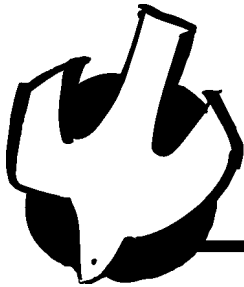




September 24, 2023



Seventeenth 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: Jesus takes away the fear of death. He is the resurrection and the life, and gives these eternal gifts to all with faith in him. 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

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.

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.

M In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

M: For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

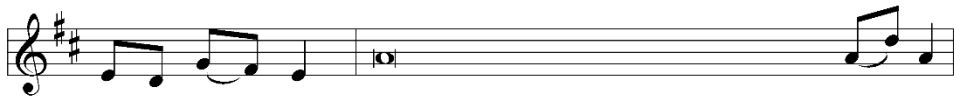
C: Amen.

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

OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD



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



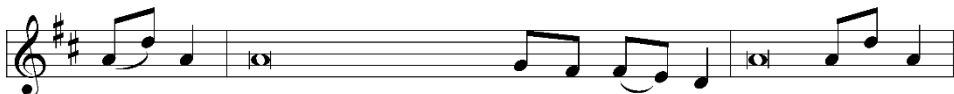
great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



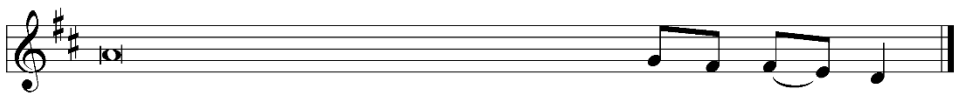
in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



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

M: Let us pray. Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, Jesus Christ 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 AND SERMON TEXT

1 Kings 17:17-24

After these events, the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. The illness became worse until he stopped breathing.

¹⁸ Then she said to Elijah, “What is the issue between us, man of God? Have you come to remind me of my sins and to kill my son?”

¹⁹ He said to her, “Bring your son to me.” Then he took him and carried him to the upstairs room where he was living, and he laid him on his bed. ²⁰ Then he cried out to the LORD, “O LORD, my God, have you sent tragedy on this woman with whom I am staying by killing her son?”

²¹ Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times, and he cried out to the LORD, “O LORD, my God, let this boy’s soul return to his body!” ²² The LORD listened to Elijah’s voice, and the boy’s soul returned to his body, and he came to life. ²³ Then Elijah took the boy and brought him down to the house from his upstairs room, and he gave him to his mother.

Elijah said, “See, your son is alive!”

²⁴ The woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is true.”

PSALM 126

Read Responsively

M: When the LORD brought back the captives to Zion,

C: we were like those who dreamed.

M: Our mouths were filled with laughter,

C: our tongues with songs of joy.

M: The LORD has done great things for us,

C: and we are filled with joy.

M: Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the streams in the desert.

C: Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy.

M: He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow,

C: will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him.

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 3:13-21

The Christian Church keeps growing in her knowledge of the Father's love in Christ; in love, God does more than we could ever ask or imagine.

So I ask you not to lose heart because of what I am suffering for you, because it is your glory.

¹⁴For this reason I kneel before the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵from whom the entire family in heaven and on earth receives its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he would strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner self, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. Then, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸I pray that you would be able to comprehend, along with all the saints, how wide and long and high and deep his love is, ¹⁹and that you would be able to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled to all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him, who is able, according to the power that is at work within us, to do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.

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 7:11-17

The Lord Jesus raises a widow's son and gives him back to his mother. In Jesus' power over death, God promises an eternal resurrection to all who believe.

Soon afterward Jesus went on his way to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd were traveling with him. ¹²As he was approaching the town gate, there was a dead man being carried out, the only son of his mother. She was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. ¹³When the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not cry." ¹⁴He went up to the open coffin, touched it, and the pallbearers stopped. He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!" ¹⁵The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother.

¹⁶Fear gripped all of them, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us" and "God has visited his people!" ¹⁷This was reported about him in all of Judea and in all the surrounding countryside.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON: "God Does More than We Can Imagine"

HYMN OF THE DAY: 145 "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no
 2 Je - sus lives! To him the throne High o'er
 3 Je - sus lives! For me he died; Hence will
 4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing
 5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the



long - er can ap - pall me. Je - sus lives! Death's
 heav'n and earth is giv - en. I shall go where
 I, to Je - sus liv - ing, Pure in heart and
 me from him shall sev - er, Life nor death nor
 gate to life im - mor - tal; This shall calm my



reign is done! From the grave Christ will re -
 he is gone, Live and reign with him in
 act a - bide, Praise to him and glo - ry
 pow'rs of hell Part me now from Christ for -
 trem - bling breath When I pass its gloom - y



call me. Bright - er scenes will then com - mence;
 heav - en. God is faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence!
 giv - ing. All I need God will dis - pense;
 ev - er. God will be a sure de - fense;
 por - tal. Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:



This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 "Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!"

Text: Christian F. Gellert, 1715-69, abr.; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1815-97, alt.
 Tune: JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT (78 78 77) Johann Crüger, 1598-1662.

SERMON

Text: 1 Kings 17:17-24
Theme: The Name of the Lord Be Praised

STAND

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD



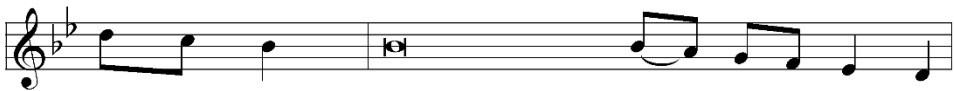
C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,



Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,



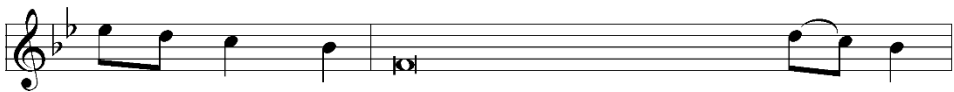
cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of



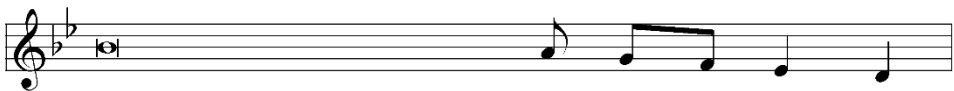
heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of



proph - ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.



Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:

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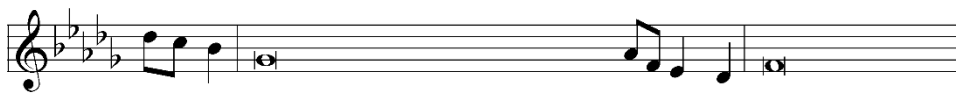
Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,



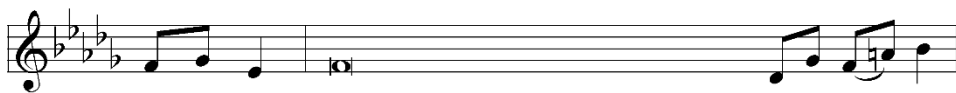
and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to



set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin. You overcame the



sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.



You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.



We believe that you will come to be our judge.



Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of



your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

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

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: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

C: Drive out all doubt and gloom so that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the view of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:

C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers

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

Silent prayer

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! 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.

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: 152 "I Know that My Redeemer Lives", Verses 1, 2, 5, & 8



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
3 He lives to bless me with his love; He lives to
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to
5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save. He lives all - glo - rious
plead for me a - bove. He lives, my hun - gry
guide me with his eye. He lives to com - fort
wipe a - way my tears. He lives to calm my



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head!
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives and loves me to the end. He lives, and I shall conquer death.
He lives, and while he lives I'll sing; He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King. He lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-99, abr.
Tune: DUKE STREET (LM) attr. John C. Hatton, d. 1793.

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Sermon Notes Puzzle & Coloring Pages Available for Kids!

Puzzle & coloring pages are available for all kids on the table in the Narthex along with pencils and crayons. Word puzzles, games & space for drawings are all included in these sheets.

Women's Bible Study – Saturday, October 14 at 9:00 am

The Trinity Women's Bible Study will meet on Saturday, October 14 at 9:00 am at Trinity. We will be reading chapter two of "Esther: Providential Persian Queen" by Lou Ann Mokwa. Copies of the book can be found in the narthex. The Bible Study meets the second Saturday of each month. For questions, please contact Erika Ohlendorf at erika.ohlendorf@gmail.com or 617-821-3126.

Wine and Word Bible Study – On Break Until Thursday, October 19

The Wine and Word Bible Study is on break until October 19. The 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 7-8:30 pm. We are studying the book of Revelation with Larry Kovaciny as our guide. Those who wish can bring a bottle of wine and a 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.

Trinity Book Club Meets – Important change for the Trinity Book Club! October 21

Join the Trinity Book Club! We will meet at 9:30 am on **Saturday, October 21** at Cuppi Coffee in Dumfries. We will discuss the Christian fiction book *Lizzy and Jane* by Katherine Reay. Any questions? Talk to Rachel Kovaciny.

Fourth Annual Trunk or Treat – Oct 21

Trunk or Treat will be on Saturday, October 21, from 3-4 in Trinity's parking lot. Please let pastor know if you'd be willing and able to host a trunk, or if you have any questions about this neighborhood outreach event.

Advent by Candlelight – Save the Date

Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Manassas is hosting an Advent by Candlelight service on December 2 at 6:30 pm. All women of Trinity are invited to join the event. More information, including how to register will be coming soon. Questions: Contact Lynnette Hupman at lhupman57@gmail.com

Bible Class and Sunday School

Bible class and Sunday School are from 9:45-10:45. The first two Bible class topics of the fall are a five or six-week study of the letter of St. James, followed by "My Brother's Keeper" a five-week class that offers insights and strategies for reaching out to straying Christian family members and friends.

Sunday School Collection for Little Free Library

The first service project of the year for Trinity's Sunday School will support our Little Free Library. Offerings of books, non-perishable food, and personal hygiene items will be collected in the narthex throughout the month of September. Trinity's Little Free Library is used daily by our neighbors, many of whom have expressed their appreciation with words and notes. Thank you for helping with this project as you're able!

Catechism Instruction

Catechism class starts at noon, with the goal of confirming five young people on Palm Sunday (March 24) of next year and starting one more on the road to confirmation in 2025. Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend Catechism class anytime. This year we will be studying The Lord's Prayer, The Keys and Confession, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper. Most sessions last a little over an hour. You may eat lunch during class if you want.

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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