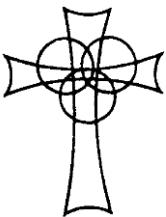


*I press on  
toward the goal to  
win the prize for  
which God has  
called me  
heavenward  
in Christ  
Jesus.*

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Nineteenth  
Sunday after  
Pentecost



*The Ninety-Second Anniversary of the Founding of Trinity Congregation*  
**OCTOBER 8, 2023**

***WELCOME TO WORSHIP!***

In the Name of Jesus Christ, Welcome! As the seasons change and time continues to run its appointed course, people are always confronted with how change-filled our lives can be. The Pastor and People of Trinity are happy that you have come to worship with us this morning and to receive strength for daily life and living through God's holy Word and Sacraments. We hope and pray that as you go back into the change-filled world we live in, the changeless Christ that we proclaim in this place will go with you.

***PRAYER UPON ENTERING WORSHIP***

Beloved God, from You come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of Your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by Your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***CONCERNING HOLY COMMUNION***

Lutherans believe that in this Sacrament the very Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are present in, with, and under the physical elements of bread and wine. And this Sacrament is distributed to the Baptized of the Church who believe in the Presence of Christ in the Sacrament, sincerely repent of their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this Holy Meal. Those who are present at this celebration who are baptized, have been instructed in the meaning of this Supper, and believe likewise are welcome to commune with us at this Altar today. Anyone who desires, child or adult, may come forward to receive a blessing.

Persons who have questions about what Lutherans believe or have any spiritual concerns are asked to speak with an Usher so that they can direct you to the Pastor so that you may speak with him before communing.



## THE DIVINE SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

*Divine Service, Setting Two*  
*Lutheran Service Book*  
*Page 167ff*

✘ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✘

### ✘ **The Preparation** ✘

The Flute and Piano Prelude

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

The Words of Welcome

*The Congregation rises.*

The Opening Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 793*

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To His feet your  
2 Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To His peo - ple  
3 Fa - ther - like He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble  
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore Him; You be - hold Him



trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
in dis - tress; Praise Him still the same as ev - er,  
frame He knows; In His hand He gent - ly bears us,  
face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,



Ev - er - more His prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia,  
Slow to chide and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia,  
Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia,  
All who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
 al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.  
 al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.  
 al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

*Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847*

*Tune: John Goss, 1800–80*

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### The Invocation:

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

- P** In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

### The Confession of Sins and Absolution:

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

✕ The Service of the Word ✕

The Introit of the Day

*Psalm 118:22-24; antiphon: verse 1*

- P** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!
- C** **The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.**
- P** This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.
- C** **This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- C** **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.**
- P** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

The *Kyrie Eleison*:

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



- C** 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.



- C** 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.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** A - men.

The Hymn of Praise

*This Is the Feast*



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of  
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:  
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Salutation and Collects of the Day:

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.



*For the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost:*

- P** Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*For the Anniversary of a Congregation:*

- P** Almighty God, You have promised to be with Your Church forever. We praise You for Your presence in this place of worship and ask Your ongoing blessing upon those who gather here. Dwell continually among us with Your holy Word and Sacraments, strengthen our fellowship in the bonds of love and peace, and increase our faithful witness to Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



*The Congregation is seated.*

The Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 5:1-7*

- <sup>1</sup>Let me sing for my beloved  
my love song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.  
<sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
and he looked for it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes.  
<sup>3</sup>And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and men of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.  
<sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard,  
that I have not done in it?

When I looked for it to yield grapes,  
 why did it yield wild grapes?  
<sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you  
 what I will do to my vineyard.  
 I will remove its hedge,  
 and it shall be devoured;  
 I will break down its wall,  
 and it shall be trampled down.  
<sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste;  
 it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
 and briars and thorns shall grow up;  
 I will also command the clouds  
 that they rain no rain upon it.  
<sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts  
 is the house of Israel,  
 and the men of Judah  
 are his pleasant planting;  
 and he looked for justice,  
 but behold, bloodshed;  
 for righteousness,  
 but behold, an outcry!

