



Faith Believes the Impossible
and Does the Difficult

September 25, 2022



Sixteenth 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: Rev. Paul Jenkins

Service Volunteers:

Usher: 8:30:

11:00: Lawrence Kovaciny & John Ohlendorf

Jr. Usher: 8:30:

11:00: Daniel Kovaciny

Keyboard Operator: 8:30 Sandee Clay

11:00: Matt Popelier

Livestream Producer: Jack Proksch

Today's Focus: Christians accept by faith the wisdom from above, which teaches us to trust in Jesus and to put him and his will first in our lives. 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON AND SERMON TEXT

Genesis 12:1-8

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Get out of your country and away from your relatives and from your father's house and go to the land that I will show you. ²I will make you a great nation. I will bless you and make your name great. You will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse anyone who dishonors you. All of the families of the earth will be blessed in you."

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him. Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵Abram took Sarai his wife, Lot his brother's son, and all the possessions they had accumulated and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to travel to the land of Canaan. Eventually they arrived in the land of Canaan. ⁶Abram passed through the land until he came to the Oak of Moreh at the place called Shechem. The Canaanites were in the land at that time.

⁷The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "I will give this land to your descendants." Abram built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

⁸He moved on from there to the hill country east of Bethel and pitched his tent there, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and proclaimed the name of the LORD.

PSALM: 19

READ RESPONSIVELY

M: The heavens declare the glory of God;

C: the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

M: Their voice goes out into all the earth,

C: their words to the ends of the world.

M: The law of the LORD is perfect,

C: giving joy to the heart.

M: The commands of the LORD are radiant,

C: giving light to the eyes.

M: They are more precious than gold;

C: they are sweeter than honey.

M: By them is your servant taught;

C: in keeping them there is great reward.

M: May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

C: be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Redeemer.

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 3:4b-11

Paul accepts divine wisdom: to forsake glory in himself and to find it only in Christ, and then to follow Christ in all things and every way.

If anyone else thinks that he has grounds for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶in regard to zeal, persecuting the church; in regard to the righteousness that is in the law, blameless.

⁷But, whatever things were a profit for me, these things I have come to consider a loss because of Christ. ⁸But even more than that, I consider everything to be a loss because of what is worth far more: knowing Christ Jesus, my Lord. For his sake, I have lost all things and consider them rubbish, so that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, which comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness that comes from God by faith. ¹⁰I do this so that I may know him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death, ¹¹in the hope that in some way I may arrive at the resurrection from the dead.

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

Luke 13:32-40

Divine wisdom is to follow Christ in faith and deed, knowing and accepting the cost of following him.

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus. He turned and said to them, ²⁶ “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry his own cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, if he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost to see if he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, everyone who sees it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This fellow began to build, but was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, as he goes out to confront another king in war, will not first sit down and consider if he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² And if he is not able, he sends out a delegation and asks for terms of peace while his opponent is still far away. ³³ So then, any one of you who does not say farewell to all his own possessions cannot be my disciple.”

BE SEATED

CHILDREN’S SERMON: “Count the Cost”

HYMN OF THE DAY: 200, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A trust - y shield
 2 With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our loss
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, All ea - ger to
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main, Nor an - y thanks



and weap - on; He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 ef - fect - ed. But for us fights the val - iant one
 de - vour us, We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
 have for it; He's by our side up - on the plain



That has us now o'er - tak - en. The old
 Whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask,
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This world's
 With his good gifts and Spir - it. And do



e - vil foe Now means dead - ly woe;
 "Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,
 prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
 what they will— Hate, steal, hurt, or kill—



Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;
 The al - might - y Lord. And there's no oth - er God;
 He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done!
 Though all may be gone, Our vic - to - ry is won;



On earth is not his e - qual.
 He holds the field for - ev - er.
 One lit - tle word can fell him.
 The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite.
 Tune: EIN FESTE BURG (87 87 55 56 7) Martin Luther, 1483–1546.

SERMON

Text: Genesis 12:1-8

Theme: Faith Believes the Impossible and Does the Difficult

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.

A PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

M: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you love your whole creation and forget none of your creatures. We bring you our requests for all your children, for all those we love and all those committed to your care:

C: We implore you to hear us, O God.

M: For all who have blessed us with kindness, led us with patience, and restored and refreshed us by their sympathy and help:

C: We implore you to hear us, O God.

