



Look Forward
With Full Confidence

August 28, 2022



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship! In our service we receive God's grace through his Word and sacraments. As he works to strengthen our faith in Jesus, we respond to his goodness with our prayers, praise, and offerings. We are glad to be here and glad that you have joined us today!

- Restrooms are located in the main hallway, narthex, and back classrooms.
- If you wish to step out of the service to calm your child, please feel welcome to use the Fellowship Hall or the Toddler Sunday School Room (located in the back corner classroom of the building, connected to the Fellowship Hall). Both of these rooms have televisions showing the worship service. Also, please do not hesitate to ask an usher or any member if you need help locating anything. We want to make you feel welcome.

Service Volunteers:

Pastor: Rev. Paul Jenkins

Usher: Steve Proksch

Livestream Producer: Jack Proksch

Music: Suey Nordberg

Today's Focus: The Christian looks forward with faith to the heavenly kingdom. Until Christ comes, the Christian lives with a heart at rest; and, when Christ comes, the Christian is ready for his arrival. Our worship follows *Morning Praise*.

We Come into the Presence of God

PASTOR'S GREETING AND INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

MUSICAL INTRODUCTION

This is an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart and prepare for the joy of worshipping your God.

Stand

MORNING HYMN:



1 Fa - ther, we praise you, now the night is o - ver, Ac - tive and
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions; Ban - ish our
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty



watch - ful, stand - ing now be - fore you. Sing - ing, we of - fer
weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing. Bring us to heav - en,
bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion. Yours is the glo - ry,



prayer and med - i - ta - tion; Thus we a - dore you.
where your saints u - nit - ed Joy with - out end - ing.
gleam - ing and re - sound - ing Through all cre - a - tion.

Invocation

M: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

RESPONSE

M: O Lord, open my lips.

C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.

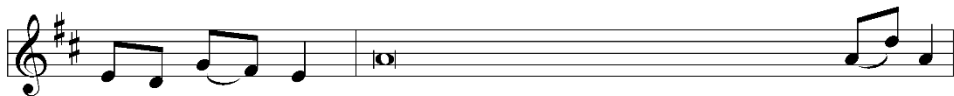
M: The Spirit of the Lord fills the world: let us worship him.

OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

VENITE



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks-giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



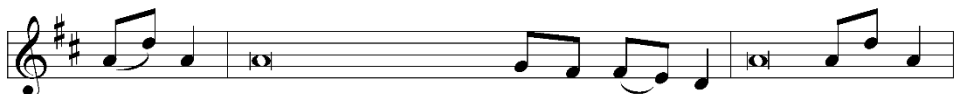
great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



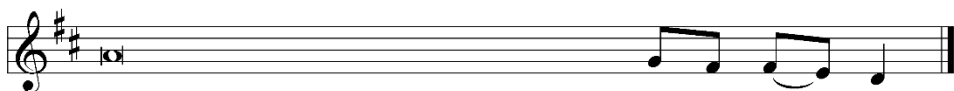
in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and



bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Haggai 1:2-14

After their return from exile, the Jewish people showed that their hearts and minds were not focused on the kingdom of God. God called Haggai to refocus their hearts and to show their new attitude by putting the construction of the Lord's temple first.

This is what the LORD of Armies says. This people has said, "It is not the right time for the House of the LORD to be built."

³ So the word of the Lord came through Haggai the prophet.

⁴ Is it time for you to live in your paneled houses while this house lies in ruins? ⁵ Now this is what the LORD of Armies says. Consider your ways carefully. ⁶ You sow much seed but you harvest little. You eat but you are never satisfied. You drink but you never become drunk. You get dressed, but no one is warm. The one who makes money puts that money into a bag with a hole in it.

⁷ This is what the LORD of Armies says. Consider your ways carefully. ⁸ Go up to the mountains, bring lumber down, and build the House. I will be pleased with it, and I will be glorified, says the LORD.

