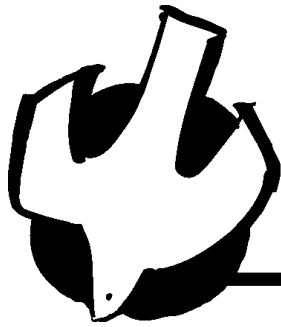




The Rest of the Story

October 13, 2024



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: Jesus calls us to follow him over all the wealth of the world. Our worship follows *Service of the Word*.

We Come into the Presence of God

MUSICAL INTRODUCTION

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

OPENING HYMN: 355, Take the World, but Give Me Jesus



1 Take the world, but give me Je - sus! All its
2 Take the world, but give me Je - sus, Sweet - est
3 Take the world, but give me Je - sus! In his



joys are but a name. But his love a - bides for -
com - fort of my soul. With the Sav - ior watch - ing
cross my trust shall be Till with clear - er, bright - er



ev - er, Through e - ter - - nal years the same.
o'er me, I can sing, though thun - ders roll.
vi - sion Face to face my Lord I see.

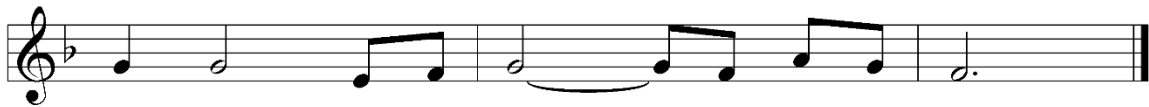
Refrain



Oh, the height and depth of mer - cy; Oh, the



length and breadth of love! Oh, the full - ness of re -



demp - tion, Pledge of end - less life a - bove!

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915, abr., alt.

Tune: GIVE ME JESUS (87 87 with Refrain) J. Paul Williams, b. 1937, and Donna L. Williams, b. 1940. © 1980 Hope Publishing Co., Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Stand

INVOCATION

Minister: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him." The score consists of six lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The first line of music starts with a C-clef and a sharp sign for the key signature. The lyrics are aligned with the notes, with hyphens indicating long notes. The final line of music ends with a double bar line.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
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Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace 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 AND SERMON TEXT

2 Kings 5:14-27

So he went down and dipped in the Jordan seven times, just as the man of God had said. Then his flesh was restored like the flesh of a small child, and he was clean. ¹⁵ Then he and his whole escort went back to the man of God. He stood in front of Elisha and said, "To be sure, now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now accept a gift from your servant."

¹⁶ But Elisha said, "As surely as the LORD lives, in whose presence I stand, I will not take anything." Even though Na'aman urged him to accept something, he refused.

¹⁷ Then Na'aman said, "If you do not want anything, please give me, your servant, as much dirt as two donkeys can carry, for your servant will never again burn incense or sacrifice to other gods, but only to the LORD. ¹⁸ But may the LORD forgive your servant this one thing: When my master goes into the house of Rimmon to bow down there and he supports himself on my arm, then I too have to bow down in the house of Rimmon. When I bow down in the house of Rimmon, may the LORD forgive your servant this one thing."

¹⁹ Then Elisha said to him, "Go in peace."

When Na'aman had gone some distance from him, ²⁰ Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, "My master was too easy on this Aramean, Na'aman, when he did not accept anything that he brought. As surely as the LORD lives, I will run after him and get something from him."

²¹ So Gehazi chased after Na'aman. When Na'aman saw him running after him, he got down from his chariot to meet him. He said, "Is everything all right?"

²² Then Gehazi said, "Yes, everything is all right. My master sent me to say, 'Look, just now two young men from the hill country of Ephraim, from the sons of the prophets, have come to me. Please give them a talent of silver and two sets of clothing.'"

²³ Na'aman said, "Certainly! Take two talents!" He urged Gehazi and tied up the two talents of silver in two bags with the two sets of clothing. Then Na'aman gave them to his two servants, and they carried them ahead of Gehazi. ²⁴ When he came to the hill, he took the gifts from them. Then he hid them in the house and sent the men back, so they left. ²⁵ Then he went in and attended his master.

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Elisha said to him, "Where were you, Gehazi?"

Gehazi said, "Your servant didn't go anywhere."

²⁶ Then Elisha said to him, "Didn't my heart go along when the man got down from his chariot to meet you? Is this the time to take silver, or to accept clothing or olive groves or vineyards or sheep or cattle or male and female servants? ²⁷ Na'aman's leprosy will cling to you and to your descendants forever." Then Gehazi went out from his presence, leprous like snow.

