way to get the link is to sign up for emails that will have the link and the sermon text attached. Call or email the office if you would care to sign up.



THINGS THAT GO: Mornings with Mommy meets on Monday and Tuesday, November 2 and 3. Join us from 9:30-10:30 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 ramps, and make tire tracks in play-dough. Look at pictures from our previous sessions at facebook.com/TrinityMWM. Register online at tlcjenera.org or call 262-391-7994.

DIVINE CALL RESPONSES

Dear Brothers and Sisters at Trinity Lutheran,

I have been blessed over the last few weeks to consider a call from you to serve as associate pastor at Trinity. It has been wonderful to speak with a few of you, to discuss ministry with your pastor, and to consider the needs of each of our congregations and how I might serve in each place. After much prayerful consideration, I am led to remain in my call at Christ the Lord and to return your call to serve as one of the pastors at Trinity.

God has blessed you with a vibrant church and exciting opportunities for ministry over the years and I pray he will continue to do so as you gather around his Word. May God give you continued confidence in his power to work and bless as he knows best. I will be praying that God will quickly bless by filling out your pastoral team to continue shepherding you with his Word.

May your call process be one confident in the knowledge that our heavenly Father is leading his Church by the hand through our Savior, the Light of the World.

Pastor Philip J. Casmer

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus our crucified, risen, and ascended Savior. What a joy to call ourselves his children by grace and to live in his love!

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of the divine call to be your 7th and 8th grade teacher and Principal. I am humbled at the opportunity to consider serving our Lord in your midst and am honored by the confidence you have placed in me to carry out gospel ministry as your called servant.

Please know that I am giving the call my serious, careful, and prayerful consideration. We trust that the Holy Spirit will grant discernment through the Word to make decisions that are both God-pleasing and for the benefit of his kingdom.

During my deliberation, I ask that you would pray for me, my family, and the congregation of believers at Trinity in Marshfield, Wisconsin, whose lives are also touched by this call. Thank you for your prayers. I welcome any input you may have. Please feel free to contact me.

In Christ's service, Michael Wisniewski

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