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle

*Philippians 3:4b-14*

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. <sup>7</sup>But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup>that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

The Trinity Singers

“The Little Church on the Corner”

*The Congregation rises.*

The Holy Gospel

*Matthew 21:33-46*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>33</sup>[Jesus said:] “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. <sup>34</sup>When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. <sup>35</sup>And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. <sup>40</sup>When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”

<sup>41</sup>They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord’s doing,

and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. <sup>44</sup>And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*The Congregation is seated.*

The Hymn of the Day

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 667*

“Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses”



1 Saints, see the cloud of wit - ness - es sur - round us;  
 2 These saints of old re - ceived God's com - men - da - tion;  
 3 They call to us, "Your tim - id foot - steps length - en;  
 4 Come, let us fix our sight on Christ who suf - fered,



Their lives of faith en - cour - age and as - tound us.  
 They lived as pil - grim - heirs of His sal - va - tion.  
 Throw off sin's weight, your halt - ing weak - ness strength - en.  
 He faced the cross, His sin - less life He of - fered;



Hear how the Mas - ter praised their faith so  
 Through faith they con - quered flame and sword and  
 We kept the faith, we shed our blood, were  
 He scorned the shame, He died, our death en -



fer - vent: "Well done, My ser - vant!"  
 gal - lows, God's name to hal - low.  
 mar - tyred; Our lives we bar - tered."  
 dur - ing, Our hope se - cur - ing.

5 Lord, give us faith to walk where You are sending,  
 On paths unmarked, eyes blind as to their ending;  
 Not knowing where we go, but that You lead us—  
 With grace precede us.

*The Hymn concludes on the next page...*

- 6 You, Jesus, You alone deserve all glory!  
Our lives unfold, embraced within Your story;  
Past, present, future—You, the same forever—  
You fail us never!

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The Sermon

Eyes on the Prize

Text: Philippians 3:4b-14

*The Congregation rises.*

The Nicene Creed

- C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come.  
Amen.

The Prayer of the Church:

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

- P** Let us pray for all the baptized, those called to be the Father's own possession, that He may grant that our lives may give evidence of the working of His Holy Spirit in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control according to the image of His only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for those who err, that our God of infinite love may seek and restore to Christ's way the scattered, and preserve those whom He has gathered as a holy people and that in His tender mercy He would pour out on us as faithful people the grace of unity that, all schisms being ended, His flock may be gathered to Christ, the true Shepherd of His flock. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray that Lord would continue to bless our Trinity Congregation as we remember His blessings to us these past 92 years, and that He would still empower us by the Spirit for bold witness, enrich our life together, bless others through our faithful service, and that the Lord would send all of His faithful people as His witnesses to every place. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for those entrusted with special responsibilities in the Church, that our gracious Lord and Shepherd would grant both vigorous missionary zeal and fervent faithfulness to the Word in both teaching and practice, that they may perform the task of building up the Church and bring glory to Christ's saving Name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray that the Lord would open our hearts, minds, and lives to become good stewards of the gifts that He has blessed us with and encourage us to be generous and cheerful in our giving to the Lord and to those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray that all those in authority may be given wisdom and strength to work for peace and justice throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for all who are hospitalized, shut-in, or ill, (especially \_\_\_\_\_) that the Lord would grant them all health and healing according to His good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Let us pray for all those who mourn the death of loved ones, (especially \_\_\_\_\_,) that they may be assured that for all those who followed Christ faithfully here on earth, a place has been prepared for them to live in the eternal joys of heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** With those who have received special blessings from God we rejoice, especially with \_\_\_\_\_; and we pray that all of God's people would continue to offer their thanks and praise to the Lord for every blessing given to them from His gracious hand. Lord, in Your mercy

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Let us pray for all the people and concerns that have been committed to our prayers, especially (\_\_\_\_\_ and) all those we name before the Lord in the silence of our hearts... We pray that the Lord will indeed hear these prayers and grant them all according to His good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Let us pray for all who commune at this altar today, that their hearts, minds, and actions may faithfully proclaim the Lord's death until He comes again. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord for the example of the Patriarch Abraham, Phillip the Deacon, and all the saints who by their lives and their deaths have conquered through the Blood of the Lamb. And we pray that the Lord would give us faith like theirs, following their example in our lives, that one day we might join them in the eternal feast of life and victory. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace:

**P** "Where two or three are gathered together in My Name," says the Lord, "there am I in the midst of them."

The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

**C** **And also with you.**

*The Congregation is seated.*

✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

The Hymn of Preparation

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 664

“Fight the Good Fight”



1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your  
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up your  
 3 Cast care a - side, lean on your guide; His bound - less  
 4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He chang - es



strength, and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and  
 eyes, and seek His face. Life with its way be -  
 mer - cy will pro - vide. Trust, and en - dur - ing  
 not who holds you dear; On - ly be - lieve, and



it shall be Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.  
 fore us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.  
 faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.  
 you will see That Christ is all e - ter - nal - ly.

*Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–75, alt.; Tune: The Methodist Harmonist, 1821, New York  
 Text and tune: Public domain*

*The Congregation rises.*

The Preface Dialogue:

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al-so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

The *Sanctus*:



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is He who comes in the name



of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## The Prayer of Thanksgiving:

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His Body and His Blood on the cross.

Gathered in the Name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His Body and drink His Blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer:

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** **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.**

## The Words of Our Lord:

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The *Pax Domini*:

- P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always.



- C** A - - men.

## The Agnus Dei:

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
 sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of  
 God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

*The Congregation is seated.*

### The Distribution of Holy Communion

*Holy Communion is celebrated in this place in the joyful confidence that Jesus Christ Himself comes to us to give us in bread and wine His very Body and Blood to offer to us the forgiveness of sins. All Baptized Christians who have been instructed in the meaning of this Sacrament and confess with us Christ's Real Presence in this Holy Meal are welcome to commune with us at this Altar. A fuller explanation of what Lutherans believe concerning Holy Communion may be found on page one of this worship folder.*

*Holy Communion is distributed to the congregation at the chancel rail. Please follow the direction of the ushers to make your way to the Altar. You may kneel or stand as you feel comfortable. The Sacrament is distributed in the following manner...Please extend your hand to the assistant to receive the Body of Christ. Christ's Blood may be received in one of two ways, using that which you feel most comfortable: 1) individual cups containing wine and white grape juice will be offered by the Pastor, or 2) drinking from the chalice. Children and those not wishing to receive the Sacrament are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.*




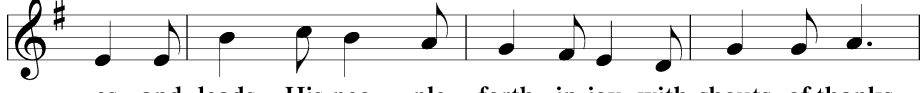
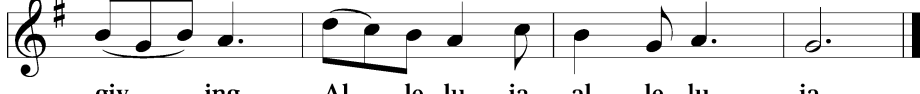
*Music at the Distribution:*

“Father Welcomes” – The Trinity Singers

*The Congregation rises.*

The Post-Communion Canticle:

*Thank the Lord*


  
**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
   

  
 He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
   

  
 joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-
   

  
 es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
   

  
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Post-Communion Collect:

**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the Fountain and Source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.


  
**C** A - men.

The Benediction:

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men.



The Hymn to Depart

*The Lutheran Hymnal Hymn # 639*

“For Many Years, O God of Grace”



1 For man - y years, O God of grace, This church has  
 2 Here chil - dren have been born a - new As man - i -  
 3 Here when the mar - riage vows were made, Both bride and



been Thy dwell - ing place And we Thy con - gre - ga - tion.  
 - fold as morn - ing dew, Their vows to Thee con - fess - ing.  
 groom be - sought Thine aid, Thy love their own tran - scend - ing.



Up - on the pre - cious Cor - ner - stone Our faith is  
 Here man - y found a ta - ble spread, They ate Christ's  
 Here mourn - ers, with their trou - bled hearts, Have found the



built, and Christ a - lone Is still our one Foun - da - tion.  
 bod - y with the bread And drank the cup of bless - ing.  
 peace Thy Word im - parts, The joy that has no end - ing.



To - day We pray: “Let us greet Thee, Lord, and meet Thee  
 To - day We pray: “Let none fal - ter At Thine al - tar.  
 To - day We pray: “May the sto - ry Of Thy glo - ry



Here with sing - ing, All our prais - es to Thee bring - ing.”  
 We a - dore Thee, Glad - ly wor - ship here be - fore Thee.”  
 Here re - sound - ing Be a song of grace a - bound - ing!”

