



September 29, 2024



Nineteenth 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's angels work for our good, according to his gracious will. Our worship follows *Morning Praise*.

We Come into the Presence of God

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.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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

C: Amen.

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 servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

INVOCATION

M: O Lord, open my lips.

C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.

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

OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD



The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, the second staff the second line, the third staff the third line, and the fourth staff the fourth line. The lyrics are: "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 greatking a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are".

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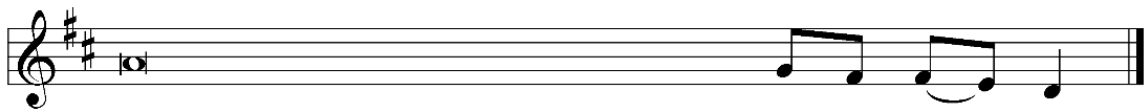
in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



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: Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted a wonderful order of the ministries of the angels and mortals. Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your direction they may help and defend us here on earth; 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

Daniel 10:10-14, 12:1-3

When Daniel was in distress, the Lord sent his angel to deliver a message of final victory and resurrection to eternal life for all the saints.

Then a hand touched me and pulled me up, trembling, to my hands and knees. ¹¹He said to me, "Daniel, you are a highly valued man. Understand the words that I am speaking to you. Stand up where you are, because now I have been sent to you." When he spoke this word to me, I stood up, shaking.

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¹² He said to me, "Do not be afraid, Daniel, because from the first day that you began to commit your heart to gaining understanding and to humbling yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come in response to your words. ¹³ However, an officer of the kingdom of Persia was standing against me for twenty-one days. Yet Michael, one of the chief officers, came to help me, for I had been left there against the kings of Persia. ¹⁴ I have come to explain to you what will happen to your people in the latter days, because the vision concerns days still to come."

Then at that time, Michael, the great prince who stands over your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress that has not happened from the first time that there was a nation until that time.

At that time your people will be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ² Many who are sleeping in the dusty ground will awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame, to everlasting contempt. ³ Those who have insight will shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who bring many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever and ever.

PSALM 91

Read Responsively

One who lives in the shelter of the Most High
will stay in the shadow of the Almighty.

² I will say to the Lord,
"My refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust."

³ Surely he will rescue you from the fowler's trap,
from the destructive plague.

⁴ With his feathers he will cover you,
and under his wings you will find refuge.
His truth will be your shield and armor.

⁵ You will not fear the terror of night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
⁶ nor the plague that prowls in the darkness,
nor the pestilence that destroys at noon.

⁷ A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.

⁸ You will only observe it with your eyes.
You will see the punishment of the wicked.

⁹ Yes, you, Lord, are my refuge!
If you make the Most High your shelter,

¹⁰ evil will not overtake you.

Disaster will not come near your tent.

¹¹ Yes, he will give a command to his angels concerning you,
to guard you in all your ways.

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¹² They will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

¹³ You will tread on the lion and the cobra.
You will trample the young lion and the serpent.

¹⁴ The Lord says,
Because he clings to me, I will rescue him.
I will protect him, because he acknowledges my name.

¹⁵ He will call on me, and I will answer him.

I will be with him in distress.
I will deliver him and I will honor him.

¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy him,
and I will let him see my salvation.

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 12:7-12

St. Michael the archangel leads the Lord's battle in heaven against the forces of darkness.

There was also a war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought with the dragon. The dragon fought back along with his angels,⁸ but he was not strong enough. There was no longer a place for them in heaven.⁹ The great dragon was thrown down—the ancient serpent, the one called the Devil and Satan, the one who leads the whole inhabited earth astray—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

¹⁰ I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying:

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Christ,
because the accuser of our brothers
has been thrown down,
the one who accuses them before our God day and night.

¹¹ They conquered him
because of the blood of the Lamb and
because of the word of their testimony.

They did not love their lives in the face of death.

¹² For this reason, rejoice, you heavens and those who dwell in them.

Woe to the earth and the sea,
for the Devil has gone down to you.
He is full of rage, because he knows that his time is short.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! Praise the Lord, you his angels, who obey his word. Alleluia! (*Psalm 103:20*)

STAND

GOSPEL AND SERMON TEXT

Luke 10:17-20

The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name!"
¹⁸ He told them, "I was watching Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ Look, I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy. And nothing will ever harm you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names have been written in heaven."