PSALM OF THE DAY: 90

LORD, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

² Before the mountains were born,
before you gave birth to the earth and the world,
from eternity to eternity you are God.

³ You grind people to dust,
and you say, "Return, children of Adam."
⁴ For a thousand years in your sight are like a day,
like yesterday that has gone by,
or like a watch in the night.

⁵ You sweep them away like a flood.
They are like sleep in the morning,
like grass which changes quickly.
⁶ In the morning it sprouts and grows.
By evening it is cut down, and it withers.
⁷ Surely, we are consumed by your anger,
and by your wrath we are terrified.
⁸ You have laid out our guilty deeds in front of you.
Our hidden sins are revealed in the light of your face.
⁹ For all our days pass away under your fury.
We finish our years like a sigh.
¹⁰ The days of our lives add up to seventy years,
or eighty years if we are strong.
Yet the best of them are trouble and sorrow,
for they disappear quickly, and we fly away.
¹¹ Who can understand the power of your anger?
But your fury is consistent with the fear that is owed to you.
¹² Teach us to number our days in such a way
that we bring a heart of wisdom.
¹³ Turn, O LORD! How long!
Change your mind toward your servants.

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¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with your mercy,
so that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.
¹⁵ Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,
for as many years as we have seen trouble.
¹⁶ Let your deeds be seen by your servants
and your majesty by their children.
¹⁷ May the kindness of the LORD our God rest upon us.
Establish the work of our hands for us.
Yes, establish the work of our hands.

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 4:12-13

God's sees everything in the heart, including sins like greed. He also sees faith in Christ, who forgives and fights it.

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. It penetrates even to the point of dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow, even being able to judge the ideas and thoughts of the heart. ¹³ And there is no creature hidden from him, but everything is uncovered and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we will give an account.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation. Alleluia!
(Isaiah 25:9b)

Stand

GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-27

Jesus' call to discipleship includes loving him over all the wealth of the world. The goodness of God alone makes this possible for people who are by nature selfish malcontents.

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, one man ran up to him and knelt in front of him. He asked, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

¹⁸ Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except one—God. ¹⁹ You know the commandments. 'You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.'"

²⁰ The man replied, "Teacher, I have kept all these since I was a child."

²¹ Jesus looked at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack. Go, sell whatever you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

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²² When he heard this, he looked sad and went away grieving, because he had great wealth. ²³ Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!”

²⁴ The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus told them again, “Children, how hard it is for those who trust in their riches to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

²⁶ They were even more astonished and said to one another, “Who then can be saved?”

²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “For people, it is impossible, but not for God, because all things are possible for God.”

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

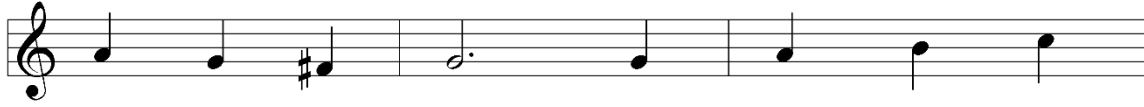
Be Seated

CHILDREN’S SERMON: With God This is Possible

HYMN OF THE DAY: 401, Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ



1 Your works, not mine, O Christ, Speak glad -
 2 Your blood, not mine, O Christ, Can heal
 3 Your cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne
 4 Your death, not mine, O Christ, Has paid
 5 Your right - eous - ness, O Christ, A - lone



ness to this heart. They tell me all
 my sin - ful soul; Your wounds, not mine,
 the dread - ful load Of sins that none
 the ran - som due; Ten thou - sand deaths
 can cov - er me; No oth - er right -



is done; They bid my fear de - part.
 con - tain The balm that makes me whole.
 could bear But the in - car - nate God.
 like mine Would have been all too few.
 eous - ness Can set a sin - ner free.

Refrain



To whom but you, who can a - lone For



sin a - tone, Lord, shall I flee?

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89, alt.

Tune: ST. JOHN (66 66 88) *The Parish Choir*, London, 1850.

SERMON

TEXT: 2 Kings 5:14-27

THEME: The Rest of the Story

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 sign the friendship register found in your pew.

The members of Trinity make joyful offerings to support this church's ministry. A portion of our offerings is also used for the training of future pastors and teachers, and the worldwide mission work carried out by our fellowship, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Our guests are under no obligation to give, but any gifts freely given are welcome and will be put to work in service to God's kingdom.

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

M: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.

M: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.

