

on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

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.

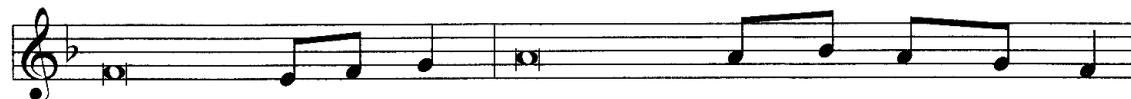


C: A - men.

### PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

### GLORY BE TO GOD



C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je- sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the

sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the  
 sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of  
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;  
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,  
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON – Jeremiah 31:31-34

*The old covenant of law could tell people how to act. It could not create the desire to freely do so. The new covenant of grace transforms people’s hearts, so they freely and joyfully follow God’s will.*

<sup>31</sup>“The time is coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup>“This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

### PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 46

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### SECOND LESSON – Galatians 5:1-6

*The Apostle Paul encourages us to stand firm in the freedom that we have in Christ.*

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. <sup>2</sup>Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. <sup>3</sup>Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. <sup>4</sup>You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. <sup>5</sup>But by faith we eagerly await through the spirit the righteousness for which we hope. <sup>6</sup>For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

### THE VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. If you continue in my Word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Alleluia. (John 8:31,32)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Please stand.*



**C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!**

## **GOSPEL – John 8:31-36**

*The truth of the gospel sets us free.*

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. <sup>32</sup> Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” <sup>33</sup> They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?” <sup>34</sup> Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.



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

## **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**

200 – “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

**SERMON** Text: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Theme: God's New Covenant Sets You Free!

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

*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

538 – “The Church’s One Foundation”

*Please stand.*

P: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ’s holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

## HYMN

203 – “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

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## *Announcements:*

**THE WELS CONNECTION** will be shown after each service today.



Receiving the sacrament of Holy Baptism in early service is today Eli Gene Benner, son of Cole and Katelyn Benner. We rejoice in Eli's spiritual re-birthday!

**HOSPITALIZED** Please remember in your prayers Sandy Reel, who is hospitalized at Blanchard Valley Hospital in Findlay. Sharon Sands has moved to Good Samaritan in Arlington. Please keep these ladies and all of our members who are homebound or in nursing home, in your prayers.

**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](http://tlcjenera.org) or call 262-391-7994.

**TLS CHAPEL**, which normally takes place on Wednesdays, has been moved to Thursday morning this week, November 3, at 8:15. Join us for a special service led by Pastor Ross Chartrand of Michigan Lutheran Seminary, then stay for his presentation about this great high school option for our children!



**LUTHER SOCIETY** will be collecting items for the annual Thanksgiving display. Please have your items in the church basement by Sunday November 13th. The display will be set up after late service that day. Display items might include fruits or vegetables of the season, home-canned goods, etc. Items that are not reclaimed will be given to the called workers.

**WOULD YOU LIKE** to own a piece of Trinity History? On Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**PROGRESSIVE MEAL:** Women are invited to the Women's Ministry's Progressive Meal and Bible study on Sunday, November 6 starting at 4:30. Meet in the church parking lot at 4:00 to carpool with other ladies! It will begin with salad at Lisa Inniger's house. Then we will go to Beth Hull's house for the main course and finally to Dawn Curth's house for dessert. Each stop will include one part of a three-part Bible study on "Depression and Anxiety." Invite a friend to join us, too! Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church or email Jenny at [mwmtrinity@tlcjenera.org](mailto:mwmtrinity@tlcjenera.org) if you plan to attend. Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 2.



**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 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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

**THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE** is looking for volunteers to help with the float they are entering in the Bluffton Parade of Lights on November 26<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to help out, please contact Jean Spaeth.

**VETERANS:** Trinity Lutheran School invites all Veterans to join us on Veteran's Day, Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. We will gather around the flagpole in the front of school for a special devotion beginning at 2:00pm. After the devotion, those Veterans willing to speak to classes will be invited to share anything about their service with the students. Please contact the school office at 419.326.4685 by Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> if you plan to join us.

**LIMA FOOD BANK:** Women's Ministry is volunteering again at the West Ohio Food Bank in Lima on **Wednesday, November 30** from **1:00-3:00 PM**. We will be packing boxes for seniors or bags for children's backpacks. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you are able to help. 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.

**TLS SPIRIT WEEK** begins Monday! Monday- **Halloween** (wear your costume!), Tuesday-Crazy Hair, mustache, beard Day, Wednesday-PJ Day, Thursday- NO Backpack Day, Friday is Tiger Day- wear your Tiger gear or blue and white colors!

### *Call Responses*

*Dear Members of Trinity Lutheran Church,*

This past week I received a call making my position permanent to teach the third and fourth grades. I am humbled to accept this call and am looking forward to the continued work of teaching Jesus's lambs. While this was not a difficult decision, please pray for those who are deliberating between calls, knowing in full confidence that God's ultimate goal of spreading His Word will be accomplished.

United in Christ,

*Heather Kretz*

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*Dear members of Trinity Lutheran Church and School,*

On Sunday, October 16, 2022 I was called by your congregation to serve as the 7-8th grade teacher and the church music coordinator. As I deliberate where I can best use the gifts that God has given me I ask for your prayers, not only for myself, but also for the ministries that are faithfully being carried out in Jenera as well as Rapid City.

I look forward to talking with many of you over the next few weeks as I learn more about Trinity. I have full confidence that our Savior will guide this deliberation and continue to bless the work already being done.

In Christ,

*Hannah Rothe*

Email: [hrothe@stpaulsknights.org](mailto:hrothe@stpaulsknights.org); Cell # is 262-490-8670.

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## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of October 23, 2022)

Total Worship Attendance: 191; Early: 106; Late: 85;  
Adult BC: 29; SS 34; Teen BC: 7. On-line worship service  
views for October 16 were 46.



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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 of James Rausch's Undershepherd group.

**GREETERS** today are: John & Janet Weihrauch – Early Service  
Jerry Beagle – Late Service

Next Sunday: Ruth Marquart – Early Service  
Richard & Cheryl Kretz – Late Service

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (October 30 through November 6)

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

**MON** Worship Committee 1:00.

**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-FRI** School Spirit Week.

**THU** Chapel 8:20, Pastor Ross Chartrand of MLS leading chapel.

**SAT** Sports Day @ Beautiful Savior, Cincinnati.

**SUN** K-8 sing at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Findlay.

**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.*