

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, September 6, 2020 – Traditional Service

“For where two or three are
gathered in my name,
there am I among them.”

MATTHEW 18:20, ESV



WELCOME TO ALL

Welcome to worship at Trinity Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here. Even though we are spread out and wearing masks, we are delighted to gather as one people in the name of the risen Lord Jesus, in whose power over disease and death we take hope. Please use this bulletin to participate in the liturgy and take it with you when the service is ended. Don't forget to register each week on our website or by calling the office (717-263-8156) for the service that you wish to attend, so that we can maintain appropriate physical distancing in our sanctuary. If you are a guest or visitor worshipping with us and did not know to register for today's service, no problem; we have kept open some extra seating just in case. Simply plan to register for the service next week – and we do invite you to worship with us again!

Bathrooms are located down the hall from the side entrance to the sanctuary. Our nursery is not yet open, but the space is available for special use by individual families. If you visit the nursery to settle a child or change a diaper, please let one of the pastors or ushers know so that we can be sure to sanitize the room before the next service.

Ushers will dismiss worshippers at the end of the service row by row. Please wait to be dismissed, and conduct conversations and fellowship in the fresh, open air outside. We trust that as we take such precautions together, we follow our Lord's command to love our neighbor, and we help to ensure that we will be able to continue to gather for worship during the pandemic. Thank you for working with us toward that end!

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Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community.

Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used

in situations having to do with church discipline.

*The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways,
and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law.*

*We gather in the name of Christ,
assured that he is present among us
with gifts of peace and reconciliation.*

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation responds in bold print.

Please respect the silence of those around you preparing for worship.

PRELUDE

"In A World Where Love Abides"

Simone

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace
and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another
before examining ourselves.**

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection,
Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness
to do God's work in the world.

Amen.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord God,

enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy.

**Without your help,
we mortals will fail;**

**remove far from us everything that is harmful,
and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation,**

**through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

Please be seated.



WORD

FIRST READING

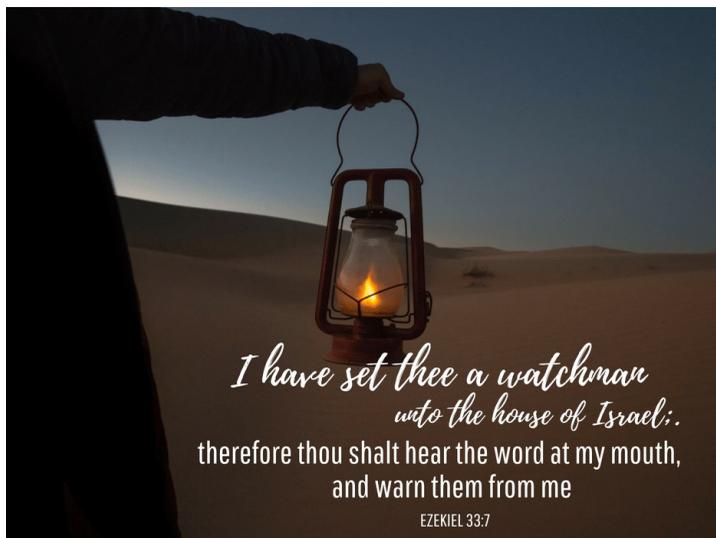
Ezekiel 33:7-11

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!



PSALMODY

Psalm 119:33-40

We will speak the Psalm responsively.

³³Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.

³⁶**Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.**

³⁷Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.

³⁸**Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.**

³⁹Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰**Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.**



... preserve my life
according to your word.

Psalm 119:37, NIV

SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

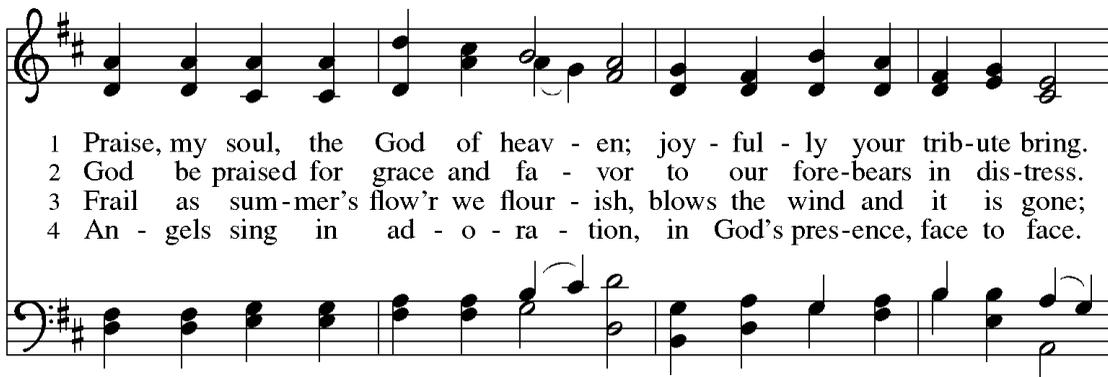
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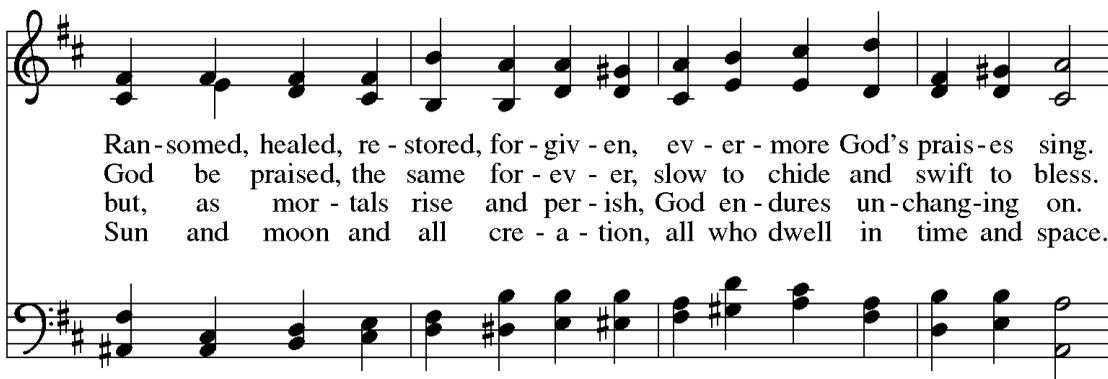
HYMN FOR REFLECTION

