"Why are you putting me to the test?"



MATTHEW 22:18, NRSV

Twentyfirst Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, October 22, 2023 – Traditional Service with Holy Commun

WELCOME TO ALL

Welcome to worship at Trinity Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here. 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.

Based on revised CDC guidance, we are no longer encouraging the wearing of masks for those attending worship, regardless of vaccination status. However, if you have symptoms, have tested positive for Covid or been exposed to someone with Covid-19, we ask that you do wear a mask. Please feel free to continue wearing a mask in worship for your safety, if desired.

This guidance may change if our risk level changes.

Bathrooms are located down the hall from the side entrance to the sanctuary. Children are always welcome during worship, but if desired, there is a nursery in room 107 available for children ages birth to school age.

Please be aware that we are streaming our services. If you do not wish to be on camera please contact the church office.

Twentyfirst Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 22, 2023 Traditional Service with Holy Communion

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation responds in bold print.

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

PRELUDE

"When the Morning Stars Together"

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Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

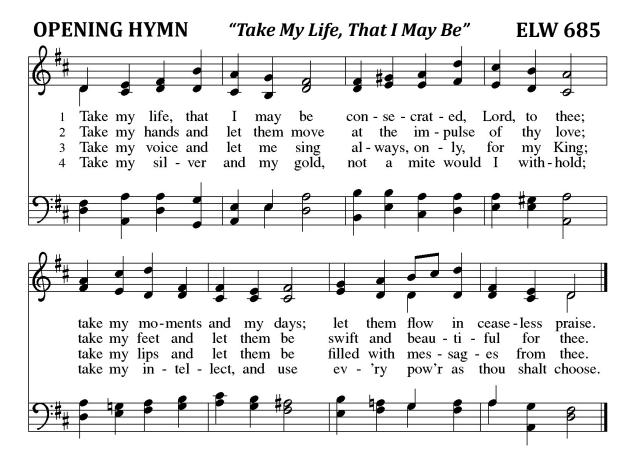
Blessed be God, the one who forms us, + Jesus who bears the cross, The spirit who makes our joy complete. Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Steadfast and faithful God. you have revealed the ways of justice, vet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and vour creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven. **Amen.**

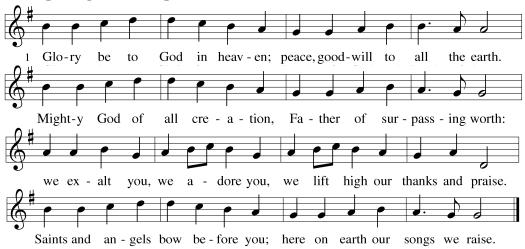


APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.

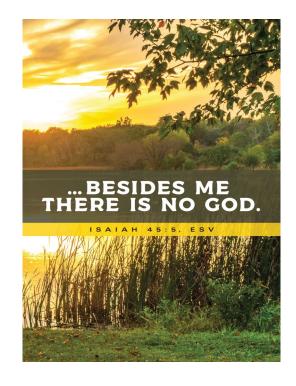
CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.
Sovereign God,
raise your throne in our hearts.
Created by you,
let us live in your image;
created for you,
let us act for your glory;
redeemed by you,
let us give you what is yours,
through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Please be seated.



WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 45:1-7

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the Lord has anointed to end Israel's exile. The Lord makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this Lord as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the Lord claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him and the gates shall not be closed: ²I will go before you and level the mountains. I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

We will speak the Psalm responsively.

Ascribe to the Lord honor and power. (Ps. 96:7)

¹Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

²Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.

³Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

⁴For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

⁶Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

⁸Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.

⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

¹⁰Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!

The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

¹²Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD, for you come to judge the earth.

¹³You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul.

Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead - Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Please stand as you are able.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with -in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

15Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON SERMON SPECIAL MUSIC "L

"Lord, I Want to be a Christian" Gloria McCauley, piano Pastor Barb Barry Arr. Brad Nix 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

Names of family & friends in prayer found on page 17.

A brief silence.

Response following each petition:

L: God of grace, R: hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you!















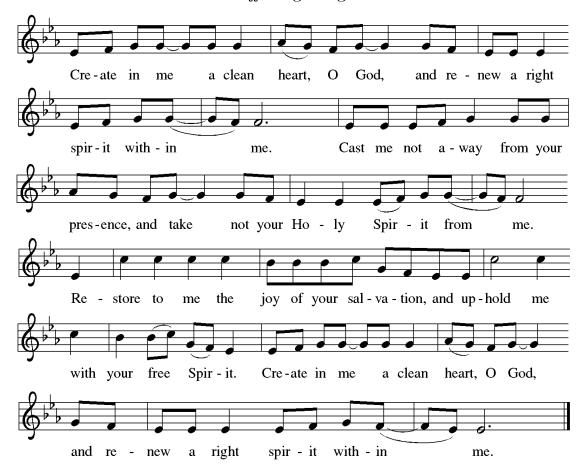


OFFERING

Thank you for your generous and faithful support. We are not currently passing the collection plates; instead you may place your offerings in the plates provided by the door as you enter or exit worship.

If you prefer, Trinity offers 5 other ways to give as well: Text, Mail, Mobile, Automatic Transfer, & Online. Contact the church office for details.

Create in Me a Clean Heart Offering Song



MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus invites you to this table.

Come, eat and live.

Thanks be to God.



Please be seated.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

All baptized followers of Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table.
Communicants are ushered forward row-by-row.

