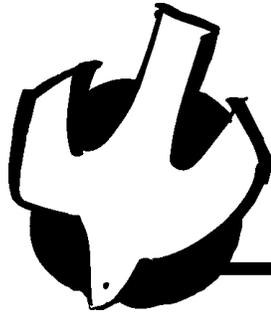




**Fear Says... Faith Says...**

**October 12, 2025**



# Eighteenth 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:** Pastor Paul Mueller

# 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: 243 Oh, Worship the King



1 Oh, wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove;  
2 Oh, tell of his might; oh, sing of his grace,  
3 This earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,  
4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?  
5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,



Oh, grate - ful - ly sing his pow'r and his love,  
Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py, space.  
Al - might - y, your pow'r has found - ed of old,  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,  
In you do we trust nor find you to fail.



Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,  
Es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,  
It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,  
Your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,



Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.  
And round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.  
Our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

Text: Robert Grant, 1779–1838, abr., alt.  
Tune: HANOVER (10 10 11 11) William Croft, 1678–1727.

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

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 musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; 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

#### **1 Samuel 17: 1-5, 10-11, 32, 37, 43, 45-47, 49-50**

Now the Philistines gathered their troops for battle. They gathered at Sokoh, which belongs to Judah, and they camped between Sokoh and Azekah at Ephes Dammim. <sup>2</sup> Saul and the men of Israel also gathered together and camped in the Valley of Elah. They lined up in battle formation opposite the Philistines. <sup>3</sup> The Philistines took up a position in front of the mountain on one side of the valley, and the Israelites stationed themselves in front of the mountain on the other side of the valley.

<sup>4</sup> A challenger who represented the Philistines came out from the camp of the Philistines. He was named Goliath of Gath. He was nine feet, six inches tall.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>5</sup> He had a bronze helmet on his head, and he wore scaled body armor, which was made of more than one hundred pounds<sup>l</sup> of bronze. ...

...<sup>10</sup> The Philistine would say, "I defy the ranks of Israel today! Give me a man, and we will fight each other!" <sup>11</sup> When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they lost their courage and were terrified. ...

... <sup>32</sup> David said to Saul, "Do not let anyone lose heart because of this Philistine! Your servant will go and fight him." ...

... <sup>37</sup> David added, "The Lord, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine."

Saul said to David, "Go then! May the Lord be with you...."

... <sup>43</sup> The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come against me with sticks?" The Philistine cursed David by his gods. ...

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...<sup>45</sup> Then David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord of Armies, the God of the ranks of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup> Today the Lord will hand you over to me. I will strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the dead bodies of the army of the Philistines to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth. Then all the earth will know that there is a God in Israel, <sup>47</sup> and all those gathered here will know that the Lord does not save with sword and spear, for the battle belongs to the Lord, and he will deliver you into our hand.” ...

...<sup>49</sup> David put his hand into his bag, took a stone from it, shot it from his sling, and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown to the ground. <sup>50</sup> So David defeated the Philistine with a sling and a stone. He struck the Philistine and killed him, even though David did not have a sword in his hand.

## **PSALM OF THE DAY: 38**

*Read Responsively*

M: O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger

**C: Or discipline me in your wrath.**

M: For your arrows have pierced me,

**C: And your hand has come down upon me.**

M: My guilt has overwhelmed me

**C: Like a burden too heavy to bear.**

M: All my longings lie open before you, O Lord;

**C: My sighing is not hidden from you.**

M: I wait for you, O Lord;

**C: You will answer, O Lord my God.**

M: Come quickly to help me,

**C: O Lord my Savior.**

M: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

**C: and to the Holy Spirit,**

M: as it was in the beginning,

**C: is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## SECOND LESSON

### 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, a descendant of David, in accordance with my gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I am suffering, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. <sup>10</sup> For this reason I endure all things for the sake of the elect, so that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, along with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup> This saying is trustworthy:

Indeed, if we have died with him, we will also live with him;

<sup>12</sup> If we endure, we will also reign with him;

If we deny him, he will also deny us;

<sup>13</sup> If we are faithless, he remains faithful,  
because he cannot deny himself.

### VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Alleluia.  
(2 Corinthians 12:9a)

*Stand*

### GOSPEL

#### Luke 18:35-43

<sup>35</sup> As he approached Jericho, a blind man sat by the road, begging. <sup>36</sup> When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. <sup>37</sup> They told him that Jesus the Nazarene was passing by. <sup>38</sup> He called out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>39</sup> Those who were at the front of the crowd rebuked him, telling him to be quiet. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

<sup>40</sup> Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When he came near, he asked him, <sup>41</sup> "What do you want me to do for you?"

He said, "Lord, I want to see again."

<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight. Your faith has saved you."

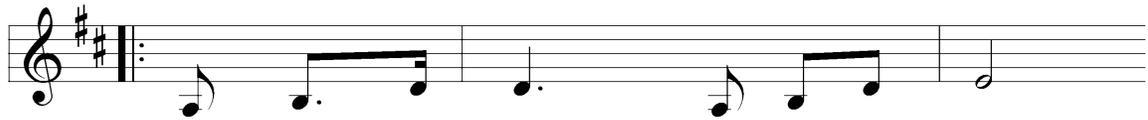
<sup>43</sup> Immediately he received his sight and began following Jesus, glorifying God. All the people, when they saw this, gave praise to God.

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be Seated*

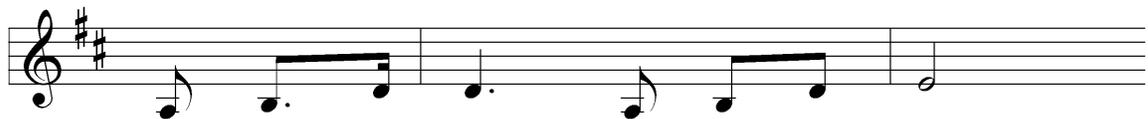
HYMN OF THE DAY: 752 In Christ Alone



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found.  
 2 In Christ a - lone— who took on flesh,  
 3 There in the ground his bod - y lay,  
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,



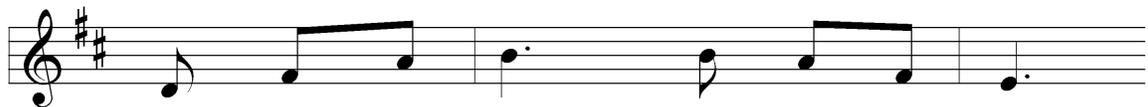
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
 Full - ness of God in help - less babe.  
 Light of the world by dark - ness slain;  
 This is the pow'r of Christ in me;



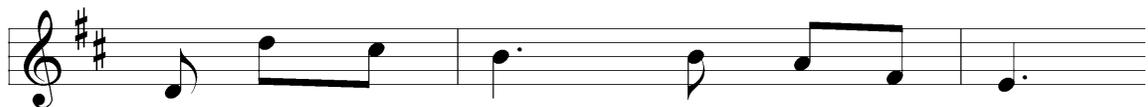
This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground,  
 This gift of love and right - eous - ness,  
 Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day  
 From life's first cry to fi - nal breath,



Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.  
 Scorned by the ones he came to save.  
 Up from the grave he rose a - gain!  
 Je - sus com - mands my des - tin - y.



What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
 Till on that cross, as Je - sus died,  
 And as he stands in vic - tor - y,  
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man



When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!  
 The wrath of God was sat - is - fied;  
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
 Can ev - er pluck me from his hand;

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My Com - for - ter, my all in all,  
 For ev - 'ry sin on him was laid.  
 For I am his and he is mine—  
 Till he re - turns or calls me home,

(Fine)

Here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 Here in the death of Christ I live.  
 Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

*This christological hymn summarizes the sacrificial, earthly life of our Savior and the glory that is now his forever and ours through faith.*

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## SERMON

**TEXT:** 1 Samuel 17: 1-5, 10-11, 32, 37, 43, 45-47, 49-50

**THEME:** Fear Says.... Faith Says....

*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.

C: Amen.

## **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.**

*Be Seated*

# CLOSING HYMN: 327 God Be with You til We Meet Again

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain, By his  
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain, 'Neath his

coun - sels guide, up - hold you, With his sheep se - cure - ly  
wings pro - tect - ing hide you, Dai - ly man - na still pro -

fold you— God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
vide you— God be with you till we meet a - gain.