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

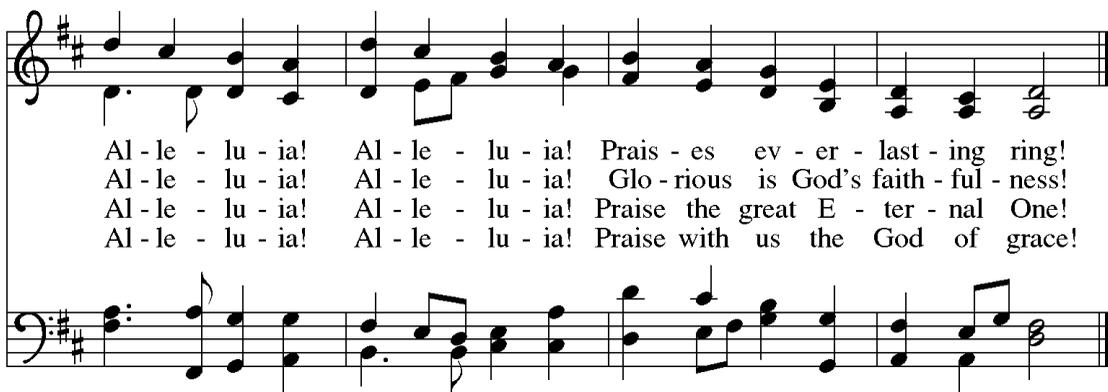
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1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.
2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.
God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en-dures un - chang - ing on.
Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

“The Masters Ways: Follow You Must”

Pastor Arlyn

SPECIAL MUSIC

“A Plea for Peace”

Eliot

Please stand as you are able.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Protect your creation, O God. Teach us ways that do not harm what you have entrusted to our care. We thank you for moisture to nourish the crops soon to be harvested. Be with those who are stewards of the land and livestock. Renew and enliven places suffering from drought, flood, storms, wild fires or pollution. Help us all seek to be good stewards of your vast creation.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Turn nations and leaders from ways that lead to death. Shape new paths toward peace and cooperation, teaching us to recognize one another as neighbors. Guide legislators, civil servants, judges, and police toward laws that protect the well-being of all.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Unite your church, O God. Grant us the gifts of repentance and reconciliation. Bless the cooperative work of churches within Chambersburg and the surrounding communities. Strengthen ecumenical partnerships that provide ministry to those in need, especially during this time of the pandemic. Here at Trinity Lutheran, we lift up the ministry gifts of Mark & Cindy; Leland & Edith; Doris; James, Marsha, Madison, & Sydney; Richard & Linda; Henry, Kristina, Nelissa, & Michael; Ace; Marjorie; Robert; and Dorothy.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Sustain us in our work, O God, and give work to those who need it. Shape societies to ensure fair treatment for all who labor. Help us to love our neighbors in and through our work. Continue to be with all workers who provide care or resources amid the pandemic.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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Tend to all in need of your compassion. Hear the cries of those awaiting justice and those yearning for forgiveness. Give community to the lonely and neighbors to the outcast. Shelter all who are vulnerable in body, mind, or spirit, especially: Brantley, Scott, Jim, Ray, Jennifer, Rachel, Dottie, Corrina, Brian, Shirley, Christine, Lillian, Kayla, Rose, Larry, Mary, Doc, Edie, Sherry, Linda, Tim, Cameron, Jim, Ron, and Cheryl.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in faith. As you equipped them, equip us with your protection and power, until with them we see your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

P. All these things and whatever else you see that we need,
we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.**

SENDING

THE BENEDICTION

Eternal God,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

POSTLUDE

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

Hayes

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Associate Pastor	<i>Pastor Arlyn</i>	
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	<i>8:30 AM</i>	<i>10:30 AM</i>
Lector	<i>Kathy Ashway</i>	<i>Phil Lobaugh</i>
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*Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
by Phil Lobaugh.*



*The children's bulletins are given to the glory of God and
in honor of all God's children
by the Wadas family.*

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:
Sunday, August 30, 2020

Online Worship Service Views: 150



STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

*Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore,
love is the fulfilling of the law. -Romans 13:10*

Striving to keep the twin commandments to love God with all our being
and love our neighbors as ourselves, we naturally care for the common good.
We learn that what affects one really affects us all.

Budgeted amount needed: \$8,072.12 8/30/2020 Offering: \$5,083.32

Thank You!



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Vision

"Growing in God"

Mission Statement

*"Seed - Planting and Growing in our Faith
Sow - Sharing the word of God with our community
Steward - Giving to all the love of God
Service - Showing the love of God with our community"*