⁹ You expected much, but look, there was little. When you brought it home, I blew it away.

Why did I do that? This is a declaration of the LORD of Armies. It is because my house lies in ruins while each of you is busy with your own house. ¹⁰ So it is because of you that the heavens have withheld the dew and the earth has withheld its produce. ¹¹ I called for a drought on the land, on the mountains, on the grain, on the new wine, on the olive oil, on everything which the soil produces, on people, on livestock, and on all the labor of your hands.

¹² Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, and Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the surviving remnant of the people, listened to the voice of the LORD their God and to the words of Haggai the prophet, because the LORD their God had sent him. So the people feared the LORD.

¹³ Then Haggai, the Lord's messenger, spoke the LORD's message to the people: "I am with you, declares the LORD."

¹⁴ The LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the surviving remnant of the people, and they came and worked on the house for the LORD of Armies, their God.

PSALM: 33

READ RESPONSIVELY

M: Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;

C: it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

M: For the Word of the LORD is right and true;

C: he is faithful in all he does.

M: By the word of the LORD were his heavens made,

C: their starry host by the breath of his mouth.

M: For he spoke, and it came to be;

C: he commanded, and it stood firm.

M: The LORD foils the plans of the nations;

C: he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.

M: But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever,

C: the purposes of his heart through all generations.

M: The LORD loves righteousness and justice;

C: the earth is full of his unfailing love.

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 3:1-6

The church in Sardis needed a loud, loving wake-up call: refocus your heart and your life on the kingdom of heaven.

To the messenger of the church in Sardis write:

The one who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars says this:

I know your works. You have a reputation for being alive, but you are dead.² Wake up, and strengthen what is left, which is about to die, for I have found that your works are not complete in the sight of my God.³ Therefore remember what you received and heard. Hold on to it and repent! If you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come upon you.

⁴ Yet you have a few names in Sardis, people who have not defiled their clothes. They will walk with me in white clothing, for they are worthy.

⁵ The one who is victorious in this way will be clothed in white clothing. I certainly will not erase his name from the Book of Life, and I will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels.

SEASONAL SENTENCE

M: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

STAND

GOSPEL AND SERMON TEXT

Luke 13:32-40

“Do not be afraid, little flock, because your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom.³³ Sell your possessions and give to the needy. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not become old, a treasure in the heavens that will not fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

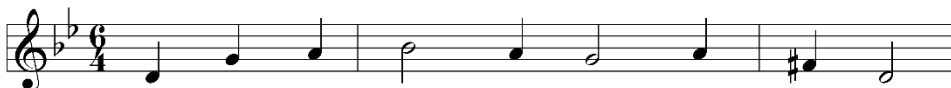
³⁵ “Be dressed, ready for service, and keep your lamps burning.³⁶ Be like people waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him.³⁷ Blessed are those servants, whom the master will find watching when he comes. Amen I tell you: He will dress himself and have them recline at the table, and he will come

and serve them. ³⁸Even if he comes in the second or third watch, they will be blessed if he finds them alert. ³⁹But know this: If the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰You also be ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you are not expecting him.”

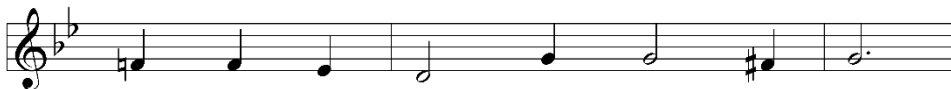
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CHILDREN’S SERMON: “Look Ahead”

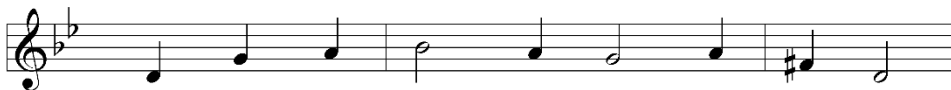
HYMN OF THE DAY: 444, “If You But Trust in God to Guide You”