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“For Many Years, O God of Grace”

✠ *To God Be All Praise and Glory!* ✠

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***THOSE WHO SERVE US THIS MORNING IN WORSHIP***

The Celebrant & Preacher  
The Lector  
The Communion Assistant  
The Worship Assistant  
The Choir  
The Flutist  
The Parish Musician

The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel  
Tracy Peele  
Paul Ritter  
Paul Ritter  
The Trinity Singers  
Susan Kennedy  
Skip Hall

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## NOTES AND NEWS

The flowers that have been placed on the Lord's Altar today have been given to the Glory of God by the Peele Family in honor of Vincent's birthday.

*TODAY WE CELEBRATE* ... Ninety-Two years of God's abundant grace that He has given to us as a congregation that we might be His people in this place. We thank the Lord for His goodness and pray His continual presence among us that we may always be about sharing the Good News about Jesus both here and in all the places where He sends us as His witnesses. As we rejoice together today, you are invited to share in a potluck luncheon that has been prepared for all of us in the multi-purpose room. Thank you to Carole Dingess for helping to coordinate this special moment of fellowship.

*LARGE PRINT HYMNALS* ... Copies of the *Lutheran Service Book* in Large Print are available for use during worship for those who may have need of them. You may find them on the literature table at the rear of the sanctuary, and please return them there following the service.

*SERMON SERIES* ... During the "Green Seasons of the Church Year", the Lectionary takes us through a semi-continuous series of readings from the Epistles and the Gospel that is focused on for the year, with Matthew being used in Year A. This Sunday, we begin our look at Paul's Epistle to the Philippians. Sometimes called "Paul's letter of Joy", it gives us encouragement to live each day, regardless of the circumstances we find ourselves in, with a joyous confidence in God and His love and grace. Look forward to hearing preaching on these texts from Philippians through the middle of October.

*LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS*...It is that time again when you need to renew your subscription to *The Lutheran Witness* or to become a new subscriber. The current rate for 2024 is \$20.50 per subscription. The Lutheran Witness has timely, informative articles about the faith life of fellow Missouri Synod Lutherans. If you wish to renew or subscribe, please make your check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church with the notation, Lutheran Witness, and place them in the offering plate (A special offering envelope is available in your box set for this purpose). Deadline for ordering is **TODAY**.

*NEXT SUNDAY* ... the members of the Ministry Planning Group (MPG) will meet following worship to tend to matters that shape our life and ministry as a congregation. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with Congregational President, Helen Joynes.



*OUR PRAYER LIST* ... We are pleased to have an active ministry of prayer among us, attested by the weekly “O Christ, Hear Us” page in the bulletin, inviting us all to remember these persons and needs in our prayer during worship at Trinity and in our own personal prayers during the week. We kindly ask you to also help us keep this list current and up to date by letting us know of any changes or deletions which need to be made. To do this please contact Pastor or the church office with a note that can be placed in the offering basket at church, or with an email.

*ALTAR FLOWERS* ... The flower chart for 2023 is available for you to donate floral arrangements to adorn the Lord’s Altar in honor of special occasions or in memory of loved ones. The chart can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. The donation for a single arrangement is \$35.00. If you have any questions, please contact Rona by calling the church office or by email ([trinity-elc-office@verizon.net](mailto:trinity-elc-office@verizon.net)).

***TREASURER’S NOTE:***

With this bulletin we're bringing back a feature from our old bulletins: a list of the previous month’s offerings and how it compares to the income needed to meet our budget. Additionally, this provides an opportunity for an early preview of our financial summary for 2023.

So, here are September's figures:

Offerings received for the month: \$8,858

Income needed in September to meet the budget: \$10,829.44

Looking at the entire year, for January through July our offerings were roughly 10% short. In August, they were almost right on target, while in September they were short as listed above. Overall expenses have been basically on target throughout the year, though some individual items have deviated. This has translated into us needing to take out \$8,000 from our Thrivent fund to cover 2023 expenses—\$4,000 on May 1, and another \$4,000 on July 1. Along with \$5,000 that we took out in early January to cover past due (2022) bills, we’ve withdrawn \$13,000 since last December. As of October 5<sup>th</sup>, the current balance in our Thrivent accounts is \$37, 696.

I’m always impressed and awed by the generosity of this congregation—and the above figures include Mekane Jesus’ much-appreciated regular giving as well. I’ve found it helpful to realize that if everyone increased their offerings by about 10% (maybe a *bit* more), we would probably be in good shape. We've increased our own very modest family offerings by 10%, and I hope others might do so too, or whatever they think is appropriate, giving from the heart as each is able.