*Refrain*

Till we meet, Till we meet, Till we  
meet at Je - sus' feet. Till we meet, Till we  
meet— God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904, abr., alt.

Tune: GOD BE WITH YOU (98 89 with Refrain) William O. Tomer, 1833–96.

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### **Sixth Annual Trunk or Treat: Saturday, October 18 – Trunks Needed!**

Saturday, October 18 3-4pm (Rain Date October 25), will be the date of Trinity's Sixth Annual Trunk or Treat outreach event in our parking lot. You can help by **hosting a trunk, helping at the Welcome Table, or helping direct traffic!** If you have any questions or could help out in either of those ways, please speak to pastor or Bruce Knox. If you can't make it to host a trunk but would like to contribute, candy donations are welcome. Use the QR Code below to sign up!



**You're invited to join the Trinity Book Club!** Our next meeting will be Saturday, November 1 at 9:30 am at Cuppi Coffee in Dumfries. We'll be discussing a Christian suspense novel, *Woman in Shadow* by Carrie Stuart Parks.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study meets at 9:45am** The next series is "your Questions; Scripture's Answers", based on the book by Prof. John Brug. We'll start out with how God gave us His Bible, look at a few puzzling parts of the Bible, then go into adiaphora (if you don't know, you need to come), and a few other questions.

### **Wine and Word Bible Study – October 16th**

The Wine and Word Bible Study is **studying the book of EXODUS** and 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays from 7-8:30 pm. Those who wish can bring a bottle of wine (or other drink of choice) 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](mailto:dawn.f.knox@gmail.com) to RSVP.

### **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 Steven Douglas. If you have any questions or are not getting the emails for Sign-Up Genius, please email [worship@trinityofwoodbridge.org](mailto:worship@trinityofwoodbridge.org). You can also scan this code to sign up:



**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 Hall beside the door to the hallway.

### **Small Choir**

Trinity's 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 Bev Ohlendorf know.

### **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 925-337-3635 or [pmjrmueller@gmail.com](mailto:pmjrmueller@gmail.com) with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work.



## Can I Get a Do-Over?

<https://wels.net/family-devotion/fd20251003/>

**“But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony.’” Luke 16:25**

Imagine getting your math test back and it’s covered in red marks. You didn’t study, and now you’re stuck with a bad grade. You ask the teacher, “Can I get a do-over?” But she says, “Nope. I told you what to study.”

In today’s Bible reading, Jesus tells a story about a rich man who wanted a do-over—not on a test, but on his whole life. He had everything he wanted—money, food, comfort—but he didn’t listen to God and didn’t care about the poor man outside his gate. After he died, he finally realized he was wrong. But it was too late. There are no do-overs after death.

Jesus told this story to warn us. If we love money more than God, we risk being separated from him forever. That’s what happened to the rich man. But the poor man, Lazarus, who had nothing in this life, was taken to heaven. Everything flipped—the rich man was in pain, and Lazarus was filled with joy.

Jesus had said before: “Blessed are you who are hungry now . . . Woe to you who are well fed now” (Luke 6:21, 25). He didn’t mean it’s wrong to enjoy nice things. He meant don’t ignore God. Don’t cling so tightly to stuff that you forget about him.

Here’s the good news: while we’re alive, God gives us mercy. We can repent. We can hear his Word. When we say, “Jesus, I’m sorry,” he gives us forgiveness and a fresh start. That’s grace. That’s God’s real “do-over.”

But don’t wait. Don’t put it off. Be “rich toward God” now—listen to his Word, grow in faith, and trust Jesus every day. Then, you’ll never have to wish for a second chance in eternity.

## Questions to Consider:

Have you ever asked for a do-over? (like in a game, a test, or with a friend?)

What does Jesus say when you ask him for forgiveness?

Why was Lazarus rich, even though he had no money or food?

What does it mean to be “rich toward God”? (hint: it’s about faith, not money)

What things in your life make it easy to forget about God? (video games, sports, money, wanting to fit in, etc.)

Why is it dangerous to think, “I’ll just keep sinning—it’s okay, God will forgive me later”?

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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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