



Sunday, November 14, 2021

Saints Triumphant

Worship focus: *As We Wait for Jesus:
Stand on Scripture Alone!*

OPENING HYMN

394 – “Blessed Are the Saints of God” (all verses)
(The “Amen” is sung after the last hymn only.)

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: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ, 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 – Daniel 12:1-3

God encourages his Old Testament believers who are exiled in Babylon that one day all who trust in him will rise from the dead to enjoy eternal life.

“At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. ² Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.”

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 90

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SECOND LESSON – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Paul reminds the Thessalonians that on Judgment Day believers who died will rise first to join the living believers in welcoming their returning Lord.

¹³Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. ¹⁴We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵According to the Lord’s own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

¹⁷After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

¹⁸Therefore encourage each other with these words.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple. Alleluia.

Please stand.

GOSPEL – Mark 13:24-27

Jesus tells his disciples that as creation collapses on Judgment Day, Christ's sainted believers will be carried by the angels to be with their Lord.

²⁴ “But in those days, following that distress, ‘the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; ²⁵ the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’ ²⁶ At that time men will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY 730 – “Blessed Are They” (verses 1, 2, & 5)

SERMON Text: Daniel 12:1-3

Theme: Just wait! God will turn distress into joy!

1) Distress before the Last Day.

2) Joy on the Last Day.

Please stand.

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.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

FRIENDSHIP REGISTRATION

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

Members: Please fill out name and any new information.

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

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

P: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.

P: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.

P: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocation, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.

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 214 – “Jerusalem the Golden” (verses 1, 3, & 4)

Please stand.

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, 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.

CLOSING HYMN

517 – “Almighty Father, Strong to Save” (all verses)



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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE (week of November 7, 2021)

Total Worship Attendance: 219; Early: 93; Late: 126; Adult Bible Study: 37; Teens: 9, Sunday School 18; Preschool Playtime: 12. On-line worship service views for October 31 were 76.

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through November 20 are the members of David Bower’s Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, November 21, will be the members of Bill Hull’s Undershepherd group.

GREETERS

today are:

Mark & Kathi Curth – Early Service

Mike & Jill Woodward – Late Service

Next Sunday:

Josh & Ashley Breitigam – Early Service

Bob & Julie Inniger – Late Service

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (November 14 through November 21)

TODAY Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30; Adult Bible Study, Teen Bible Class 9:20; Catechism 1:00.

MON Mornings with Mommy 9:30-10:30; Church Council 7:30.

TUE Mornings with Mommy 9:30-10:30.

WED Choir Practice 7:00; Bible Information class 7:00.

THU Good Samaritan Bible class 11:00 (Veteran's Day).

SUN **Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30:** Communion; Children's Lesson; Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, Teen Bible Class 9:20; Catechism 1:00.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

TUE Basketball practice 5:00-6:30.

WED Chapel 8:20; NO BASKETBALL PRACTICE.

THU Basketball practice 5:00-6:30.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY. Trinity's school students are singing at Immanuel today.

THE REPORT from the Commission on Lutheran Schools (CLS), which was done in September, is available. It is a rather large file. If you are interested in a copy, please contact the school office or Pastor Nowak. Please specify if you would like it in digital format or printed.

DUE TO SCHEDULING conflicts, TLS Basketball practice will be as follows: Tuesday, November 16, Thursday, November 18, and **Monday**, November 22, all from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. During basketball season, after school care will be provided until 5:00 p.m. All students must be picked up at that time, or attend basketball practice. Basketball players are encouraged to bring their own snack to eat during after care, before practice. Please remember that there is a suggested donation for this service.

JOIN US for Thanksgiving Worship Service Thursday, November 25 at 9:30 a.m. Come, join in grateful worship of the One who is the Giver of all of our many, rich blessings.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please pray for Kyle Krahn recovering from surgery and Joe Spaeth, recovering from surgery. Also, pray for Shelby and James Armand who were blessed with the gift of a baby boy this past week. Remember all those who are homebound or in nursing homes in your prayers.

THANKSGIVING DISPLAY DONATIONS are needed by the Luther Society to beautify our church and remind us of God's abundant blessings! Anyone who wishes to donate items for the display, please have them in the basement by the late service next Sunday, November 21. Luther Society will set up the display 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.



