





Sunday, September 10, 2023

Pentecost 15

**Theme of the Day:**  
*The Church Takes Up Its Cross*

*Congregation sings or speaks the bolded text*

## 797 I Know My Faith Is Founded

CW 797

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*Please stand.*

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

**C: Amen.**

### Confession

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P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.**

## Lord, Have Mercy

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**A - men.**

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## Glory Be to God on High

CW 157



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.

## The Word

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow him wherever he leads; 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 Reading *Jeremiah 15:15-21*

*When the prophet Jeremiah grew tired of carrying his cross and complained, the LORD called on him to repent and promised salvation*

<sup>15</sup>LORD, you understand; remember me and care for me. Avenge me on my persecutors. You are long-suffering—do not take me away; think of how I suffer reproach for your sake. <sup>16</sup>When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, LORD God Almighty.

<sup>17</sup>I never sat in the company of revelers, never made merry with them; I sat alone because your hand was on me and you had filled me with indignation. <sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unending and my wound grievous and incurable? You are to me like a deceptive brook, like a spring that fails. <sup>19</sup>Therefore this is what the LORD says: "If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me; if you utter worthy, not worthless, words, you will be my spokesman. Let this people turn to you, but you must not turn to them. <sup>20</sup>I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you to rescue and save you," declares the LORD. <sup>21</sup>"I will save you from the hands of the wicked and deliver you from the grasp of the cruel."

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### 31E Surely It Is God Who Saves Me

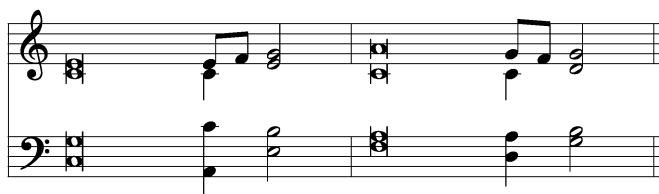
Psalm 31E

Refrain



Sure - ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and  
not be a - fraid. For the LORD is my strong-hold and my  
sure de - fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Tone



In you, LORD, I have taken / refuge;  
let me never be / put to shame.  
Be my rock of / refuge,  
a strong fortress to / save me.  
Into your hands I commit my / spirit;  
deliver me, LORD, my / faithful God. Refrain

My times are / in your hands;  
save me in your un- / failing love.  
How abundant are the / good things  
that you have stored up for those who / fear you.  
Be strong and / take heart,  
all you who hope / in the LORD.  
**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son**  
**and to the Holy / Spirit,**  
**as it was in the be- / ginning,**  
**is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

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## Second Reading

*Romans 8:18–25*

*St. Paul teaches God's Church that no cross can compare with the crown of glory that is waiting.*

<sup>18</sup>I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.

<sup>20</sup>For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. <sup>23</sup>Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## Gospel Acclamation

*Mark 8:34*

Alleluia. Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. Alleluia.

## Gospel

*Matthew 16:21–26*

*Jesus calls his Church to walk in his path: first comes the cross, then comes the crown.*

<sup>21</sup>From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. <sup>22</sup>Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!” <sup>23</sup>Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan!

You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.<sup>25</sup>For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.<sup>26</sup>What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## **Children’s Lesson**

### **694 Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken**

CW 694

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### **Sermon Text: Matthew 16:21-26**

