



October 9, 2022



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- **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: Steve Proksch

11:00: Larry Kovaciny & Matt Popelier

Jr. Usher: 8:30: Patrick Proksch

11:00: Daniel Kovaciny

Keyboard: 8:30: Sandee Clay

11:00 Erika Ohlendorf

Livestream Producer: Jack Proksch

Today's Focus: Jesus' people use their wealth to build friendships for eternity. We do this to serve our loving God who has given his Son to welcome us into heavenly dwellings. 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: 484, "Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly"



1 Broth - ers, sis - ters, let us glad - ly Give to
2 By his mer - cy, by his boun - ty, By the
3 Gra - cious Lord, ac - cept our ser - vice For the



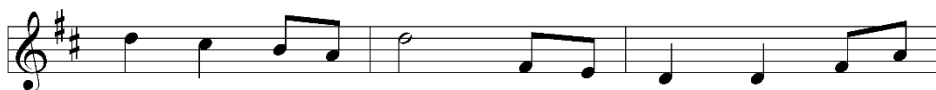
God our all, our best— Ser - vice heart - y, thor - ough,
gift of Christ, his Son, What great good - ness he has
sake of Christ, your Son; Lo, our hope a - bides now



hon - est, With a liv - ing love im - pressed.
shown us, What high mar - vels he has done!
on - ly In the right - eous - ness he won.



All our du - ty, all our striv - ing, All our
Let us to him prompt - ly, free - ly, Yield our
Bless and save us; help and guide us; Watch to



time to him be - long; Praise him, then, with true de -
bod - ies and our souls, Thank - ful that his love pro -
com - fort and re - store Till in heav'n we rest re -



vo - tion; Come be - fore him with a song.
tects us, That his wis - dom all con - trols.
joic - ing, Prais - ing you for - ev - er - more.

Text: Henry Bateman, 1802–72, alt.

Tune: NETTLETON (87 87 D) *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, Harrisburg, 1813, alt.

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 e -
ter - nal; 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 one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics placed below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; 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

GENESIS 14:8-24

Abram uses his worldly wealth in the Lord's service.

The king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) went out and lined up for battle in the Valley of Siddim ⁹ against Kedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of Goyim, Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar—four kings against five. ¹⁰ Now the Valley of Siddim was full of tar pits. When the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, they fell there. Those who survived fled to the hills. ¹¹ The raiders took all the possessions of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their food, and then they went on their way. ¹² Because he had been living in Sodom, they took also Lot, the son of Abram's brother, and his possessions and went on their way.

¹³ One person escaped and came and told Abram the Hebrew, who was living by the oaks that belonged to Mamre the Amorite, the brother of Eshcol and Aner. They were allies of Abram. ¹⁴ When Abram heard that his relative was taken captive, he led out all his trained men who were born in his house, three hundred eighteen of them, and pursued them as far as Dan. ¹⁵ During the night he divided his servants into groups to attack them. He struck them and pursued them to Hobah, north of Damascus. ¹⁶ He brought back all the possessions. He also brought back his relative Lot, and his possessions, and the women also, and the rest of the people.

¹⁷ After Abram's return from the defeat of Kedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). ¹⁸ Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was a priest of God Most High. ¹⁹ He blessed Abram and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth, ²⁰ and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand."

Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

²¹ The king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the people and take the goods for yourself."

²² Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have lifted up my hand to swear to the LORD, God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth, ²³ that I will not take a thread or a sandal strap or anything that is yours, so that you cannot say, 'I have made Abram rich.' ²⁴ I will take nothing except that which the young men have eaten and the share belonging to the men who went with me, namely, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre. Let them take their share."

PSALM OF THE DAY: 38

Read Responsively

M: O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger

C: or discipline me in your wrath.

M: For your arrows have pierced me,

C: and your hand has come down upon me.

M: My guilt has overwhelmed me

C: like a burden too heavy to bear.

M: All my longings lie open before you, O LORD;

C: my sighing is not hidden from you.

M: I wait for you, O LORD;

C: you will answer, O Lord my God.

M: Come quickly to help me,

C: O Lord my Savior.

SECOND LESSON

1 TIMOTHY 6:610

Serving wealth ends badly. Serving our loving God with contentment "is great gain."

But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷For we brought nothing into the world, and we certainly cannot take anything out. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be satisfied.

⁹Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and many foolish and harmful desires, which plunge them into complete destruction and utter ruin. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evils. By striving for money, some have wandered away from the faith and have pierced themselves with many pains.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Alleluia!
(2 Corinthians 12:9a)

STAND

GOSPEL AND SERMON TEXT

Luke 16:1-13

Jesus also said to his disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager who was accused of wasting his possessions. ²The rich man called him in and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you can no longer be manager.’

³“The manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, since my master is taking away the management position from me? I am not strong enough to dig. I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I know what I will do, so that when I am removed from my position as manager, people will receive me into their houses.’

⁵“He called each one of his master’s debtors to him. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He said, ‘Six hundred gallons of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and write three hundred.’ ⁷Then he said to another, ‘How much do you owe?’ And he said, ‘Six hundred bushels of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and write four hundred and eighty.’

⁸“The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the children of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the children of the light are. ⁹I tell you, make friends for yourselves with unrighteous *mammon*, so that when it runs out, they will welcome you into the eternal dwellings. ¹⁰The person who is faithful with very little is also faithful with much. And the person who is unrighteous with very little is also unrighteous with much. ¹¹So if you have not been faithful with unrighteous *mammon*, who will entrust you with what is really valuable? ¹²If you have not been faithful with what belongs to someone else, who will give you something to be your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters. Indeed, either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and *mammon*.”

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

CHILDREN’S SERMON: “Let’s Make Friends”

HYMN OF THE DAY: 421, "All Depends on Our Possessing"



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant
2 He who to this day has fed me And to man - y
3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting O - ver tri - fles
4 Well he knows what best to grant me; All the long - ing
5 If on earth my days he length - en, He my wea - ry



grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
joys has led me Is and ev - er shall be mine.
and in get - ting Things that have no sol - id ground.
hopes that haunt me, Joy and sor - row, have their day.
soul will strength - en; All my trust in him I place.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en In their God are
He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, He who dai - ly
I shall strive to win a trea - sure That will bring me
I shall doubt his wis - dom nev - er— As God wills, so
Earth - ly wealth is not a - bid - ing, Like a stream a -



not for - sak - en And e'er keep a daunt - less heart.
guides and rules me, Will re - main my help di - vine.
last - ing plea - sure And that now is sel - dom found.
be it ev - er— I to him com - mit my way.
way is glid - ing; Safe I an - chor in his grace.

Text: Andächtige Haus-Kirche, Nürnberg, 1676, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN (887 887) Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, alt.

SERMON

TEXT: Luke 16:1-13

THEME: Take the Long View

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: Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

C: Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

M: Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

C: Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.

M: The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

C: Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

M: Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

C: Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

M: Hold in your care those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by illness or facing death. Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they love.

Special prayers

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

M: Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

C: Hear us for Jesus' sake. 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: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, 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: 492, "Son of God, Eternal Savior" Verses 1 & 4

1 Son of God, eter-nal Sav-ior,
4 As you, Lord, have lived for oth-ers,
Source of life and truth and grace, Word made
So may we for oth-ers live. Free-ly
flesh, whose birth a-mong us, Hon-ors
have your gifts been grant-ed; Free-ly
all our hu-man race, You our head,
may your ser-vants give. Yours the gold
who throned in glo-ry, For your own will
and yours the sil-ver, Yours the wealth of
ev-er plead: Fill us with your love and
land and sea; We but stew-ards of your
pit-ty; Heal our wrongs and help our need.
boun-ty Held in sol-emn trust will be.

Text: Somerset T. C. Lowry, 1855-1932, abr., alt.
Tune: LORD, REVIVE US (87 87 D) *The Revivalist*, Troy, NY, 1868.

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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."

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.

September Attendance Figures

September 4: 53

September 11: 74 (35 early, 39 late); 32 (adult Bible class)

September 18: 67 (34 and 33); 30

September 25: 66 (31 and 35); 31

Wine and Word Bible Study - Thursday, Oct. 20

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.

2023 Spending Plan Voters' Meeting - Oct. 16

On Sunday, October 16 at 1:30pm Trinity will hold its voters' meeting to set our spending plan for 2023. The meeting will be held online; please be on the lookout for the link and more information from President Steve Proksch.

Christmas for Kids

Trinity will be hosting its first Christmas for Kids program on Saturday, December 10, from 10-11:30. One or two more adult volunteers would be wonderful; if you could help out, please speak to Pastor. A link to register is now available on Trinity's website, www.TrinityofWoodbridge.org. Please pray that this first-time event will work to bring the love of Jesus to the forty children we hope to welcome that morning. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with Christmas for Kids, and to God for the opportunity to spread his love in Christ.

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.