

October 29, 2023



Twenty-Second 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 grows our faith to believe that what he ordains is always good.

We Come into the Presence of God

PASTOR'S GREETING AND INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

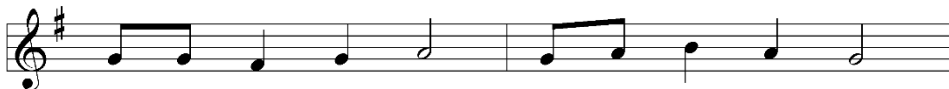
MUSICAL INTRODUCTION

This is an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart and prepare for the joy of worshipping your God.

STAND

HYMN: 422 Jesus Lead Us on (8:30)

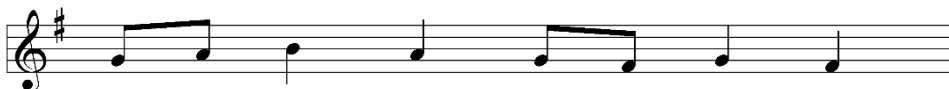
Glory Be to the God the Father (Sunday School Anthem at 11:00)



1 Je - sus, lead us on Till our rest is won;
2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near,
3 When we seek re - lief From a long - felt grief,
4 Je - sus, still lead on Till our rest is won.



And al - though the way be cheer - less,
Let not faith - less fears o'er - take us;
When temp - ta - tions come al - lur - ing,
Heav'n - ly Lead - er, still di - rect us;



We will fol - low, calm and fear - less.
Let not faith and hope for - sake us,
Make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
Still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us



Guide us by your hand To our fa - ther - land.
For through man - y a woe To our home we go.
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
Till we safe - ly stand In our fa - ther - land.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–60, adapt.; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–97, alt.
Tune: SEELENBRÄUTIGAM (55 88 55) Adam Drese, 1620–1701.

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.

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.

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.

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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.

PRAYER

M: Lord, keep your household, the Church, in continual goodness and set us free from all adversities, so that under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; 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

Deuteronomy 1:26-36

Nearly all the Israelites made the mistake of believing their eyes over God's words. Caleb showed the Godly spirit.

"Still you were not willing to go up, and you rebelled against the order of the LORD your God. ²⁷You complained in your tents and said, "Because the LORD hates us, he brought us out of the land of Egypt to hand us over to the Amorites so they could destroy us. ²⁸Where are we going? Our brothers have made our hearts melt by saying, 'People there are stronger and taller than we are! There are large cities with fortified walls up to the skies! Also, we have seen the descendants of Anak there!'"

²⁹So I said to you, "Do not be overwhelmed and do not be afraid of them. ³⁰The LORD your God, who is going ahead of you, will fight for you, exactly as he did for you in Egypt, right before your very eyes, ³¹and just as he did in the wilderness, where you saw that the LORD your God carried you as a man carries his son, on the entire way that you walked until you came to this place." ³²Yet even with this, you did not believe the LORD your God, ³³who went ahead of you on the journey to search out a place for you to camp. He showed you the way that you should travel, by fire during the night and by a cloud during the day.

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³⁴When the LORD heard the tone of your words, he was angry, and he swore an oath: ³⁵“Not one of these people from this evil generation will see the good land that I swore to give to your fathers, ³⁶except Caleb son of Jephunneh. He will see it, and I will give the land on which he walked to him and his children, because he has fully followed the LORD.”

PSALM 139A

Read Responsively

M: O LORD, you have searched me and you know me;

C: you perceive my thoughts from afar.

M: You discern my going out and my lying down;

C: you are familiar with all my ways.

M: Where can I go from your Spirit?

C: Where can I flee from your presence?

M: If I go up to the heavens, you are there;

C: if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

M: If I rise on the wings of the dawn,

C: if I settle on the far side of the sea,

M: even there your hand will guide me,

C: your right hand will hold me fast.

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 6:10-17

The Lord's mighty power equips us to fight against every evil lying force. With the sword of the Spirit we fight off lies. Meanwhile, the truth of his Word also holds us steady and secure in our trust of him.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can stand against the schemes of the Devil. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ For this reason, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to take a stand on the evil day and, after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand, then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness fastened in place, ¹⁵ and with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace tied to your feet like sandals. ¹⁶ At all times hold up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the Evil One. ¹⁷ Also take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

SEASONAL SENTENCE

M: Alleluia! For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works. Alleluia!
(*Ephesians 2:10a*)

STAND

GOSPEL AND SERMON TEXT

John 4:46-54

M: The Holy Gospel of St. John, chapter 4.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord!

Jesus came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine.

In Capernaum, there was a certain royal official whose son was sick. ⁴⁷ When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea into Galilee, he went to him and begged him to come down and heal his son, because his son was about to die.

⁴⁸ Jesus told him, "Unless you people see miraculous signs and wonders, you certainly will not believe."

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⁴⁹ The royal official said to him, “Lord, come down before my little boy dies.”

⁵⁰ “Go,” Jesus told him, “your son is going to live.”

The man believed this word that Jesus spoke to him and left.

⁵¹ Already as he was going down, his servants met him with the news that his boy was going to live. ⁵² So he asked them what time his son got better. They told him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.” ⁵³ Then the father realized that was the exact time when Jesus had told him, “Your son is going to live.” And he himself and his whole household believed.

