



Sunday November 15, 2020

Saint's Triumphant

Worship focus: *Lord, keep us waiting for your triumph.*

Preservice music performed by Kyara Koepsell and Julia Lisanti

OPENING HYMN

240 – “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” (verses 1 & 4)
(The “Amen” is sung after the last hymn only.)

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious,
O Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious,
your great name we praise!

3. All life you engender in great and in
small, Of all life Befriender, the true
Life of all. We blossom and flourish in
richness and range; We wither and
perish, but you never change.

Please stand.

INVOCATION

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

C: (*spoken*) Amen.

CONFESSION

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of eternal life as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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.

FIRST LESSON – Ezekiel 37:15-28

God points ahead to the day he will join all believers together, and they will live with God forever.

¹⁵ The word of the LORD came to me: ¹⁶ “Son of man, take a stick of wood and write on it, ‘Belonging to Judah and the Israelites associated with him.’ Then take another stick of wood, and write on it, ‘Ephraim’s stick, belonging to Joseph and all the house of Israel associated with him.’ ¹⁷ Join them together into one stick so that they will become one in your hand. ¹⁸ When your countrymen ask you, ‘Won’t you tell us what you mean by this?’ ¹⁹ say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am going to take the stick of Joseph—which is in Ephraim’s hand—and of the Israelite tribes associated with him, and join it to Judah’s stick, making them a single stick of wood, and they will become one in my hand.’ ²⁰ Hold before their eyes the sticks you have written on ²¹ and say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will take the Israelites out of the nations where they have gone. I will gather them from all around and bring them back into their own land. ²² I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel. There will be one king over all of them and they will never again be two nations or be divided into two kingdoms. ²³ They will no longer defile themselves with their idols and vile images or with any of their offenses, for I will save them from all their sinful backsliding, and I will cleanse them. They will be my people, and I will be their God. ²⁴ My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd. They will follow my laws and be careful to keep my decrees. ²⁵ They will live in the land I gave to my servant Jacob, the land where your fathers lived. They and their children and their children’s children will live there forever, and David my servant will be their prince forever. ²⁶ I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant. I will establish them and increase their numbers, and I will put my sanctuary among them forever. ²⁷ My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people. ²⁸ Then the nations will know that I the LORD make Israel holy, when my sanctuary is among them forever.’”

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 84

Spoken responsively

P: How lovely is your dwelling place,

C: O Lord Almighty!

P: My soul yearns even faints,

C: for the courts of the Lord.

P: Blessed are those who dwell in your house;

C: they are ever praising you.

P: Better is the day in your courts

C: than a thousand elsewhere;

P: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God

C: then dwell in the tents of the wicked.

P: O Lord Almighty,

C: blessed are they who trust in you.

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 – Revelation 19:1-9

The Apostle John sees a vision of heaven where the saints praise God for the victory he has given them over their enemies.

¹ After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting: "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, ² for true and just are his judgments. He has condemned the great prostitute who corrupted the earth by her adulteries. He has avenged on her the blood of his servants." ³ And again they shouted: "Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up for ever and ever." ⁴ The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God, who was seated on the throne. And they cried: "Amen, Hallelujah!" ⁵ Then a voice came from the throne, saying: "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, both small and great!" ⁶ Then heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. ⁷ Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. ⁸ Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear."

(Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.)⁹ Then the angel said to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!’” And he added, “These are the true words of God.”

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple. Alleluia. (Revelation 7:15a)

Please stand.

P: The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 25.

C: (*spoken*) Glory be to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL – Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus’ parable reminds his listeners to be ready so they can celebrate his return.

“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.² Five of them were foolish and five were wise.³ The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them.⁴ The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps.⁵ The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.⁶ At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’⁷ Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps.⁸ The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’⁹ ‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’¹⁰ But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.¹¹ Later the others also came. ‘Sir! Sir!’ they said. ‘Open the door for us!’¹² But he replied, ‘I tell you the truth, I don’t know you.’¹³ Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: (*spoken*) Praise be to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

730 – “Blessed are They” (verses 3 & 5)

Refrain

**Blessed are they which are called,
Blessed are they which are called,
Blessed are they which are called
To the marriage feast of the Lamb**

**3. Blessing and honor, they cry,
Unto the Lamb that was slain,
Redeeming us with his blood
In the marriage feast of the Lamb.**

Refrain

**5. Worthy are you, Lamb of God,
To receive glory and praise.
Alleluia and amen!
For the marriage feast of the Lamb.**

Refrain

Sermon Text: Revelation 19:1-9

Theme: Join in the heavenly hallelujah!

1. The Lord’s decisions are just
2. He reigns over all.

Please stand.

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.**

OFFERING

Offering plates are near the exits for you to place your thank-offering.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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 on this day poured out his promised Holy Spirit to testify to the truth and to remind his followers of everything he had said to them. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

- 1 O holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us, Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy Receive our fervent cry.**
- 2 Hosanna in the highest! How truly blest is he
Who in God's name is coming To set his people free!
He comes to bring salvation And with his blood outpoured,
Deliver us from bondage — Hosanna, mighty Lord!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: 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.

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.

LAMB OF GOD

C Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

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Please stand.