Please open your hand and the pastor will place the bread in your hand.
Once you have eaten the bread, the communion assistant will offer you
a cup of wine or juice from the tray.

Wine is red. Juice is white.

After drinking, you may return to your seat along the side aisle.

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

İmmortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



SENDING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

POSTLUDE

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the 9th Birthday of my granddaughter Shanley McDonald by Nana Joyce, Joe, and Tammy.





The children's bulletins are given to the Glory of God, and in honor of Trinity's children by Dave and Becky Morningstar.

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE:		
Sunday, October 15, 2023:	83	
Online views:	110	



SEWING GROUP

Oct. 25, 2023 @ 11 AM @ Pam H's home. For more info call/email the church office.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS		
Preacher /Presider	Pastor Barb Barry	
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	Dewey Hutsler	
Acolyte	Frank Barra	
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	Brianne Parham	
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	Louisa Etter	
Livestream Team	Jason Brown	
Nursery	Janelle Barkman	
-	Travis Barkman	

Next week's Lessons:

Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18 Psalm 1

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46





DISCOUNT CARDS! Please see your

SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary representative, Sharon Emmons to get yours at mysunni@comcast.net / or 717-264-3977. The sale benefits

Luther Ridge Community--residents.

THOUGHTS PRAYERS

We Pray For

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Family & Friends of Doris Miller
Family & Friends of Steve Frey
Judy Royce
Denny Verner
Sharon Emmons
Carl Fahnestock
Bob Shannon
Bea Clark
Linda Remson
Martha Hoffman

Bernice Conner Jean Baughman Sue Lensbower Diane Sterner Doris Krieble Greg Wilson Stanley Shilling Doug Price Ray Guldin Deb Hutsler Thomas Clarke Brenda Zullinger Marlene Fisher Mary Royce Phyllis Dusman Floss Sterner Curt Stambaugh Cheryl Kelly Cameron

MEMBERS

Deb Hutsler

Dewey Hutsler III

Dewey & Carol Hutsler

Jennifer Hutsler

**Names may be added / removed by calling the church office.

**Names will normally be removed after <u>4 weeks.</u>

OFFERING

Total Budgeted Giving Expected as of October 15, 2023: \$121,538.55

Amount received as of October 15: \$101,315.21

Thank You!

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER OUTREACH ENVELOPE

Franklin County Shelter

Our special offering for October is the Franklin County Shelter located on South Main Street. A number of years ago it became very apparent that emergency housing was needed for not only Franklin County residents, but also the many transients who go through our community. As the result of the efforts of many people, a shelter for the homeless was finally realized. The shelter continually needs the support of the community, especially the churches. We commend it to your care and support.



Trinity will once again be hosting a community Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 28th from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the church parking lot.

Volunteers are needed to decorate their cars and pass out candy.

Candy donations can be dropped off at the church any time before October 22nd. Helpers are also needed to man the event. If you are able to help, please contact Brenda Runshaw at bkrunshaw@gmail.com or 717-658-8099 or sign up on the church bulletin board.



Help Trinity's BSA Troop 135 earn points for the annual 'BSA Scouting for Food' on Reformation Sunday, October 29. Please bring in dated cans of fruit, veges, or soups to the church by the last Sunday in Oct. All foods will be donated to the local SCCAP food pantry.



Again this year, Trinity will be honoring our first responders as the **Saints Among Us** on **Sunday**, **Nov. 5** with blessings and baked goods. Bags for baked goods, in the church office, may be filled with a dozen cookies, a small loaf of sweet bread, 6 large brownies, or etc. Please bring the baked goods to the church on Thursday, **Nov. 2 by 1 PM**, or Sunday morning, **Nov 5**.



CPR is still being offered by the YMCA for congregation members at a discount. The church will cover the cost.

If you are interested in taking the class, please contact Evan Sutton via email @evanjsutton@comcast.net, or phone at 717-263-7840.

THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

Sunday - 10/22	9:00 AM	Learning for all Ages: Scripture and Coffee - Lounge High School Class - Social Hall - Stage Confirmation - Cloud 9
	10:00 AM	2 nd to 5 th Grade - Library Preschool to 1 st Grade - Nursery Worship - Sanctuary <i>Twentyfirst Sunday after Pentecost</i>
Monday - 10/23	6:00 - 8:00 PM 7-8:30 PM	Bible and Brew Boy Troop - Scout Room
Tuesday - 10/24	6:30 PM	Stamp Club - Library
Wednesday - 10/25	11:00 AM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Sewing Group - Pam H's Home Yoga - Library Choir - Sanctuary
Thursday - 10/26	6:30 - 8:00 PM	Girl Scouts - Library and Scout Room
Friday - 10/27	5:30 - 9:00 PM 6:00 - 8:00 PM 8:00 -10:00 PM	Dance Works - Social Hall Cub Scouts - Scout Room Girl Troop - Scout Room
Saturday - 10/28	6:30 - 8:00 PM	TRUNK or TREAT Rain date is Sunday, October 29 th
Sunday - 10/29	9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Learning for all Ages: Scripture and Coffee - Lounge High School Class - Social Hall - Stage Confirmation - Cloud 9 2 nd to 5 th Grade - Library Preschool to 1 st Grade - Nursery Worship - Sanctuary Twentysecond Sunday after Pentecost RECYLE PAPER DAY



Gift Cards Needed for the Salvation Army Angel Tree. Cards from Walmart, Kohl's, and Target in the amount of \$25 turned ANGEL TREE in no later than December 3rd to the church office or to Deb Hile.



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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"