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: "Fear Not"

HYMN OF THE DAY: 198, Around the Throne of God a Band



1 A - round the throne of God a band Of
2 Some wait a - round him, read - y still To
3 Lord, give your an - gels ev - 'ry day Com -
4 Then shall no wick - ed thing draw near To



glo - rious an - gels ev - er stand; Bright
sing his praise and do his will, And
mand to guide us on our way, And
do us harm or cause us fear, And



things they see, sweet harps they hold, And
some, when he com - mands them, go To
bid them ev - 'ry eve - ning keep Their
we shall live, when life is past, With



on their heads are crowns of gold.
guard his ser - vants here be - low.
watch a - round us while we sleep.
an - gels round your throne at last.

Text: John M. Neale, 1818-66, abr., alt.

Tune: WAREHAM (LM) William Knapp, 1698-1768, alt.

SERMON

Text: Luke 10:17-20

Theme: Extra Heavenward Help

STAND

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD



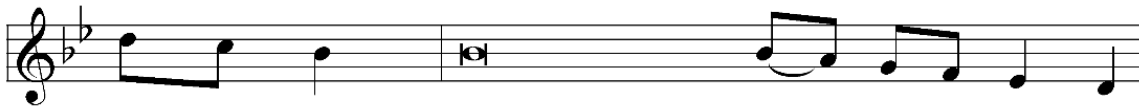
C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,



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



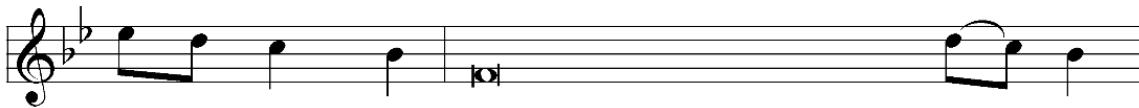
cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of



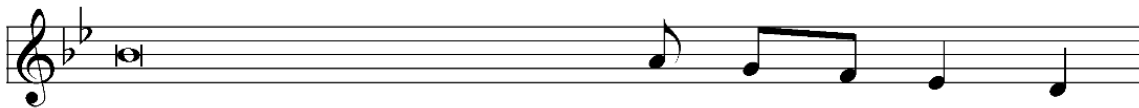
heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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:



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

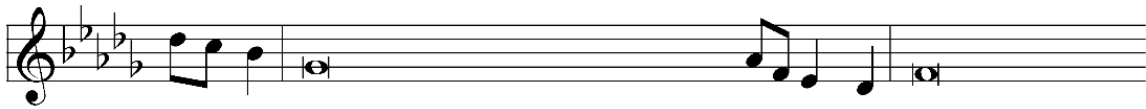
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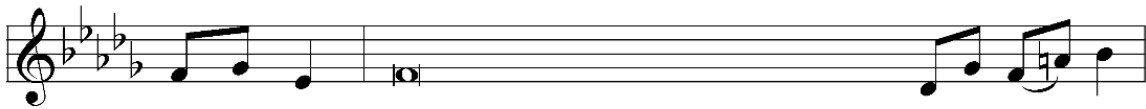
and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



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.

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

LORD HAVE MERCY

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.

M: Heavenly Father, how great is your love to us in Christ Jesus. For the sake of his sacrifice on the cross, you have forgiven all our sins and assured us that we are your dearly loved children now and forever. Because we are heirs of salvation, you have sent your holy angels to serve us. When we feel weak and helpless, comfort us with the knowledge that your powerful angels surround us. When we are concerned about the welfare of our children and our fellow believers, remind us of your promise that angels are also there to guard and protect them.

On various occasions you sent your archangel Michael to accomplish your purposes. As Michael once fought against the devil and his angels in heaven, assure us that your angels are still overcoming the powers of evil around us in the world. As you sent Michael to carry out your will for the nations of the ancient world, comfort us with the knowledge that your holy angels are still guarding and protecting your institutions of government and family. As you once sent Michael to protect the body of your servant Moses, help us realize that whether we live or die, your angels continue to watch over us and at last will carry our souls to heaven to be with you.

May more and more people believe your promises, including the comforting presence of angels in their lives. Cause those who are ill or in pain to understand that you and your angels are there to watch over them. Soothe those who are troubled with the knowledge that you and your holy angels are present in their lives. Calm those who are afraid with the assurance that you and your angels are there to deliver them.