M: For all who have wished or done us ill, that you would turn their hearts to repentance and ours to blessing:

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For all prisoners and captives and all who suffer from oppression, that you would lead them to know the perfect freedom of your Son's forgiveness, relieve their suffering, and move us to imitate you by assisting them with works of mercy and compassion:

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For all who bear the cross of suffering, who are ill in body or in mind:

C: Be merciful and spare them, good Lord.

M: For all who are troubled by the suffering or sin of those who love:

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

M: For all who have experienced worldly loss, that in darkness and confusion they may find their peace in you:

C: We implore you to hear us, O God.

M: For all who are absorbed in their own grief, that they may be raised to share the sorrows of their brothers and sisters and to know and appreciate the fellowship of those who bear Christ's cross:

C: We implore you to hear us, O God.

M: For all those suffering because of their faithfulness to conviction and duty, that in sacrifice they might find strength and joy; and that you, who see what is done in secret, may uphold them by your grace and bring them to an open reward:

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For all who undergo temptations of the flesh or imagine evil in their hearts, that you would enable them to overcome and obtain the victory through Christ:

C: Be merciful and spare them, good Lord.

M: For all who are lonely and sad in the middle of the joy of others, that they may know you as their Father, Friend, and Comforter:

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

M: For the infirm, the aged, and all who are approaching death, that they may find their strength in you and obtain a blessed end:

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

M: For all whom we have forgotten to pray but who are dear to you:

C: Assist them according to their needs, and bring them to your heavenly kingdom, through Christ our Lord.

M: O God our Father, hear our intercessions, answer them according to your will, and make us channels of your infinite pity and helpfulness. Join our prayers with those of all your faithful people as we pray as Jesus has taught us:

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.

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN: 469, "Take My Life and Let It Be"



1 Take my life and let it be Con - se -
 2 Take my hands and let them move At the
 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways,
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; Not a
 5 Take my will and make it thine; It shall



cra - ted, Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments
 im - pulse of thy love. Take my feet and
 on - ly for my King. Take my lips and
 mite would I with - hold. Take my in - tel -
 be no long - er mine. Take my heart— it



and my days; Let them flow in cease - less praise.
 let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
 is thine own; It shall be thy roy - al throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
 At thy feet its treasure store.
 Take myself, and I will be
 Ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79.

Tune: PATMOS (77 77) William H. Havergal, 1793–1870.

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Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

Adult Bible class & Sunday School meet between services. The adult Bible Class is 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 Ends Today

Thank you to everyone who has generously provided for the expecting and parenting students of Northern Virginia Community Colleges. Your generosity is amazing and greatly appreciated!

Third Annual Trunk or Treat on Its Way

Our next outreach effort will be Trinity's Third Annual Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 22, from 3-4pm in Trinity's parking lot. If you'd like to host a trunk, please let pastor know so we have a rough idea of how many people will be helping out. If you'd like to help but cannot make it for the event, please consider donating some extra candy to hand out. If you have any questions, please speak to pastor.

Wine and Word Bible Study - Thursday, 10/6

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.

Christmas for Kids Volunteer Help

We working on the possibility of hosting a Christmas for Kids event at Trinity on Saturday morning, December 10 from 10-11. The event would hopefully include some music, a craft, a Bible story, games, a snack, a gift, and an invitation to Christmas worship at Trinity. Before officially scheduling the event, however, we need to know if there will be enough volunteers to pull it off. If you are available that morning and would like to help out in any of the following areas, please let pastor know. (We currently have four volunteers on board, and will probably need at least three or four more.)

Craft ages 3-5 (up to 20 kids); Craft ages 6-12 (up to 20 kids)

Games ages 3-5; Games ages 6-12

Songs (all ages together)

Snack (up to 40 kids)

Registration check-in and check-out

Bible Basics Class Starting Soon

Bible Basics class will be offered again on five Saturdays in October and November. Bible Basics is not a membership class, but it can lead in that direction. Its main purpose is to introduce people with little or no Bible knowledge to the basic, central truths of God's Word in 30 minute lessons. Here are the dates of the classes. Each session will be held at Trinity at noon, with free lunch provided. Registration will be open through October 19:

Saturday, October 22: Who is Jesus Christ, and Why Should I Care?

Saturday, October 29: What Does God Want from Me?

Saturday, November 5: How Could a Loving God Be Running Such a Messed Up World?

Saturday, November 12: With So Many Ideas about God, How Do I Know What to Believe?

Saturday, November 19: Why Would I Ever Want to Join a Church?

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

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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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.