



Sunday, October 22, 2023

Pentecost 21

Theme of the Day:

Tell Us A Story: Of Insane Rejection

Congregation sings or speaks the bolded text

902 Spread Abroad, O Mighty Word

CW 902

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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

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.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

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.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa-ther. We

wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your

glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his

peo - ple on earth. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on

us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on

earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ,
 with the Ho-ly Spir-it in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.
 Glo-ry to God in the high-est and peace to his peo-ple on earth.
 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God.

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The Word

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you invite us to trust in you for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of your judgment but by the greatness of your mercy; 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

Isaiah 25:6–9

The prophet Isaiah describes the heavenly banquet, where death and tears will be no more. How does one get in? Through faith in God and his salvation.

⁶On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines. ⁷On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people’s disgrace from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. ⁹In that day they will say, “Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

84E Let Us Go Rejoicing

Psalm 84E

Refrain



Tone



How lovely is your / dwelling place,

LORD Al- / mighty!

My soul yearns, even faints,

for the courts / of the LORD;

my heart and my flesh cry out

for the / living God.

Blessed are those who dwell / in your house;

they are ever / praising you. *Refrain*

Better is one day / in your courts

than a thousand / elsewhere;

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

than dwell in the tents of the / wicked.

LORD Al- / mighty,

blessed is the one who / trusts in you.

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 1:16-17

We are saved through faith alone. May we never reject this gospel truth.

¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. ¹⁷For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 25:6

P: Alleluia. On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 22:1–14

Jesus tells a story of those who insanely rejected a king's gracious invitation.

¹Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. ⁴“Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵“But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. ⁶The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ ¹⁰So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹²He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless. ¹³“Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie his hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴“For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

422 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth *CW422 sts. 1,2,5,6*

1 A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,
our guilt and evil bearing
and, laden with the sins of earth,
none else the burden sharing,
goes patient on, grows weak and faint,
to slaughter led without complaint,
that spotless life to offer;
bears shame and stripes and wounds and
death,
anguish and mockery and saith,
“Willing all this I suffer.”

2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul’s great friend,
the Lamb of God, our Savior;
him God the Father chose to send
to gain for us his favor.
“Go forth, my Son,” the Father said,
“and free my children from their dread
of guilt and condemnation.
The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,
but by your passion they will share
the fruit of your salvation.”

5 Of death I am no more afraid,
New life from you is flowing;
Your cross gives me a cooling shade
When noonday's sun is glowing.
When by my grief I am oppressed,
On you my weary soul shall rest
Serenely as on pillows.
You are my Anchor when by woe
My ship is driven to and fro
On trouble's surging billows.

6 And when your glory I shall see
And taste your kingdom's pleasure,
your blood my royal robe shall be,
My joy beyond all measure.
When I appear before your throne,
Your righteousness shall by crown –
With these I need not hide me.
And there, in garments richly wrought
As your own bride, I shall be brought
To stand in joy beside you.

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Sermon Text: Matthew 22:1-14

Sermon Theme: Focus on God's feast!

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

P: Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

C: Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

P: Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

C: Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

P: Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

C: Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

P: Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

C: Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

P: Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

C: Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

P: Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

C: Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

P: We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

C: Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

P: Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

C: Amen.

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!

568 His Robes for Mine

CW 568

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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.

573 Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness

CW 573

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Announcements

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.

FLOWERS by the piano and lectern are in memory of Alfred Heldman, whose funeral was on Monday. Prayers for the family as they celebrate his life. “Blessed are the dead who dies in the Lord” Rev. 14:13.

THANK YOU The family of Alfred Heldman would like to express their thanks for the thoughts, prayers, many cards and Pastor Nowak during Alfred's hospitalization and passing. We would also like to thank the choir and school children for the beautiful songs during the funeral and the Funeral Committee for the delicious meal that followed.

HOSPITALIZED: Please remember in your prayers Carol Nessler who has been hospitalized (released), Ralph Anderson who is under hospice care, and all of our members who are homebound or in nursing homes.

CHURCH CLEANING – Church cleaning will be held November 6th through 10th. Please enter through the basement door. Cleaning instructions and assignments as well as supplies will be located in the basement. The church will be open on Monday and Tuesday 12pm-8pm as well as Wednesday through Friday from 9am to 8pm. Please join us to help make God’s house sparkle.