SONG OF SIMEON

- 1 **O Lord, now let your servant Depart in peace, assured:
For I have seen your promised Incarnate, saving Word—
A Light that will enlighten All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
The brilliant, crowning glory Of those in Israel!**
- 2 **All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever three in one;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

P: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, 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 (*spoken*)

HYMN

419 –"If God Himself Be For Me" (verses 1, 3, & 7)

1. **If God himself be for me,
I may a host defy;
For when I pray, before me
My foes, confounded, fly.
If Christ, my head and master,
Befriend me from above,
What foe or what disaster
Can drive me from his love?**

**3. I build on this foundation:
That Jesus and his blood
Alone are my salvation,
My true, eternal good.
Without him all that pleases
Is valueless on earth;
The gifts I have from Jesus
Alone have priceless worth.**

**7. My heart for joy is springing
And can no more be sad,
'Tis full of joy and singing,
Sees only sunshine glad.
The sun that cheers my spirit
Is Jesus Christ, my King;
The heav'n I shall inherit
Makes me rejoice and sing. Amen.**

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GREETERS today are:

Dwight & Norma Rader – Early Service
Gary & Becky Mitchell – Late Service

Next Sunday:

Tom & Becky Smith – Early Service
Richard & Ruth Johnson – Late Service

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of November 8, 2020)

Total Worship Attendance: 197; Early: 88; Late: 109; Adult Bible Study: 5; Teen Bible Study: 6. On-line worship service views for November 1 were 37.

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through November 21 are the members of Tyler Smith's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, November 22nd will be the members of Robert Rausch's Undershepherd group.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (November 15 – November 21)

TODAY Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30; Communion; LWMS Door Offering: Adult Bible Study 9:20; Teen Bible Class 9:20.

MON Mornings with Mommy 9:30; Church Council 7:00.

TUE Mornings with Mommy 9:30.

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

THU Bible Information Class 6:30.

SUN **Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30;** Guest Preacher (Pastor Mattek); Adult Bible Study; Teen Bible Study 9:20.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

WED Chapel 8:20.

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.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for the family of Marjorie Heldman who was called home to heaven this past week. Services will be held in church Monday, November 16, at 11:00AM, with visitation at 10:00AM. *Masks are required.* May the peace of our ascended Savior comfort those who mourn.

THE FAMILY of Elizabeth Bower would like to thank everyone for the cards, prayers and visits while she was a resident at the Good Samaritan Home and thanks for the many expressions of sympathy to the family since her passing.

DOOR OFFERING: There is a door offering on today 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!



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: Once again, you have an opportunity to purchase a potted poinsettia to beautify our church Christmas season. Color choices are red or white, and the cost is \$9.00 each. Please sign up on the sheet in the lobby by Monday, November 30th. You may write your check to Jerry Burkholder. Please put your payment in an envelope with his name on it and give it to a deacon or you may drop it off at the school office during school hours.

UNCLAIMED DISHES: Are you missing a dish that you brought to a meal at church before Covid? There are some nice, unclaimed dishes in the church basement on the counter by the kitchen. Please check if one of them is yours.

THE THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE will be at 9:30 on Thursday, November 26th. To maintain our social distancing, there will be overflow seating in the basement, with the service being televised there. The service will also be posted on line sometime on Friday, for those who do not feel comfortable attending in person or are unable to attend. Recorded DVD's of each service (including Sundays) are always available. *Normal Sunday services are also recorded 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). One 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. Bulletins and newsletters are also available by email.

FALL HARVEST TIME: Celebrate Thanksgiving and Fall at our next Mornings with Mommy on Monday, November 16 and Tuesday November 17. 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.

THANK YOU to all you helped to make this year's Trunk or Treat a success! Thank you to all who brought their vehicles to hand out candy, helped with the cook-out, and helped with crafts and games for the kids. We were blessed with a great turn-out from both members and non-members.

STYROFOAM WANTED! Have packaging Styrofoam you don't want? Don't throw it out! Mr. Koepsell is beginning a sculpture unit in art and will gladly take any sizable chunks of Styrofoam you have off your hands - please drop any large pieces of Styrofoam you would like to donate off at school. Thank you!



MASKS ARE REQUIRED to be worn in public places, including here at church, according to the governor's guidelines. Anyone with a medical reason for not wearing a mask is asked to sit in the front wing seats. Please keep your mask on during service. If you are sick, please stay home for the health and safety of your brothers and sisters in Christ.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, Pastor James Mattek of Christian Family Solutions will be our guest preacher and Bible study-leader. He will share more about the healing and helping ministries of Christian Family Solutions, which include Christian counseling, in-home care services, and senior living solutions. Pastor Mattek has served this ministry since 2004. Prior to joining this organization, Pastor Mattek was a parish pastor serving congregations in Watertown, WI and Findlay, OH. As Director of Ministry, Pastor Mattek provides doctrinal leadership and works in mission advancement. To learn more about Christian Family Solutions, please visit www.ChristianFamilySolutions.org.

THANKSGIVING DAY DISPLAY DONATIONS are needed by 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 22. Luther Society will set up the display after late service that day. Display items that are not reclaimed will be given to the called workers.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH in Kenton would like to express their thanks to the members of Trinity for their generous donation toward repairs on their organ.

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 #10, "The Golden Calf." 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.

A DOZEN COPIES of Meditations, the WELS daily devotion booklet are in the lobby. Please share them with our unchurched visitors and neighbors.

