



**September 11, 2022**





# Fourteenth 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.

## **Serving the Lord and Serving Us:**

**Pastor:** Paul Jenkins

**Usher: 8:30:** Matt Popelier

**11:00:** Larry Kovaciny

**Keyboard: 8:30:** Sandee Clay

**11:00**

**Livestream Producer:** Jack Proksch

**Today's Focus:** Jesus is the narrow door through which each person enters the heavenly banquet. So our Savior encourages us to make every effort to enter through him. Our worship follows *Service of the Word*.

# We Come into the Presence of God

## MUSICAL INTRODUCTION

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

## OPENING HYMN: 399, "To God Be the Glory"



1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!  
2 Oh, per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood,  
3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,



He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,  
To ev - 'ry be - liev - er the prom - ise of God;  
And great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son,



Who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin  
The vil - est of - fend - er who tru - ly be - lieves,  
But pur - er and high - er and great - er will be



And o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.  
That mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.  
Our joy and our won - der when Je - sus we see.

**REFRAIN on NEXT PAGE**

*Refrain*

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!

Oh, come to the Fa-ther through Je-sus the Son

And give him the glo-ry—great things he has done!

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915, alt.

Tune: TO GOD BE THE GLORY (11 11 11 11 with Refrain) William H. Doane, 1832–1915.

*STAND*

## INVOCATION

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

**Congregation:** And also with you.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C:** Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

M. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

*BE SEATED*

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

#### **JUDGES 7:1-8**

*The Lord saves his people in a very specific and narrow way. He uses only 300 men to save the Israelites from the Midianites, and uses only Jesus to save us.*

Then Jerubbaal (that is, Gideon) and all the people who were with him set out and camped by the Spring of Harod. The Midianite camp was north of him, in the valley below the Hill of Moreh.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD said to Gideon, “There are too many people with you for me to give Midian into your hands. If I did that, Israel would glorify itself at my expense and say, ‘My own hand has delivered me.’ <sup>3</sup>So then, make an announcement for the people to hear: ‘Whoever is trembling with fear can return home and fly away from Mount Gilead.’” Twenty-two thousand people turned and left. Only ten thousand remained.

<sup>4</sup>The LORD said to Gideon, “There are still too many people. Lead them down to the water, and there I will refine them further for you. If I tell you, ‘This one will go with you,’ he may go with you, but if I say to you, ‘This one will not go with you,’ he must not go.”

<sup>5</sup>So Gideon led the people down to the water, and the LORD said to Gideon, “Place everyone who laps water with his tongue, as a dog would lap, to one side. Place everyone who kneels down to drink on the other side.” <sup>6</sup>The number of those who lapped—those who put their hands to their mouths—was three hundred men, while all the rest of the people knelt down to drink water.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said to Gideon, “With the three hundred men who lapped, I will deliver you, and I will give Midian into your hand. As for all the other people, let each man go back to his place.”

<sup>8</sup>The men who had been chosen took provisions in hand, along with their ram’s horns, but Gideon sent every other Israelite man back to his own tent. He kept only the three hundred men. The camp of Midian lay below him in the valley.

## PSALM OF THE DAY: 72

*Read Responsively*

M: Endow the King with your justice, O God,

**C: the royal Son with your righteousness.**

M: He will defend the afflicted among the people

**C: and save the children of the needy.**

M: He will endure as long as the sun,

**C: as long as the moon, through all generations.**

M: He will be like rain falling on a mown field,

**C: like showers watering the earth.**

M: All kings will bow down to him,

**C: and all nations will serve him.**

M: All nations will be blessed through him,

**C: and they will call him blessed.**

M: Praise be to the LORD God, who alone does marvelous deeds.

**C: May the whole earth be filled with his glory.**

## SECOND LESSON

### ROMANS 9:1-9

*The true, spiritual Israel is the few who hold to faith in Christ, whether Jew or Gentile.*

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying—my conscience testifies with me in the Holy Spirit <sup>2</sup>that I have great sorrow and continuous pain in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I almost wish that I myself could be cursed and separated from Christ in place of my brothers, my relatives according to the flesh, <sup>4</sup>those who are Israelites. Theirs are the adoption as sons, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. <sup>5</sup>Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, came the Christ, who is God over all, eternally blessed. Amen.



<sup>6</sup>This does not mean that God's word has failed, because not all who are descended from Israel are really Israel,<sup>7</sup> and not all who are descended from Abraham are really his children. On the contrary, "Your line of descent will be traced through Isaac."<sup>8</sup> This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are counted as his descendants.<sup>9</sup> For this is what the promise said: "I will arrive at this set time, and Sarah will have a son."