FALL HARVEST TIME: Celebrate Thanksgiving and Fall at our next Mornings with Mommy on Monday, November 15 and Tuesday November 16. Bring your children/grandchildren to play with corn, leaves, pumpkins, and gourds in our sensory bins, rake leaves, pick apples, and make an apple cinnamon painting. We meet in the church basement from 9:30-10:30, and the program costs \$5 per family. Register online at tlcjenera.org or call 262-391-7994.

OPEN GYM: Looking for a volunteer or volunteers to supervise open gym at the school on Sunday afternoons. Hours would be according to the volunteer's availability. Please contact the school office at tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org if you are interested in helping out.

TO THE UNDERSHEPHERDS: The Elders thank you for everything that you did during last year to make sure everyone was informed about what was going on in church. We understand that reaching everyone can be difficult, but we are asking you to help us again. In your mailboxes in the church basement, we have placed a letter encouraging you to contact people over the next few weeks. Check-in to see how they are doing and see if they need anything. If they do need anything, please let pastor and the elders know. Thank you for your service to your Lord.

Up-coming Christmas events

CHRISTMAS EVE Children's Service: It's time to start thinking about it! All children of the church (ages 4 through 12th grade), regardless if they are TLS students or not, are encouraged to participate in this year's service. Please contact Mrs. Linda Baumann at lbaumann@tlcjenera.org **and** Pastor Nowak at pastormattn@gmail.com. They can fill you in on the details and give you the necessary information.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: Once again, you have an opportunity to purchase a potted poinsettia to beautify our church this year. Color choices are red or white, and the cost is \$12.00 each. Please sign up on the sheet in the lobby by November 22nd. Please be sure to make your payment to Jerry Burkholder. You may put your payment in an envelope marked with his name and give it to a deacon.

FREE LUNCH: Trinity children are invited to stay at church after their Christmas service practice on Saturday, December 18. A free lunch will be served in the church basement. After lunch, children (age 3 - 5th grade) are invited to participate in Christmas for Kids from 12:30-3:00 PM at school. Questions--contact Jenny Boehm (262) 391-7994.

CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS is scheduled for Saturday December 18 from 12:30-3:00 PM. This one day Christmas VBS will give children an opportunity to celebrate and learn about the true meaning of Christmas. The program features activity stations where kids learn about the Savior's birth, praise him in song, make crafts, play games, and enjoy snacks together. The program is for children age 3 through 5th grade. Please register at tlcjenera.org. You can also pick up registration forms and flyers in the back of church. Register by December 8. Questions--contact Jenny Boehm (262) 391-7994.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help at Christmas for Kids on Saturday, December 18 from 12:30-3:00 PM. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you are able to help. You can specify what you would like to help with—crafts, music, games, registration, snacks, group leaders. We also need help serving lunch to Trinity's children at 11:30 after Christmas service practice in the church basement.

SPREAD SOME CHRISTMAS JOY! Join the Outreach Committee as they carol around Jenera on Tuesday, December 7th at 6:30 p.m. They'll be meeting in the church parking lot.



CHURCH DECORATING for the upcoming Christmas Season will take place on December 3 at 6:30 p.m. Please join our Decorating Committee as they ready our beautiful church for the birth of our Savior!

ADVENT SERVICE: There will be an Advent worship service in the church on Wednesday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for this special worship opportunity.



PLEASE RESERVE the back pews for families with small children to lovingly provide this space for the little ones and their parents.

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.

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.*



Christmas for Kids

Come Celebrate Our Savior's Birth!

Trinity's one day Christmas VBS will give your children an opportunity to celebrate and learn about the true meaning of Christmas. The program features activity stations where kids learn about the Savior's birth, praise him in song, make crafts, play games, and enjoy snacks together.

When: Saturday, December 18
12:30-3:00 PM

Where: Trinity Lutheran School
105 Allen St. Jenera

Who: Children age 3 to 5th grade

Register: tlcjenera.org
or call —262-391-7994

Please register by December 8.

Questions—contact Jenny at mwmtrinity@tlcjenera.org.