### **Sermon Theme: Christ Gives Us Gain Through Pain**

*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.*

## Prayer of the Church

### 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!***

## Installation of New Sunday School Teachers

### 783 Abide with Me

CW 783

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*Please stand.*

P: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

**All: 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.**

### 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.**

### 529 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

CW 529

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## *Announcements*

**CHILDREN'S LESSON:** Please encourage your children in the Pre-school through 4<sup>th</sup> grade to come quietly to the front when invited.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** resumes TODAY at 9:25 am. We get to see God's blessings and promises to the small church in the book of Acts and discuss the importance in our lives today. We will start off meeting in the church sanctuary. Enjoy the time with your families this week and we will see you all.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' INSTALLATION AND DOOR OFFERING:** TODAY, we will have the installation of our Sunday School teachers during 1<sup>st</sup> service. Teachers being installed include: Jenny Boehm (Preschool), Nancy Schmehl (Kindergarten-1<sup>st</sup> Grade), Holly Glick & Veronica Sherman (2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade), Ray Curth & Megan Nowak (5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Grade), Jeff Falck & Sam Evans (Luther Society/ 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade). A DOOR OFFERING for Sunday School Teachers is also going on today. Please consider helping them!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS!** TODAY, we will have Sunday School starting at 9:20 am and going to 10:10 am. The Sunday School will be in the school for grades K-7 and in the church basement for ages 3 – Pre-K. Please bring your children for another opportunity to hear and grow in God's Word!

**LUTHER SOCIETY - SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY** The Luther Society Bible Study begins TODAY, and is open to all Trinity members from grade 8 to grade 12. We also welcome friends of the teen group members, gladly sharing God's Word with them, too! The class will meet in the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade classroom. The first book the students will be using is "Life's Big Questions; God's Big Answers". The book looks at the idea of Apologetics - the idea of defending your position - and is broken down into 13 chapters of topics that many young people face today.

**SHIPWRECK SUNDAY** service will take place NEXT SUNDAY. Please join us as we observe the annual Shipwreck Remembrance. Members and guests of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Jenera, Ohio, will gather to give thanks to God for protecting their ancestors 188 years ago when their ship was wrecked off the east coast of the United States. School children in grades Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade will also be singing "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" during the service.

**SHARE THE ABUNDANCE!** The Outreach Committee is planning a produce give-away, NOW and running until abundance allows. You may bring your extra produce to the table by the entryway on Sundays. If your garden does amazingly well this year, feel free to share.

**CHILI COOK OFF and CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT:** Trinity is hosting a Chili Cook Off on Saturday, September 16 in the church parking lot. Cornhole starts at 4 pm. Chili Cookoff begins around 5 pm. Join us for some delicious chili! If you wish to enter your own chili, please sign up and bring 4-6 quarts of chili to be tasted by a select panel of judges. The Cornhole Tournament is for participants 8th grade and older. Gift cards will be awarded to the winners of both the Chili Cook Off and the Cornhole Tournament. Water will be provided. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church.

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY** will be gathering for a devotion and project on TOMORROW, September 11 at 7:00 PM in the church basement. All women are welcome to come and bring a friend. Learn how to make a wreath out of old hymnals or old books. Hymnals and books will be provided, but you can bring your own if you want. No experience necessary! Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you are planning to come. (Sign up is not required, but helps with planning.)

**MORNINGS WITH MOMMY DONATIONS:** Can you help us prepare for another year of Mornings with Mommy by donating money or supplies? Items needed include: 100% juice boxes, play-dough, glue sticks, glue bottles, masking tape, wide masking tape, baby wipes, washable markers, crayons, dry-erase markers, snack-size ziploc bags, and snacks—animal crackers, teddy grahams, goldfish crackers, cheez-its, ritz crackers, graham crackers. If you wish to give monetary donations, the money will be used to buy supplies and educational toys to match the themes of the program. Please put all donations in the box in the back of church. Thank you all for your support of this program!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED:** If you are interested in serving as a Sunday School Teacher position all year, or even limited availability, contact Principal Falck.

**MARY ANN KING** has been moved into Good Samaritan in Arlington and has been updated on our shut-ins list. Mary Ann is the mother of Marilyn Stahl.

**AT THE FARM:** Are your little ones ready for some learning and fun? Sign up for our first sessions of Mornings with Mommy on Monday, September 18 (at 9:30 or 11:00) & Tuesday, September 19 (at 9:30). Our first session's theme is "At the Farm." Play with soy beans in our sensory bins, make a muddy pig, gallop on a horse, drive some tractors, and much more. After snack, children can go outside to visit some live farm animals and go on a hay ride. Space is limited! Register soon online at [tlcjenera.org](http://tlcjenera.org) or call 262-391-7994.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Trinity is hosting Trunk or Treat on Tuesday, October 31 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM. Start getting your trunks and costumes ready!