## **VERSE OF THE DAY**

M: Alleluia! Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia! (*1 Timothy 1:10b*)

*STAND*

## **GOSPEL AND SERMON TEXT**

### **Luke 13:22-30**

He went on his way from one town and village to another, teaching, and making his way to Jerusalem.<sup>23</sup> Someone said to him, "Lord, are only a few going to be saved?"

He said to them,<sup>24</sup> "Strive to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able.<sup>25</sup> Once the master of the house gets up and shuts the door, you will begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, 'Lord, open for us!' He will tell you in reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from.'<sup>26</sup> Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.'<sup>27</sup> And he will say, 'I don't know where you come from. Depart from me, all you evildoers.'<sup>28</sup> There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown outside.<sup>29</sup> People will come from east and west, from north and south, and will recline at the table in the kingdom of God.<sup>30</sup> And note this: Some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*BE SEATED*

**CHILDREN'S SERMON: "It Takes Work"**

HYMN OF THE DAY: 431, "I Walk in Danger All the Way" Verses 1-5



1 I walk in dan - ger all the way; The thought  
 2 I pass through tri - als all the way; With sin  
 3 Grim death pur - sues me all the way; No - where  
 4 I walk with an - gels all the way; They shield  
 5 I walk with Je - sus all the way; His guid -



shall nev - er leave me That Sa - tan, who has  
 and ills con - tend - ing; In pa - tience I must  
 I rest se - cure - ly. He comes by night, he  
 me and be - friend me. All Sa - tan's pow'r is  
 ance nev - er fails me. He takes my ev - 'ry



marked his prey, Is plot - ting to de - ceive  
 bear each day, The cross of God's own send -  
 comes by day, And takes his prey most sure -  
 held at bay When heav'n - ly hosts at - tend  
 fear a - way When Sa - tan's pow'r as - sails



me. This foe with hid - den snares May seize me  
 ing. Oft in ad - ver - si - ty I know not  
 ly. A fail - ing breath, and I In death's strong  
 me. They are my sure de - fense; All fear and  
 me, And, by his foot - steps led, My path I



un - a - wares If e'er I fail to watch and  
 where to flee When storms of woe my soul dis -  
 grasp may lie To face e - ter - ni - ty to -  
 sor - row, hence! Un - harmed by foes, do what they  
 safe - ly tread. In spite of ills that threat - en



pray; I walk in dan - ger all the way.  
 may; I pass through tri - als all the way.  
 day. Grim death pur - sues me all the way.  
 may, I walk with an - gels all the way.  
 may, I walk with Je - sus all the way.

## **SERMON**

**TEXT:** Luke 13:22-30

**THEME:** Make Every Effort to Enter through Jesus

*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 DURING THIS TIME TO SIGN THE FRIENDSHIP REGISTER FOUND IN YOUR PEW.*

*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*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

**C: We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

M: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

**C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

M: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

**C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**

M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

**C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer*

M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

**C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

## 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.**

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

*Be Seated*

**CLOSING HYMN: 431, "I Walk in Danger All the Way" Verse 6**

6 My walk is heav'nward all the way;  
Await, my soul, the morrow,  
When you farewell can gladly say  
To all your sin and sorrow.  
All worldly pomp, begone!  
To heav'n I now press on.  
For all the world I would not stay;  
My walk is heav'nward all the way.

Text: Hans A. Brorson, 1694–1764; tr. Ditlef G. Ristad, 1863–1938, alt.  
Tune: DER LIEBEN SONNE LICHT UND PRACHT (87 87 66 88) Freylinghausen, *Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch*, 4th ed., Halle, 1708.

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### **Sunday School & Adult Bible Class Starts TODAY!**

Adult Bible class & Sunday School start up again today between services. The adults Bible Class 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**

Throughout the month of September there is drive is 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). Collection bags can be found in the Narthex. If you have any questions about this effort, please speak to Dawn Knox. Thank you!

### **Movie Night this Friday Night - September 16**

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, 9/15**

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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:dawn.f.knox@gmail.com) to RSVP.

## **August Worship Attendance**

August 7: 56

August 14: 49

August 21: 54

August 28: 45

## **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. 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 Matt Popelier. If you are not getting the emails for Sign-Up Genius, please email [admin@trinityofwoodbridge.org](mailto:admin@trinityofwoodbridge.org)

## **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](mailto:revpauljenkins@yahoo.com) with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work.

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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.