THE 2023 MICHIGAN DISTRICT WLS FOOD BANK is currently having a DONATION DRIVE for married students at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. The Council has approved a box in the basement and by the South church doors. Feel free to drop items in those boxes by November 1st, if interested. Items they are looking for to be donated include: diapers, wipes, toilet paper, laundry detergent, hand soap, shampoo & conditioner, vinegar, cleaning products, coffee, snack items, cereal, powdered drinks, or monetary gifts (checks payable to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary).

CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORTS are available in the back of church upon request.

LIMA FOOD BANK: Women’s Ministry is volunteering at the West Ohio Food Bank in Lima on **Wednesday, October 25** from 1:00-3:00 PM. We will be packing “senior boxes” or “emergency boxes” for the Food Bank to distribute to those in need. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you are able to join us. 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.

HELP NEEDED: We still need your help at Trunk or Treat on Tuesday, October 31 from 5:30-7:30 PM. Can you bring your vehicle to hand out candy in the parking lot? Or can you help in the gym with games? Please sign up in the back of church if you are able to help! Contact Jenny Boehm (262-391-7994) with any questions.

AREA REFORMATION SERVICE: Celebrate 506 years of God's Grace on Sunday, October 29th at the WELS-ELS Joint Reformation Service. The service will be at Peace Lutheran in Deshler. It is at 5039 Co Rd. G. Events include Musical Recital at 3:45 pm. In years prior we have had people sing solos, play the violin, guitar, piano, organ, or perform in duets. All we would need is the song that the person would like to perform and an estimated time. Worship service at 4 pm. The service will use the Lutheran German Mass (in English) and explanation behind the reason of why things were done the way they were. Choirs from our area congregations are encouraged to participate. There will also be a German Dinner that includes brats, pork and sauerkraut at 5:30 pm. If you would be willing to provide breads, salads, side dishes, desserts, or participate musically in the Recital or Service, please contact Pastor Nowak at 419-302-5271 or pastormattn@gmail.com.

PROGRESSIVE MEAL: Women are invited to the Women's Ministry's Progressive Meal and Bible study on Sunday, November 5. The meal will begin with salads at Kathi Curth's house in Jenera at 4:30 PM. Please park in the church parking lot. Invite a friend to join us, too! Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church by Wednesday, November 1 or email Jenny at mwmtrinity@tlcjenera.org to RSVP.

MOON, STARS, AND NIGHT-TIME: Bring your infants, toddlers, and preschoolers to Mornings with Mommy on November 6 or Tuesday, November 7 to learn about the moon, stars, and night-time. Meet in the church basement to explore moon sand, paint a night-time sky, cut play-dough stars, and build a rocket. Register online at tlcjenera.org or call 262-391-7994. You can see pictures from our previous sessions at facebook.com/trinitymwm.

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 3 more families to help us out by hosting a couple of teens for April 6th. 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.

DAILY LECTIONARY

10.22: Deu 21:1-23, Deu 22:1-24:9, Matt 16:1-12

10.23: Deu 24:10-25:10, Matt 16:13-28

10.24: Deu 25:17-26:19, Matt 17:1-13;

10.25: Deu 27:1-26, Matt 17:14-27

10.26: Deu 28:1-22, Matt 18:1-20

10.27: Deu 29:1-29, Matt 18:21-35

10.28: Deu 30:1-20, Matt 19:1-15

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of October 15th)

Total Worship Attendance: 230, Early: 175, Late: 121, Adult Bible Class: 39, Sunday School: 36;
Teen Bible Class: 6; Online worship service views for October 8th: 36; Mornings with Mommy: 73

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through November 4th are the members of Josh Breitigam's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, November 5th, will be the members of Mark Boehm's Undershepherd group.

GREETERS today are: Mark & Kathi Curth – early
John & Esther Spaeth – late

Next Sunday: James & Deb Reichley – early
Gary & Rebecca Mitchell – late

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (October 22nd through October 29th)

TODAY Worship 8:00 & 10:30; Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, Teen Bible Class 9:20

Mon Worship Committee Meeting 1:00

Wed Choir Practice 7:00

SUN **Worship 8:00 & 10:30** WELS Connection; Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, Teen Bible Class 9:20; Joint Reformation Service @ Peace Lutheran in Deshler, OH 4:00.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Wed Chapel 8:20

Fri 3rd-8th Grade Field Trip to Fort Meigs

Sat Volleyball @ Adrian 10:00

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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.*