



Sunday, October 11, 2020

Mission Sunday

Worship focus: *The Church's mission is to witness for Christ.*

Second service begins with the order of Holy Baptism on page 3.

OPENING HYMN – 1st service - 571 – “From Greenland’s Icy Mountains” (verses 1 & 3)
(The “Amen” is sung after the last hymn only.)

**1. From Greenland's icy mountains,
From India's coral strand,
Where Africa's bright fountains
Roll down their golden sand,
From many an ancient river,
From many a palmy plain,
They call us to deliver
Their land from error's chain.**

**3. Can we whose souls are lighted
With wisdom from on high,
Can we to those benighted
The lamp of life deny?
Salvation! Oh, salvation!
The joyful sound proclaim
Till each remotest nation
Has learned Messiah's name.**

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.

First service continues on page 6 with the Prayer of the Day.

Second service begins with the order of Holy Baptism.

OPENING HYMN - 2nd service - 297 – “Baptized in Water” (all verses)

**1. Baptized in water,
Sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood
of Christ our King:
Heirs of salvation,
Trusting his promise,
Faithfully now God's
Praise we sing.**

**2. Baptized in water,
Sealed by the Spirit,
Dead in the tomb
with Christ our King:
One with his rising,
Freed and forgiven,
Thankfully now God's
Praise we sing.**

**3. Baptized in water,
Sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign
of Christ our King:
Born of one Father,
We are his children;
Joyfully now God's
Praise we sing.**

Please remain seated.

HOLY BAPTISM

P: May 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: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said: “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptism he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

C: Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

P: As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

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.

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 obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought Melanie to be baptized. Jesus told us: “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” It is in baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace to little children. By the power of God’s Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

P: Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart ✠ to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

Melanie, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The Almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

EXHORTATION TO PARENTS

Dear Parents: When our Lord Jesus Christ instituted the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, He not only commanded that children should be baptized, but also that they should be taught to observe all things which He has commanded us. I, therefore, ask you: Do you sincerely intend to bring up Melanie in the way of the Lord, to instruct her diligently in the truths of God's saving Word, and to make faithful use of the assistance offered by His Church? Do you also intend to encourage Melanie, by word and example, to be conscientious in the use of the Means of Grace, so that she may grow in faith, serve God with a Christian life, and remain in her baptismal grace until death? If so, then answer: Yes, with the help of God.

Congregation, please stand.

EXHORTATION TO CONGREGATION

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Melanie may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

C: Yes, as God gives me strength.

P: Let us pray:

Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our baptism as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our life. Look with special favor on Melanie and grant her a rich measure of your Spirit that she may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please 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.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON – Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

God takes no pleasure in people dying eternally, so God urges people to repent of their sins and live.

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²“What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel: ‘The fathers eat sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? ³As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel. ⁴For every living soul belongs to me, the father as well as the son—both alike belong to me. The soul who sins is the one who will die.²⁵ Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear, O house of Israel: Is my way unjust? Is it not your ways that are unjust? ²⁶If a righteous man turns from his righteousness and commits sin, he will die for it; because of the sin he has committed he will die. ²⁷But if a wicked man turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he will save his life. ²⁸ Because he considers all the offenses he has committed and turns away from them, he will surely live; he will not die. ²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Are my ways unjust, O house of Israel?

Is it not your ways that are unjust? ³⁰Therefore, O house of Israel, I will judge you, each one according to his ways, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall. ³¹Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live!”

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 25

Spoken responsively

P: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

C: in you I trust, O my God.

P: Remember, O Lord, your great mercy and love,

C: for they are from of old.

P: Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways,

C: according to your love remember me, for you are good, O Lord.

P: Turn to me and be gracious to me,

C: for I am lonely and afflicted.

P: Look upon my affliction and my distress

C: and take away all my sins.

P: Guard my life and rescue me.

C: for I take refuge 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 – 2 Corinthians 13:5-8

Those who have faith work to turn from sin and do what is right.

⁵Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test? ⁶And I trust that you will discover that we have not failed the test. ⁷Now we pray to God that you will not do anything wrong. Not that people will see that we have stood the test but that you will do what is right even though we may seem to have failed. ⁸For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Alleluia. (Philippians 2:10,11)

Please stand.

GOSPEL – Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus uses a parable to show what true repentance looks like.

²⁸ “What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’ ²⁹ ‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did what his father wanted?” “The first,” they answered. Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S LESSON *(Children, please remain in your seats, with your families.)*

HYMN OF THE DAY 303 – “With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh” (verses 1, 4, & 5)

**1. With broken heart and contrite sigh,
A trembling sinner, Lord, I cry.
Your pard'ning grace is rich and free
O God, be merciful to me!**

**4. No gifts, no deeds that I have done
Can for a single sin atone.
To Calvary alone I flee
O God, be merciful to me!**

**5. And when, redeemed from sin and hell,
With all the ransomed souls I dwell,
My joyous song shall ever be:
God has been merciful to me!**

SERMON Text: Ezekial 18:1-4

Theme: Turn your Life Around.