1 If you but trust in God to guide you
 2 How can these anxious worries aid you,
 3 Be pa - tient and a - wait his lei - sure
 4 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing,



And place your con - fi - dence in him,
 These nev - er - ceas - ing moans and sighs?
 In cheer - ful hope, with heart con - tent;
 Per - form your du - ties faith - ful - ly,



He'll give you strength and stand be - side you
 Will not his wings of mer - cy shade you
 Then take what - e'er your Fa - ther's plea - sure
 And trust his Word; though un - de - serv - ing,



When days are drear - y, dark, and dim.
 When - ev - er trou - bled times a - rise?
 And his dis - cern - ing love have sent.
 You'll find his prom - ise true to be. „



For those who trust his change - less love
Our cross and tri - als do but press
Doubt not; your in - most wants are known
God nev - er yet for - sook in need



Build on the rock that does not move.
The heav - ier for our bit - ter - ness.
To him who chose you for his own.
The soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

Text: Georg C. Neumark, 1621–81, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT (98 98 88) Georg C. Neumark, 1621–81.

SERMON

Text: Luke 12:32-40

Theme: Look Forward with Full Confidence

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.**

BE SEATED

OFFERING

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO FILL IN THE FRIENDSHIP BOOK LOCATED IN THE PEW AT THIS TIME.

The members of Trinity make joyful offerings to support this church's ministry. A portion of our offerings is also used for the training of future pastors and teachers, and the worldwide mission work carried out by our fellowship, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Our guests are under no obligation to give, but any gifts freely given are welcome and will be put to work in service to God's kingdom.

Stand

LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

C: **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Father, for giving us life and breath, talent and energy, we thank you. For income and nourishment, for honest work and opportunities to be useful, we look gratefully to you as our provider. For safety in our travels, we rejoice in the protection your angels give. For national peace, public prosperity, and moral consciousness in all citizens, hear our prayers.

Lord Jesus, through you we have the full rights of children of God. What love the Father has lavished on us through our relationship with you! We praise you for saving us and giving your life as a ransom for our sin. May our spirits revive in the rest and peace of your forgiveness.

Holy Spirit, through Word and sacrament restore to us the joy of your salvation. Cause the good seed of the Word to produce sturdy faith and godly attitudes in each believer.

We rejoice in the fellowship we enjoy in our congregation and our synod. Keep our parish and synodical leaders faithful to their tasks, diligent in courage and prayer. Preserve Christ-centered doctrine and practice in our fellowship at all times. Make us each active in Christian service and supportive of our leaders.

Special prayers

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in our Savior's words:

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen

M: Let us praise the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: 473, "Savior, I Follow On"



1 Sav - ior, I fol - low on, Guid - ed by thee,
2 Riv - en the rock for me, Thirst to re - lieve,
3 Of - ten to Ma - rah's brink Have I been brought;
4 Sav - ior, I long to walk Clos - er with thee;



See - ing not yet the hand That lead - eth me.
Man - na from heav - en falls Fresh ev - 'ry eve.
Shrink - ing the cup to drink, Help I have sought,
Led by thy guid - ing hand, Ev - er to be



Hushed be my heart and still; Fear I no fur - ther ill.
Nev - er a want se - vere Caus - eth my eye a tear,
And with the prayer's as - cent Je - sus the branch hath rent,
Con - stant - ly near thy side, Quick - ened and pu - ri - fied,



On - ly to meet thy will My will shall be.
But thou dost whis - per near, "On - ly be - lieve."
Quick - ly re - lief hath sent, Sweet - 'ning the draught.
Liv - ing for him who died Free - ly for me.

Text: Charles S. Robinson, 1829–99, alt.
Tune: WINTERTON (64 64 6664) Joseph Barnby, 1838–96.

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Sign Up for Sunday School!

Trinity's Sunday school program will start up again on September 11. If you have kids in preschool through grade 8 that you would like to have participate in our Sunday school this fall, please visit trinityofwoodbridge.org/sundayschool to register them. That will ensure we have current contact information for all parents, as well as an accurate count of how many children to expect for each class.