M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Special prayers

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

Silent prayer.

M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. 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.

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.

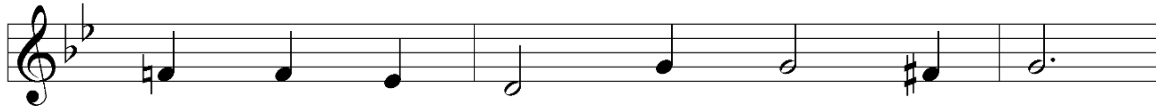
C: Amen.

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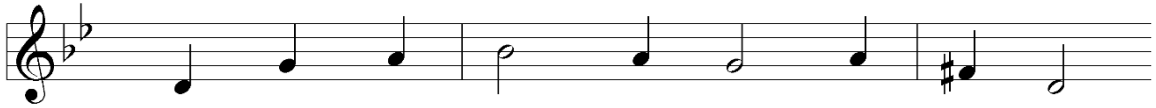
CLOSING HYMN: 444, If you But Trust in God to Guide You, verses 1 and 4



1 If you but trust in God to guide you
4 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing,



And place your con - fi - dence in him,
Per - form your du - ties faith - ful - ly,



He'll give you strength and stand be - side you
And trust his Word; though un - de - serv - ing,



When days are drear - y, dark, and dim.
You'll find his prom - ise true to be.



For those who trust his change - less love
God nev - er yet for - sook in need



Build on the rock that does not move.
The soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

Text: Georg C. Neumark, 1621-81, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT (98 98 88) Georg C. Neumark, 1621-81.

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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.

Wine and Word Bible Study – Oct 17

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 – You Can Still Help!

Saturday, October 19, will be the date of Trinity's Fifth Annual Trunk or Treat outreach event from 3-4pm in our parking lot. It's still not too late to commit to host a trunk, help at the Welcome Table, or help direct traffic! 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.

Baby Shower!

Our friends Sophia and Sam Olson are expecting a baby girl soon, and we're holding a baby shower for the family on Saturday, November 2, in the Fellowship Hall starting at 2pm. There is gift register at Babylist.com (search "Sophia and Sam Olson"). If you can't make it to the shower but would still like to make a gift, a box will be in the narthex for a couple of weeks ahead of the shower.

September Attendance

1st: Worship: 70; Bible class: N/A

8th: Worship: 28+48=76; Bible class: 35

15th: 28+63=91; 40

22nd: 30+59=89; 36

29th: 43+47=90; 38

Voters' Meeting October 27

The next voters' meeting will be on Sunday, October 27, on Zoom at 1:30pm. A link for the meeting and some read-ahead documents will be coming soon to your email inbox from our President, Steve Proksch. The main item for action will be the 2025 Spend Plan.

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



Power Source

<https://wels.net/family-devotion/fd20230517/>

If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth.

John 14:15-17

Jaxon was 3 years old. He liked to help his mom to show her how much he loved her. He liked to help push the grocery cart and match the socks from the laundry. He liked to count out five forks and take them to the family dinner table.

One day, Jaxon decided he was old enough to help vacuum too. He pushed the vacuum around the living room, but it didn't seem to be picking up any cheerios. "Maybe it should be faster," he thought. He tried going faster. Nope. No cheerios. "When Mom vacuums, it's loud. Maybe I need noise." He hummed and growled while he pushed the vacuum around. All the cheerios remained untouched.

Mom entered the room and knew right away what the problem was. The vacuum cleaner wasn't plugged in! As soon as she plugged the cord into the outlet, the vacuum hummed and cleaned.

Jesus told his disciples how they could show love for him—by obeying his commands. That means doing everything God tells us to—like listening to your parents and hearing God's Word. It also includes not doing what God doesn't want—like lying, stealing, or using his name thoughtlessly.

Believers know Jesus' love. We see how he has taken away all our failures to obey God's commands. And we want to show how thankful we are by living for him.

Like Jaxon's vacuum cleaner, we need a power source. And we have it. When we plug into God's Word, the power of the Holy Spirit runs through us. He makes us confident in our salvation because of Jesus, and he gives us power to obey God's commands in our lives. Stay plugged in! It gives your heart peace and your life power.

Questions to Consider

Give one reason we want to do good things.

Name one way you can show love for God today.

True or false. What we do helps to get us to heaven.

How would you feel if you had to do good works to get into heaven?

Some people do things that look good, but they aren't actually good works that please God. Explain.

How would disconnecting yourself from God's Word affect your faith and power to do good works?

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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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