1. Turn from Men's Path
2. To God's Path.

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.**

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

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

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 579 – “Lift High the Cross” (verses 1 & 2)

Refrain: **Lift high the cross;
the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore
his sacred name.**

**1. Come, Christians, follow
where our captain trod,
Our king victorious,
Christ, the Son of God.**

Refrain

**2. Led on their way by
this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in
conqu'ring ranks combine.**

Refrain

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 562 – “I Love to Tell the Story” (verse 1)

**1. I love to tell the story
Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory,
Of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story
Because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings
As nothing else can do.
I love to tell the story;
'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story
Of Jesus and his love. Amen.**



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GREETERS

today are:

Jim & Jane Smith – Early Service
Mike & Jill Woodward – Late Service

Next week:

James & Deb Reichley – Early Service
Mark & Jane Boehm – Late Service

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of October 4, 2020)

Total Worship Attendance: 222; Early: 67; Late: 121; Midweek: 34; Adult Bible Study: 24;
Teen Bible class: 2. On-line worship service views for September 27 were 43.

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through October 24 are the members of Joe Spaeth's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, October 25th will be the members of Adam Rettig's Undershepherd group.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (October 11 through October 17)

TODAY Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30; Children's Lesson; Adult Bible Study 9:20; Teen Bible Study 9:20.

MON Board of Education 7:00; Ladies Aid 7:30.

TUE Midweek Worship 7:00.

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

THU Bible Information class 6:30.

SUN **Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30;** Communion; Adult Bible Study, Teen Bible Study 9:20; **Call meeting** to call a principal and 7th and 8th grade teacher.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

MON Volleyball Practice, 3:30-5:15.

TUE School Picture Day.

WED Chapel 8:20; Volleyball Practice, 3:30-5:15.

SAT Volleyball game (AWAY); Monroe vs. Adrian 9:00; Trinity vs. Adrian 10:00; Trinity vs. Monroe 11:00.

CHILDREN'S LESSON: Children are asked to remain in their seats during the lesson.

MANY THANKS to Pastor Philip Henning for sharing God's Word with us today. Welcome, Pastor!

CALL MEETING: There will be a call meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 18, to call a school principal and 7th/8th grade teacher. All voting members are encouraged to attend.

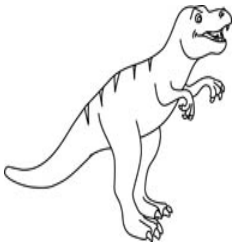
RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT of Holy Baptism in the second service today is Melanie Marie Siefker, daughter of Curtis and Lauren Siefker. Melanie was born on September 23rd. Her witness is Tonia Henning. We welcome Melanie to God's family of believers.

PRAYER REQUEST: Please add Merritt Nessler to your prayer list. Merritt is under hospice care at home. Let's remember all of our members who are hospitalized, homebound or in nursing homes and lift them up in prayer.

MIDWEEK WORSHIP continues on Tuesdays. Note the time change; service **will begin at 7:00 p.m.** Please make use of this worship opportunity if you are not able to join us on Sunday morning.

LADIES AID: The next meeting is tomorrow, October 12th at 7:30. We will continue our bible study on prayer. All ladies of the church are welcome. We will meet in the sanctuary. Face masks are required, according to the governor's mandate.

PHOTO BOMBED? School Picture Day is Tuesday, October 13. (This is a change from what the school calendar says.) Order forms were sent home last week. If you did not get one, please contact the office. You may also order online at mylifetouch.com, using our Picture Day ID: EVTZC439V. Big smiles!



DINOSAURS: Join us for Mornings with Mommy on Monday, October 19 or Tuesday, October 20 from 9:30-10:30. Bring your children and grandchildren to explore all kinds of dinosaurs. Make a dinosaur stomp painting, explore dinosaur pasta, play with dinosaur puppets, and dig for dinosaur bones. Register online at tlcienera.org or call 262-391-7994.

THREE -YEAR -OLD Sunday School lesson packets for lessons 5-8 are available for pick up in the narthex. Packets are labeled with each child's name.

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School continues by lessons-on-video at nph.net/ss-at-home. The Bible lesson for today/this week is #5, "The Plagues." You don't have to be a child to watch the videos. (Maybe you even want to watch all four grade levels!) They are easy to share with friends and family too. Just send the website to them. If you haven't already picked up one for your child's grade level, remember that there are free lesson packets on a table in the narthex that go with the videos. May God bless your child/children as we together continue to share His love.



THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE is hosting Trunk or Treat (*tentatively*) on 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 (possibly), pumpkin decorating, trunk judging, and crafts and games for kids. We are also thinking about a petting zoo, so if you have farm animals you’d like to show off, please let us know! 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. We also need volunteers to help with games and crafts. Sign up in the narthex if you are able to help!

WELS RESOURCES

Wels family devotions: Get your family into God’s Word during the week! WELS has developed short devotions for the entire family to use. Each devotion comes complete with a set of questions for different age groups, a prayer, and hymn verses that can be sung or spoken. Downloadable printable versions are also available. Find the family devotions at wels.net/family-devotions.

Sign up today for Marriage Moments

Every marriage has its “moments.” That’s why marriages need moments of encouragement and refreshment. *Marriage Moments* are short, weekly videos highlighting one biblical marriage thought accompanied by a discussion question. Couples may subscribe to receive the videos in a weekly e-mail. Watch a video introduction and subscribe to receive the videos directly to your e-mail at welscongregationalservices.net/marriagemoments.

Connecting WELS members

Connection is more important now than ever. The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod offers many ways for members to connect through social media. Join the WELS online community at facebook.com/welslutherans, twitter.com/welstweets, instagram.com/welslutherans, and vimeo.com/wels.



**Our
Church
Mission**

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 bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.