Women's Bible Study

The Trinity Women's Bible Study will be taking a break over the summer. We'll start back up with a new book in September. Stay tuned for time and topic announcement! The Bible Study meets on the second Saturday of the month September through May. For questions, please contact Erika Ohlendorf at erika.ohlendorf@gmail.com or 617-821-3126.

Worship Schedule Change and Start of Adult Bible Class

On Sunday, September 11, we will return to worship services at 8:30 and 11:00 each Sunday morning. On that day adult Bible class will start up again between services. We'll begin the year focusing on St. Mark's Gospel. Other topics through the spring of 2023 will include "My Brother's Keeper" (Biblical strategies for Christians to reach out to family and friends straying from their Savior) and "The Armor of God."

NVCC Charity Drive Coming in September

Throughout the month of September, there will be collection bags in the narthex for a drive to help expecting and parenting students of Northern Virginia Community Colleges. Items of particular need include books, clothes, and toys for kids; gas and grocery gift cards; Target and Amazon gift cards; diapers and pull-ups (especially larger sizes like 2T-3T or size 6). If you have any questions about this effort, please speak to Dawn Knox. Thank you!

Movie Night Coming in September

On Friday night, September 16, starting at 7 (movie starts at 7:30), Trinity will host its first ever Movie Night. We'll be showing "Monsters Inc" on a big screen and projector on the back of our property, with a popcorn wagon, beverages, and snow cone maker. This event is for Trinity's members and friends, and we'll be welcoming our neighbors, too.

Wine and Word Bible Study: Ten Commandments of Bible Interpretation Meeting Thursday, 9/1

The Wine and Word Bible Study meets at the home of Bruce and Dawn Knox. Their home is located just 5 minutes from the church in Old Bridge Estates. We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 7-8:30pm. We are studying “The Ten Commandments of Bible Interpretation” with Larry Kovaciny as our guide. Those who wish can bring a bottle of wine and small bite appetizer. Come and join us whether you drink wine or not! Contact Dawn at 703-615-9320 or dawn.f.knox@gmail.com to RSVP.

Small Choir

Trinity’s small choir sings once a month during Worship. Anyone is welcome to join! We'll sing hymns from our hymnal, Christian Worship. If you are interested in joining, please let John or Erika Ohlendorf know.

Help Needed with New Mover Welcome Packages

Each month Trinity delivers welcome care packages to new residents in our nearby neighborhood. We have a dedicated but small crew undertaking this project. If you would like to help, either providing care packages or delivering them, please speak to pastor. We are trying to make friends, inviting contact with as many new neighbors as possible, but need more help. Thank you for considering.

Ushers and Usher Assistants Needed

A sign-up sheet is sent via email through Sign-up Genius and is also available in the Narthex. You are welcome to fill in as many Sundays as you are available. If you would like to become part of the regular rotation of ushers, or even just fill in once in a while when needed, please speak to Worship Elder Scott Mund.

Our Little Free Library

Our Little Free Library always welcomes donations of books and food! If the library outside is full, you can place donations in the white plastic bin in the Fellowship Hall right beside the door to the hallway.

Lord’s Supper Available to All Members

If you are a confirmed member of Trinity and waiting to return to the sanctuary for worship, Pastor would be happy to commune you at home, or anywhere else you would like to meet. Just contact him at (309) 433-5807 or revpauljenkins@yahoo.com with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work

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CHURCH

to glorify God

by growing in His Word and by going with His Word

to Woodbridge and to the world.



Trinity Lutheran Church is part of a group of nearly 1,300 churches called the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod or WELS. The WELS is a world-wide church with congregations serving in all fifty of the United States, as well as in Mexico and Canada. The WELS also serves over 26 foreign countries through world mission work. We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the WELS as well as the members of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference, consisting of 21 confessional Lutheran church bodies throughout the world.