



July 30, 2023



Ninth
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

Today's Focus: True love for God is love for his truth and disdain for lies. The Christian heart clings to what God declares true and turns from all that contradicts our God of love.

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.

HYMN: 4 "Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates"



1 Lift up your heads, you might - y gates! Be -
2 The King is born in pov - er - ty, His
3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where
4 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make
5 Re - deem - er, come! I op - en wide My



hold, the King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is
char - iot is hu - mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is
Christ the rul - er is con-fessed! O peace - ful hearts and
it a tem - ple set a - part From earth - ly use for
heart to you; here, Lord, a - bide! Oh, en - ter with your



draw - ing near; The Sav - ior of the world is here.
ho - li - ness, His scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress.
hap - py homes To whom this King in tri - umph comes!
heav'n's em - ploy, A - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
sav - ing grace; Show me your kind and friend - ly face.



Life and sal - va - tion he will bring; There -
The end of all our woe he brings; There -
The cloud - less sun of joy is he Who
So shall your Sov - 'reign en - ter in And
Your Ho - ly Spir - it guide us on Un -

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fore re - joice and glad - ly sing. To God the Fa - ther
 fore the earth is glad and sings. To Christ the Sav - ior
 comes to set his peo - ple free. To God the Spir - it
 new and no - bler life be - gin. To God a - lone be
 til our glo - rious goal is won. E - ter - nal praise and

raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.
 raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.
 raise Your hap - py shouts of praise.
 praise For word and deed and grace!
 fame We of - fer to your name.

Text: Georg Weissel, 1590–1635; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
 Tune: MILWAUKEE (88 88 88 66) August Lemke, 1820–1913.

Stand

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Confession

M: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C: Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

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C: Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

M: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

C: Amen.

KYRIE

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: 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 mercy.

M: For this holy house and all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; 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 WORD

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 23:16-24

The Lord warns his people, in a most serious tone, to turn away from false prophets and to love his truth.

This is what the LORD of Armies says.

Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you.

They are giving you false hope.

They proclaim visions that come from their own hearts
and not from the mouth of the LORD.

¹⁷ They keep saying to those who despise me,

“The LORD has said that you will have peace.”

And to everyone who walks in the stubbornness of his own heart,
they say, “No harm will come to you.”

¹⁸ But have any of them stood in the council of the LORD,
to see and hear his word?

Who has listened to his word and heard it?

¹⁹ Look, a storm from the LORD!

His wrath has gone out,
like a whirlwind twisting down,
whirling over the heads of the wicked.

²⁰ The LORD’s anger will not turn back until he has completely fulfilled the purposes of his heart.

In later days you will understand it fully.

²¹ I did not send these prophets, yet they ran.

I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied.

²² But if they had stood in my council,
they would have made my people hear my words,
and they would have turned them from their evil ways
and from their evil deeds.

²³ Am I a God who is only nearby, declares the LORD,
and not a God far away?

²⁴ Can anyone hide in secret places
so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD.

Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! “My Word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.” Alleluia! (*Isaiah 55:11b*)

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:12-17

God’s Word is our most valuable gift because it carries the sweet message that we are his beloved children and he is our dear Father.

So then, brothers, we do not owe it to the sinful flesh to live in harmony with it. ¹³ For if you live in harmony with the sinful flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the actions of the body, you will live.

¹⁴ Indeed, those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery so that you are afraid again, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we call out, “*Abba, Father!*” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself joins our spirit in testifying that we are God’s children.

¹⁷ Now if we are children, we are also heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, since we suffer with him, so that we may also be glorified with him.

STAND

GOSPEL

Matthew 7:15-23

The Son of God is just as strident as his Father about the pure proclamation of God’s Word, and just as threatening about the danger of false teaching.

M: The Holy Gospel of St. Matthew, chapter 7.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord!

“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ By their fruit you will recognize them. You do not gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles, do you? ¹⁷ So then, every good tree produces good fruit, but a bad tree produces bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot produce good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ So then, by their fruit you will recognize them. ²¹ Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. ²² Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and drive out demons in your name and perform many miracles in your name?’ ²³ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Depart from me, you evildoers.’”

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S SERMON: "Tell the Truth"

HYMN OF THE DAY: 768 "How Firm a Foundation"



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints
2 "Fear not! I am with you. Oh, be
3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path -
5 "Through - out all their life - time my peo -



of the Lord, Is laid for your
not dis - mayed; For I am your
for re - pose I will not, I
way shall lie, My grace all - suf -
ple shall prove My sov' - reign, e -



faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What
God and will still give you aid; I'll
will not, de - sert to his foes. That
fi - cient shall be your sup - ply. The
ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love, And



more can he say than to you
strength - en you, help you, and cause
soul, though all hell should en - deav -
flames will not hurt you; I on -
then, when gray hair shall their tem -

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he has said, Who un - to the
you to stand, Up - held by my
or to shake, I'll nev - er, no
ly de - sign Your dross to con -
ples a - dorn, Like lambs they shall

Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!
sume and your gold to re - fine.
still on my shoul - ders be borne."

The beloved words of this hymn are wed to its traditional American melody.

Text: *A Selection of Hymns*, London, 1787, alt.

Tune: FOUNDATION (11 11 11 11) Traditional American melody; Caldwell's *Union Harmony*, 1837.

SERMON

Text: Psalm 1

Theme: Walk the Way of God's Rest

How blessed is the man

who does not walk in the advice of the wicked,
who does not stand on the path with sinners,
and who does not sit in a meeting with mockers.

² But his delight is in the teaching of the LORD,
and on his teaching he meditates day and night.

³ He is like a tree planted beside streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season,
and its leaves do not wither.

Everything he does prospers.

⁴ Not so the wicked!

No, they are like the chaff which the wind blows away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

⁶ Yes, the LORD approves of the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

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 Register in the 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: Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

C: Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.

M: Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

C: Move us to love all faithful ministers of the Word wherever they serve.

M: Guard the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single and make them a blessing to others.

C: Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.

M: Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

C: Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.

M: Give us eager hearts to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus forgives their sins and opens the gates of heaven.

C: Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.

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M: Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. Give patience and courage to all who care for the sick and dying.

C: Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.

Special prayers

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

Silent prayer

M: Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken or silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace. In Jesus' name we pray, and in his name we join to pray:

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 God, you have called your servants to ventures of faith of which we cannot see the ending, by paths yet untraveled, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, knowing that your hand is leading us and your love is supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: 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: 323 "Almighty Father, Bless the Word"

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in a treble clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with two verses. The first verse is: "1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through your". The second verse is: "2 We praise you for the means of grace As home - ward". The second staff continues the lyrics: "grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious seed now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who wor -". The third staff concludes the lyrics: "take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit. shipped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear." The music ends with a double bar line.

1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through your
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shipped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.

Text: Scandinavian hymn; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnary*, Decorah, 1913, alt.

Tune: OLD HUNDREDDTH (LM) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551.

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Fellowship Opportunities This Summer: “Chosen” Nights

On most Wednesday nights this summer, everyone is welcome to potluck suppers that will start at 6. Beverages and tableware will be provided; please bring a dish to pass if you can. After supper we will watch an episode of the acclaimed series, “The Chosen,” which tells the story of Jesus through the eyes of those who followed him. A little discussion time will follow the show.

The remaining “Chosen” nights are August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

Please speak to Pastor if you have any questions.

Wine and Word Bible Study – Thursday, August 3

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 book of Revelation 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.

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, 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.