⁵⁴ This was the second miraculous sign Jesus did after he came from Judea into Galilee.

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

CHILDREN’S SERMON: “When God Speaks, It’s the Truth”

HYMN OF THE DAY: 457 "Fight the Good Fight"



1 Fight the good fight With all your might;
2 Run the straight race Through God's good grace;
3 Cast care a - side, Lean on your guide;
4 Faint not nor fear; His arms are near.



Christ is your strength and Christ your light.
Lift up your eyes and seek his face.
His bound - less mer - cy will pro - vide.
He chang - es not, and you are dear.



Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Life with its way be - fore us lies;
Lean, and the trust - ing soul shall prove
On - ly be - lieve, and you will see



Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.
Christ is its life and Christ its love.
That Christ is Lord e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-75, alt.
Tune: MENDON (448 88) *The Methodist Harmonist*, New York, 1821.

SERMON

Text: John 4:46-54
Theme: What God Ordains is Always Good for Faith

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

THE GREAT LITANY

PRAYER OF APPROACH TO GOD:

M: O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

C: Have mercy on us.

M: O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

C: Have mercy on us.

M: O God the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide,

C: Have mercy on us.

M: Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons in one God,

C: Have mercy on us.

PRAYER FOR DELIVERANCE

M: Lord Christ, remember not our offenses or the offenses of those who went before us. Spare us, good Lord; spare your people whom you have redeemed with your precious blood.

C: Spare us, good Lord.

M: From all spiritual blindness; from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; from all lack of charity:

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

M: From all sin and from the deceits of the world, the sinful flesh, and the devil:

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

M: From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart and contempt for your Word and your will:

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

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M: From earthquake and tempest; from drought, fire, and flood; from civil strife and violence; from war and murder; from dying unprepared:

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

PRAYER RECALLING CHRIST'S SAVING WORK

M: By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your baptism, fasting, and temptation; and by your proclamation of the kingdom:

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

M: By your bloody sweat and bitter grief, by your cross and suffering, and by your precious death and burial:

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

M: By your mighty resurrection, by your glorious ascension, and by the coming of the Holy Spirit:

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

M: In our times of trouble, in our times of prosperity, in the hour of death, and on the day of judgment:

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

M: Receive our prayers, O Lord our God.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

FOR THE CHURCH

M: Govern and direct your holy Church, fill it with love and truth, and grant it that unity which is according to your will.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Enlighten all ministers with true knowledge and understanding of your Word, that by their preaching and living they may declare it clearly and show its truth.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

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M: Encourage and prosper your servants who spread the gospel in all the world, and send out laborers into the harvest.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Bless and keep your people, that all may find and follow their true vocation and ministry.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Give us hearts to love and revere you, that we may diligently live according to your commandments.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: To all your people, give grace to hear and receive your Word and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Strengthen those who stand firm in the faith, encourage the fainthearted, raise up those who fall, and finally give us the victory.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

FOR OUR COUNTRY

M: Rule the hearts of your servants, the president of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Bless and defend all who strive for our safety and protection, and shield them in all dangers and adversities.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Grant wisdom and insight to those who govern us and to judges and magistrates the grace to execute justice with mercy.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

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FOR ALL PEOPLE

M: To all nations grant peace and concord, and to all people give clothing, food, and shelter.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Grant us abundant harvests, strength and skill to preserve the resources of the earth, and wisdom to use them well.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Enlighten with your Spirit all who teach and all who learn.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Come to the help of all who are in danger, necessity, and trouble; protect all who travel by land, air, or water; and show your pity on all prisoners and captives.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Strengthen and preserve all women who are in childbirth and all young children, and comfort the aged and the lonely.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Defend and provide for the widowed and orphaned, the refugees and the homeless, the unemployed, and all who are oppressed.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Heal those who are ill in body or mind, and give skill and compassion to all who care for them.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: Grant us true repentance, forgive our sins, and strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy Word.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

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.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

M: Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Christ, have mercy on us.

M: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common prayer to you; and you have promised through your beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his name, you will be with them. Now fulfill our desires and petitions as is best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the ages to come life everlasting.

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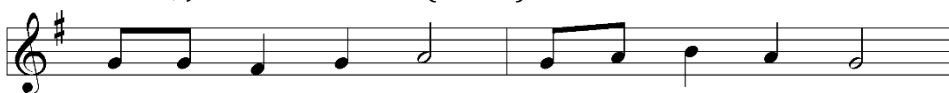
BLESSING

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.

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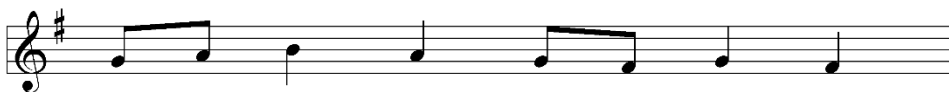
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Sermon Notes Puzzle & Coloring Pages Available for Kids!

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.

Voters’ Meeting November 12

Trinity will hold a voters’ meeting on Zoom at 1:30pm on Sunday, November 12. The main agenda item will be the spending plan for 2024. A link to the meeting, agenda, and read-ahead documents will be coming to your email inbox from President Steve Proksch.

Christmas for Kids – December 9

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 – December 2

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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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.