– Michael McCoyer, Treasurer

*LUTHERAN RADIO ONLINE AND ON THE AIR FOR YOU THIS WEEK:*

**KFUO Radio**, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on **KFUO.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUOradio on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/kfuo), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/kfuo), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/kfuo).

**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org:** Study Hebrews 3-5 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. ET), study Joshua 16-22 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 12:00 p.m. ET), and hear Dr. Russell Dawn from Concordia Chicago speak on The Coffee Hour about his journey to church work and how CUC forms church workers (October 13 at 10:00 a.m. ET). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) and the KFUE Radio app!

*THE LUTHERAN HOUR* ... A musical about a choir of nuns led by a lounge singer provides the setting for this week's message, based on Psalm 80. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, October 15, 2023, for a message from Lutheran Hour Speaker, the Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "Help the World Rejoice", locally on WFAX 1220 AM or 100.7 FM at 11:00 AM and 10:00 PM, as well as at 5:00 AM and 6:00 PM on Saturdays. If you are out of the radio station's range you may listen online to WFAX worldwide at [WFAX.com](http://WFAX.com). The Lutheran Hour can also be heard online on KFUE.org on Sundays at 12:30 PM and 5:00 PM. For more information on this media ministry, or to listen to messages on demand, visit the Lutheran Hour Ministries website at [lhm.org](http://lhm.org), under "Media" and "The Lutheran Hour".

*REMEMBERING THE SAINTS* ... In our weekly Prayer of the Church, the final petition is dedicated to all of the Faithful Departed who are now with the Lord and a part of the Church Triumphant. As a part of this remembrance, we recall by name the saints who are on the calendar of Feasts, Festivals, and Commemorations of our church and remembered during the current week. Some have asked for more information about these saints; so, biographies for each saint, along with a prayer and suggested Scripture readings, are now available for you on our church website.

*THIS WEEK'S COMMEMORATIONS...*

October 9      **Abraham, Old Testament Patriarch**  
October 11     **Philip the Deacon, New Testament Saint**  
                    **Founding of Trinity Congregation, 1931**

Visit <http://tlcmr.org/worship/celebrating-the-saints/> where you can learn more about the cycle of saints' days on the church calendar and find the biographies for each saint listed by month.

*COMPASSION CENTER NEWS...* Our Compassion Center is open and is serving members of our community with their needs for food and clothing. If you are able to volunteer during the Center's open hours, please contact Elma. Thank you all for your continued help and support and prayers.

In an effort to keep the cupboards full at the Compassion Center during this ongoing time of need in our community, we will continue to need your generous donations of food. All non-perishable foods are welcome, and especially needed items include:

Peanut Butter; Pasta; Pasta Sauce; Macaroni & Cheese; Canned Tuna and Chicken;  
Canned Fruit; Soup.

Clothing donations are also welcome. There is a need for boys' and men's clothing, especially pants.

There is also a need for diapers, especially sizes 4, 5, and 6.

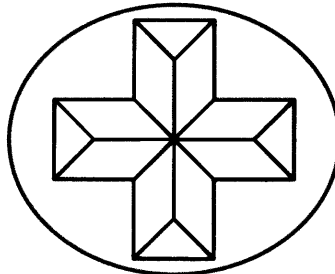
Donations can be dropped off at the Center during Center hours. And you can also leave your donations at church, and we will make sure that they are delivered to the Compassion Center. Thank you for your loving and generous support.

Center Hours: Mondays & Tuesdays: 10 AM – 4 PM  
Wednesdays: 10 AM – 2 PM

Elma Pervaiz, Coordinator, LMS Compassion Center, Hyattsville, MD  
Center Phone Number: 301-277-2302, ext. 23

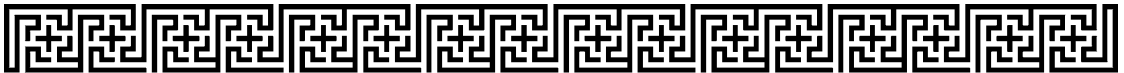
*PREPARING FOR THE COMING SUNDAY ...*

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (LSB Proper 23A), October 15, 2023  
Scripture Readings: Isaiah 25:6-9; Philippians 4:4-13; Matthew 22:1-14



**PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 8 – 15**  
*May Be Subject to Change*

<b>Today</b>	<b><i>The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i></b>	
	<b><i>92<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of Trinity Congregation</i></b>	
	8:30 AM	Adult Bible Study
	9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	10:45 AM	Anniversary Potluck Luncheon
	12:00 PM	EECMYM Worship (at church in person)
<b>Monday</b>	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 AM—Noon	Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 AM—Noon	Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 AM—Noon	Church Office Open
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b><i>The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</i></b>	
	8:30 AM	Adult Bible Study
	9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	10:45 AM	Ministry Planning Group Meeting
	12:00 PM	EECMYM Worship (at church in person)



**CHURCH STATISTICS**

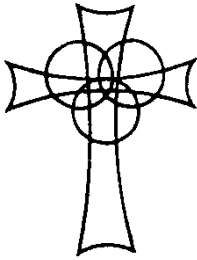
Sunday, October 1, 2023

Worship Attendance: 17; Communed: 16.

***OUR STEWARDSHIP FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2023:***

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✠ **O Christ, Hear Us!** ✠

**Intercessions for the Week of October 8, 2023**

**Prayers for Continued Healing and Help**

*For Members of Our Trinity Family:*

John, Diane, Julie & Kenny, Diane, John Tyler, Waymond, Alan, Kate, August, David, Ernie, Paul, Art & Shirley, and Angela

*For Those Who Have Asked of Our Prayers:*

Luke, grandson of Charlie & Jean; Betty, mother of Helen;  
Susan, relative of Gus & Betty; Joe, friend of Cullen; Britnany, niece of Lynda;  
Juliet, mother of Ras-I; Linda, daughter of Gus & Betty;  
Dennis & Caron, former Concordia School Teachers; Jari, former Concordia Teacher;  
Catelyn, step-granddaughter of Ernie; Nathan, son of Art; Helen, aunt of Judy;  
Bernie, friend of Trinity; Robin, daughter of Vincent & Tracy;  
George, friend of Dave & Joyce; Danny, friend of Dave & Joyce;  
Paul III, grandson of Paul; Ralph, uncle of Vincent & Tracy;  
Cynthia, friend of Kim; Craig, friend of the Praticos; Oliver, son of David & Lisbeth;  
Yvonne, relative of Carole; Bea, sister of Waymond; Doris, mother of Vincent;  
Dee, Godmother of David; Kay, sister of Carole; John, father-in-law of Kristina;  
Billy, co-worker of Judy; Tyler, son of coworker of Paul;  
Orbelina & Family, mother of former Concordia Students

**Thanksgivings and Blessings**

David Reichelt, who celebrates his birthday this week.  
Michael & Rebecca McCoyer, who celebrate their wedding anniversary this week.  
For 92 years of God's blessing on our Trinity Congregation.

**We Keep In Our Prayers**

- ✠ Our Trinity family, our ministries, and our mission.
- ✠ Pastor Gugssa Biru and the people of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus in Maryland.
- ✠ For the Lord to continue to move the hearts of our Trinity Members to a deeper realization of our part in His mission to the world and to be *Ablaze!* with a desire to tell the Good News about Jesus with those whom we come into contact in our lives.

- ✘ For the work of our Compassion Center, for Elma Pervaiz, our center coordinator, and for Redeemer Lutheran and the Lutheran Mission Society, our mission partners.
- ✘ Our government leaders, and for the members of our armed forces.
- ✘ For peace and justice among the residents of our nation's cities and towns where there is unrest from fear and distrust.
- ✘ For an end to racism and bigotry in our nation and world.
- ✘ For all those still affected and recovering from the effects of natural disasters.
- ✘ For our brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer persecution for the faith and Name of Jesus, even to the point of shedding their blood.
- ✘ For peace in our world, especially in those places that are affected by war, oppression, or acts of terror.
- ✘ For all those we know who are sick, who grieve, and who are in any need of prayer.



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4000 – 30<sup>th</sup> Street  
*at the intersection of 30<sup>th</sup> Street and Bunker Hill Road*  
Mount Rainier, Maryland 20712

***Sunday Mornings:***  
Adult Bible Study – 8:30 AM  
Worship with Holy Communion – 9:30 AM

*Worship Services are livestreamed on Facebook Live  
For more information, please visit the church website.*

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Church Web Site: [www.tlcmr.org](http://www.tlcmr.org)  
*The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel, Pastor*



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