

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

New Service Times:       8:15 am – Drive-In Service  
                                  9:30 am – Facebook Live Service  
                                  11:00 am – Worship in the Sanctuary

**HALLOWEEN MOVIE NIGHT** – The pandemic has cancelled our Trunk or Treat but not our fun! On **Friday, October 30th**, we will have a drive-in movie night. The movie, will be one appropriate for all ages – “Small Foot.” It will start at dusk. You can listen through your car radio at 97.1 or bring chairs and a radio and listen by your vehicle. Prior to movie night we will have a campfire for those that come earlier. Children (of all ages) may wear costumes. Safe snacks will be available for each vehicle.

**FAMILY CAMPFIRE** - Have you been missing camp this summer? Ready for some camp songs around the fire and some chats about Jesus? We will gather in our outdoor worship space (by the playground). Please bring your own chair and mask. If you would like to roast s'mores or a picnic dinner you are welcome to, but you will need to bring your own materials so that we aren't spreading germs around. We will have a campfire the **2nd and 4th Fridays of the month** for the rest of the fall!

**LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY** - **Pastor Elise will be leading a Bible Study** based on the upcoming lectionary. There will be a class on **Mondays at 2 pm OR Tuesdays at 6:30pm**. Both classes will cover the same material. We will meet outside so make sure to bring a chair, your mask, and your Bible. If the weather turns bad, we will move to the gym. There are 9 spaces per class so please call the office for a spot or sign up online.

**BOOK OF JOB BIBLE STUDY** – Why do faithful people suffer? Job wanted to know and sought an answer from God. **Pastor Stan will begin an 8-part Bible Study on the Book of Job**. The same Bible Study will be offered twice each week – **Wednesdays at 6:30 pm OR Thursdays at 11:00 am**. Each class is limited to the first 9 people who sign up online or by calling the church office. When weather is permitting, we will consider gathering outdoors. Please bring your own Bible, chair, and mask for each session. Social distancing will be practiced. Wednesday sessions will be **October 21, 28, November 4, 11 & 18**. Thursday sessions will be **October 22, 29, November 5, 12, and 19**.



***Trinity Lutheran Church  
20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
October 18, 2020  
All Services***

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

**WELCOME/PRELUDE**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**People: Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Faithful God,

**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace  
and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another  
before examining ourselves.**

**We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.**

**We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.**

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,  
and turn us again to life in you**

**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,  
and through his death and resurrection,  
Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness  
to do God's work in the world.

**Amen.**

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the  
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **FIRST LESSON                      Isaiah 45:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whose right hand I have grasped  
to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes,  
to open doors before him— and the gates shall not be closed:

<sup>2</sup>I will go before you and level the mountains,  
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze  
and cut through the bars of iron,

<sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness  
and riches hidden in secret places,  
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,  
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

<sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen,  
I call you by your name,  
I surname you, though you do not know me.

<sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god.  
I arm you, though you do not know me,

<sup>6</sup>so that they may know, from the rising of the sun  
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;  
I am the LORD, and there is no other.

<sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe;  
I the LORD do all these things.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13] (read responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup>**Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;  
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

<sup>3</sup>Declare God's glory among the nations  
and God's wonders among all peoples.

<sup>4</sup>**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,  
more to be feared than all gods.**

<sup>5</sup>As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;  
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

<sup>6</sup>**Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;  
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

<sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

<sup>8</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;  
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

<sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;  
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

[ <sup>10</sup>**Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king! The one  
who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge  
the peoples with equity."**

<sup>11</sup>Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea  
thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is  
therein.

<sup>12</sup>**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your  
coming, O LORD, for you come to judge the earth.**

<sup>13</sup>You will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with your truth.

## **SECOND LESSON      1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup>We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. <sup>9</sup>For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL                      Matthew 22:15-22**

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22<sup>nd</sup> Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**        *(sit)*

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**Pastor Elise Anderson**

**SERMON**

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**HYMN OF THE DAY        "How Firm A Foundation"**

**How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said  
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."**

**"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.  
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine."**

**"Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove  
my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,  
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."**

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**Pastor:** With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

**AM:** Gracious God, you call us by name and invite us to share your good news. Send your Holy Spirit among preachers, missionaries, and evangelists. We give thanks for the witness of your servant Luke, the evangelist, whom the church commemorates today. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**



**AM:** God of praise, the heavens and all creation declare your salvation. From the rising of the sun to its setting, may the whole universe show forth your goodness. Raise up devoted stewards of all that you have made. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**AM:** God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place. Restore divided nations and communities with reconciling truth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**AM:** God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or doubt. