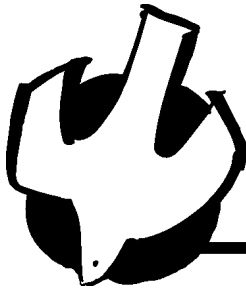


October 22, 2023



Twenty-First 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: The Lord remains faithful to his promises, even in the face of rejection. 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.

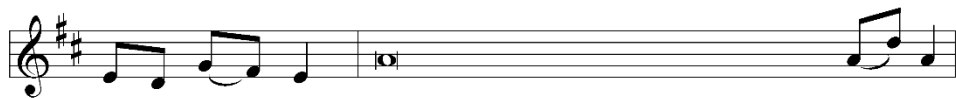
C: Amen.

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



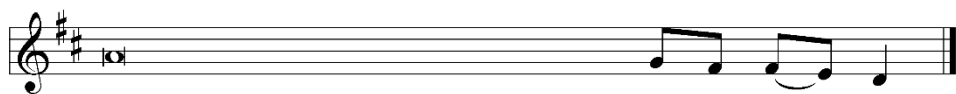
in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



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: O merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace so that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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

Hosea 1:2-11

The Lord sometimes called Old Testament prophets to act out his message, even in the most graphic and difficult ways. Here he commands Hosea to act out God's faithfulness to his unfaithful people of Israel.

When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, "Go. Take for yourself an immoral wife and children produced by sexual immorality, because the land has been committing flagrant immorality, turning away from the LORD."

³ So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim. She conceived and gave birth to a son for him.

⁴ The LORD said to him, "Name him Jezre'el, because in a little while I will inflict punishment on the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezre'el. I will destroy the ruling power of the house of Israel. ⁵ In that day I will break the bow of Israel in the Valley of Jezre'el."

⁶ She conceived again and gave birth to a daughter.

The LORD said to him, "Name her Lo Ruhamah, because I will no longer have compassion on the house of Israel. Indeed, I will certainly not forgive them. ⁷ But I will have compassion on the house of Judah. I will save them by the LORD their God. I will not save them by bow, sword, battle, horses, or horsemen."

⁸ Gomer weaned Lo Ruhamah. Then she conceived and gave birth to a son.

⁹ The LORD said, "Name him Lo Ammi, because you are not my people, and I will not be the LORD for you."

¹⁰ Nevertheless, the number of the people of Israel will be like the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or counted. Then, in the place where they were told, "You are not my people," they will be told, "You are children of the living God." ¹¹ The people of Judah and the people of Israel will be gathered together. They will appoint one head for themselves, and they will go up from the land, for the day of Jezre'el will be great."

PSALM 27

Read Responsively

M: Hear my voice when I call, O LORD;

C: be merciful to me and answer me.

M: Do not hide your face from me,

C: do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper.

M: Do not reject or forsake me,

C: O God my Savior.

M: Though my father and mother forsake me,

C: the LORD will receive me.

M: I am still confident of this:

C: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

M: Wait for the LORD;

C: be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 5:15-21

The Lord's persistent and consistent faithfulness calls us to walk wisely in his will.

Consider carefully, then, how you walk, not as unwise people, but as wise people. ¹⁶ Make the most of your time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ For this reason, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk on wine, which causes you to lose control. Instead, be filled with the Spirit ¹⁹ by speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (singing and making music with your hearts to the Lord), ²⁰ by always giving thanks for everything to God the Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ and by submitting to one another in reverence for Christ.

SEASONAL SENTENCE

M: Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known among the nations what he was done.

STAND

GOSPEL AND SERMON TEXT

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus spoke to them again in parables. He said, ²“The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent out his servants to summon those who were invited to the wedding banquet, but they did not want to come.

⁴“Then he sent out other servants and said, ‘Tell those who are invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner. My oxen and my fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet!’

⁵“But those who were invited paid no attention and went off, one to his own farm, another to his business. ⁶The rest seized the king’s servants, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷As a result, the king was very angry. He sent his army and killed those murderers and burned their town.

⁸“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. ⁹So go to the main crossroads and invite as many as you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those servants went out to the roads and gathered together everyone they found, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹²He said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without wearing wedding clothes?’ The man was speechless. ¹³Then the king told the servants, ‘Tie him hand and foot and throw him into the outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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 is Inviting You!"

HYMN OF THE DAY: 459 "O God, My Faithful God"



1 O God, my faith - ful God, O Foun - tain ev - er
 2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and
 3 Keep me from say - ing things That lat - er need re -
 4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and



flow - ing, Who good and per - fect gifts In mer -
 will - ing What - ev - er you com - mand, My call -
 call - ing; Grant that no i - dle words May from
 ac - tions, And let me find good friends For coun -



cy are be - stow - ing, Give me a health - y
 ing here ful - fill - ing, That I do what I
 my lips be - fall - ing, But then, when in my
 sel and cor - rec - tion. Help me, as you have



frame, And may I have with - in A con -
 should While trust - ing you to bless The out -
 place I must and ought to speak, My words
 taught, To love both great and small And by



science free from blame, A soul un - hurt by sin.
 come for my good, For you must give suc - cess.
 grant pow'r and grace Lest I of - fend the weak.
 your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647, abr., adapt.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

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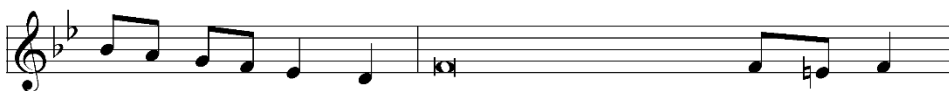
Text: Matthew 22:1-14
Theme: Decliners and Recliners

STAND

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD



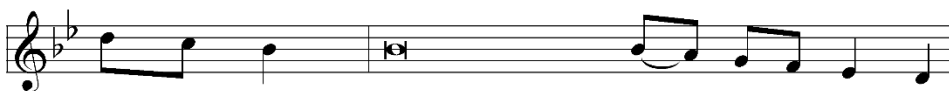
C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,



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



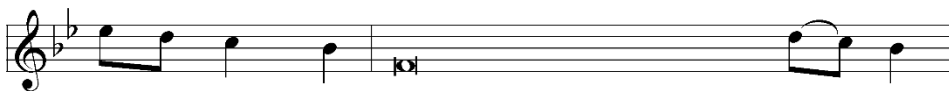
cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of



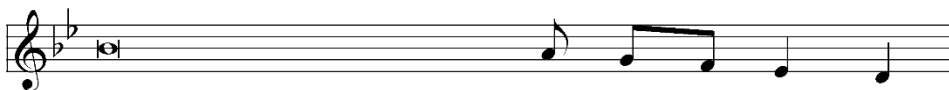
heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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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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: With all our hearts and with all our minds, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

M: For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the leaders of our synod and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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M: For the president, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For reasonable weather and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the good earth that God has given us and for the will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For those who travel on land, on water, in the air, or through space, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the ill and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the poor and oppressed, for the unemployed and destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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M: That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Defend us, deliver us, and in your compassion protect us, O Lord, by your grace.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: In the communion of the holy patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and all our lives to Christ our God.

C: Amen.

Special prayers

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.

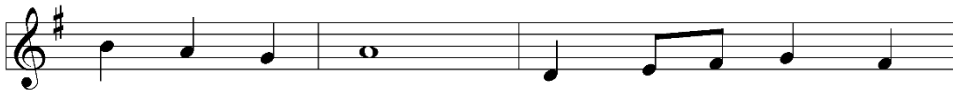
C: Amen.

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN: 446 "I am Trusting You, Lord Jesus"



1 I am trust - ing you, Lord Je - sus, Trust -
2 I am trust - ing you for par - don; At
3 I am trust - ing you for cleans - ing In
4 I am trust - ing you to guide me; You
5 I am trust - ing you for pow - er; You



ing on - ly you, Trust - ing you for
your feet I bow, For your grace and
the crim - son flood, Trust - ing you who
a - lone shall lead, Ev - 'ry day and
can nev - er fail. Words which you your -



full sal - va - tion, Free and true.
ten - der mer - cy Trust - ing now.
made me ho - ly By your blood.
hour sup - ply - ing All my need.
self shall give me Must pre - vail.

6 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting you forever
And for all.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79, alt.
Tune: STEPHANOS (85 83) Henry W. Baker, 1821–77.

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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.

Wine and Word Bible Study – This Thursday, November 2

The Wine and Word Bible Study is on 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.

Outreach Thanks and Plans

Thank you again to everyone who helped in any way with Trinity's Fourth Annual Trunk or Treat!

The next outreach event will be Christmas for Kids, on Saturday, December 9 from 9:30-11:30. There will be gifts, games, snacks, music, a craft, and devotion for up to 30 kids from our neighborhood. Pastor is going to get everything ready to go, and will only need a few adult (or teen) volunteers to help him keep things under control that morning. If you think you might be able to help, please let Pastor know.

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.

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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by growing in His Word and by going with His Word

to Woodbridge and to the world.



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