**THE TRINITY LUTHERAN CHOIR** will begin Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The Singing Schedule for the season will be available at practice. Call Junior Weihrauch for any questions: 419-889-4315. Come and sing praises to our Lord!

**MONTHLY FLOWERS:** Thank you for everyone who has signed up for the 2023 Monthly Flowers and beautified our church. The 2024 Monthly Flower sign-up is now available in the basement.

**CONCESSIONS DONATIONS** We are excited that school is right around the corner. With the start of school also comes Tiger Sports. We are seeking donations for our concession stand. Check out the lists on the table near the entryway or in the basement and sign up for anything you would be willing to donate. Contact Principal Falck if you have any questions. Our home soccer game is Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, and our home volleyball game is Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Members are always invited to cheer on TLS - Go Tigers!

**THE LWMS FALL RALLY** will be September 30, 2023 at Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Mansfield, OH. Registration starts at 9:00 AM. The speaker will be Aaron Wakeman. The presentation is on the Friends Network. There will be a sign up sheet at the table right of the side entrance door and in the basement. Plan to come and bring a friend.

**LOOKING FOR HELP** On April 7, 2024, the Michigan Lutheran Seminary Concert Choir under the direction of Prof. Wendt will have a concert at Trinity. We are looking for 18 families to help us out by hosting a couple of teens for April 6<sup>th</sup>. You will need to have a place for them to sleep and provide a small evening snack if necessary and some breakfast in the morning. If you would be able to help with that, please email Pastor Nowak at [pastormattn@gmail.com](mailto:pastormattn@gmail.com).

#### **DAILY LECTIONARY**

**9.10:** 2 Kings 9:1-13; 10:18-29, *2 Kings 13:1-18:8*, Phil 2:12-30

**9.11:** 2 Chron 29:1-24, Phil 3:1-21

**9.12:** 2 Chron 31:1-21, Phil 4:1-22;

**9.13:** 2 Chron 32:1-22, *Hos 1:1-14-14:9*, Col 1:1-23

**9.14:** 2 Chron 33:1-25, *Jonah 1:1-4:11*, Col 14:24-2:7

**9.15:** 2 Chron 34:1-4, 8-11, 14-33, *Nahum 1:1-3:19*, Col 2:8-23

**9.16:** 2 Chron 35:1-7, 16-25, *Zeph 1:1-3:20*, Col 3:1-25

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## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of September 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Total Worship Attendance: 206, Early: 105, Late: 92, Tuesday: 9; Online worship service views for August 27<sup>th</sup>: 29.

**MONEY COUNTERS** for this morning through September 23<sup>rd</sup> are the members of Dwight Rader's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, will be the members of Steve Rausch's Undershepherd group.

**GREETERS** today are: Jim & Jane Smith – early  
Joyce Beach & Loretta Jansen – late

Next Sunday: Mark & Kathi Curth– early  
Gary & Rebecca Mitchell – late

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (September 10<sup>th</sup> through September 17<sup>th</sup>)

**TODAY Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30;** Children's Lesson; Adult Bible Class, Teen Bible Class, Sunday School 9:20; Sunday School Door Offering; Elders 1:00

**Mon** Women's Ministry 7:00

**Tue** Church Council 7:00

**Wed** Choir 7:00

**Sat** Chili Cookoff & Cornhole Tournament 5:00

**SUN** **Worship 8:00 & 10:30 SHIPWRECK SUNDAY;** Communion; Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, Teen Bible Class 9:20

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

**Mon** Soccer Practice 3:30-5; Faculty Meeting 3:30; Board of Ed 6:30

**Wed** Chapel 8:20; Soccer Practice 3:30-5

**Fri** 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Lawrence Apple Orchard in Marion, OH

**Sat** Soccer @ St. Stephen 9:00

**Sun** K-8 Children Sing at Church

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**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.*