Special prayers

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

Silent prayer

M: As the angels praise your name continuously, so move us to offer you our constant thanks and praise for all you have done and continue to do for us. Hear us for the sake of Jesus our Savior. 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.

BLESSING

M: Let us praise the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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.

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CLOSING HYMN: 334, Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all
crea-tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n -
ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, abr.

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

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Trinity Book Club's next meeting: We will now meet at 4pm on Saturday, October 26, at Cuppi Coffee in Dumfries. We'll be discussing *A Song Unheard* by Roseanna M. White. All are welcome to join us! If you have questions, ask Rachel Kovaciny.

September Sunday School Service Project

Through the end of the month our Sunday School will be collecting books, food, and hygiene items for Trinity's Little Free Library. Please look for the bin in the narthex and know that all contributions are most useful and welcome by our neighborhood.

Wine and Word Bible Study – Oct 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 7-8:30 pm. We are studying The Apocrypha with Larry Kovaciny as our guide. The study of follows the study guide for *The Apocrypha: The Lutheran Edition with Notes* (available from Northwestern or Concordia Publishing Houses and other booksellers). You can also follow the readings at apocrypha.org. 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.

Fifth Annual Trunk or Treat: Saturday, October 19

Saturday, October 19, will be the date of Trinity's Fifth Annual Trunk or Treat outreach event from 3-4pm in our parking lot. If you're planning on hosting a trunk, please let pastor know. We could also use a couple of volunteers to host a Welcome Table, and one or two for traffic control. If you have any questions or could help out in either of those ways, please speak to pastor also. If you can't make it to host a trunk but would like to contribute, candy donations are welcome.

Trinity's Little Free Library is one of our church's most effective tools for reaching out to our neighborhood. Many families in the area around Trinity regularly visit our LFL for books and shelf-stable food items, especially those who are experiencing food scarcity. Particularly useful are canned or boxed foods that do not require additional ingredients besides water to prepare. Books are always welcome, too, of course! If the shelves happen to be full, there is a donation bin for overflow items in the fellowship room beside the door to the hallway.

Small Choir

Trinity's small choir sings about 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

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



Peace Be With You

<https://wels.net/family-devotion/fd20210419/>

Read: Luke 24:36-49

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

Luke 24:36-39

Being alone. The dark. Big animals. Bugs. Heights. What do all of these things have in common? They are fears of young children. After this past year, a new fear for many children might be pandemics. What can make a pandemic so scary is the uncertainty and confusion around it. When will it be safe to see my grandma and grandpa again? When can I go back to in-person school? When can I quit wearing a mask? Not knowing the answers to questions like these can lead us to be fearful and confused about the future.

The disciples were full of fear and confusion as they hid behind the locked door of their house. They had been told by close friends that Jesus' tomb was empty and that he had risen from the dead, but they couldn't believe it because this seemed like nonsense to them.

Then the unthinkable happened! Without the door being opened Jesus appeared to them and said, "Peace be with you." The disciples were far from being at peace. They were even more frightened. They thought Jesus was a ghost. Then Jesus calmed their nerves by proving he was truly alive. He helped them understand and trust everything that happened over the past few days was part of God's plan to save them and all people from their sins.

As we face challenges that make us afraid, we may wish we could just lock ourselves in a room. It isn't just the global problems like natural disasters and pandemics that cause us to fear. There will always be something we must face each and every day. Maybe it's the bully who constantly picks on us. The math lesson we just can't figure out. The constant fighting that takes place in our homes. So often we find ourselves overwhelmed with fear and doubt.

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Then we open our Bibles and hear our Savior say, "Peace be with you." The Bible proves to us that Jesus rose from the dead and took care of our biggest problem: sin. That doesn't mean we won't face challenges or that our life here on earth as believers will be easy. What it does mean is that amidst the chaos of our lives we can have peace because our future in heaven is secure through Jesus. May Jesus' words of comfort in John 14:27 calm your fears, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

Questions to Consider

What are you most afraid of?

Who is more powerful than anything you might fear?

What does God use to strengthen our faith in him and his promises?

How does Jesus' resurrection from the dead give us peace even as we experience difficulties?

What part of this pandemic has caused you the most anxiety and fear?

What Bible passage(s) provides you with the most comfort as you face adversity?

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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.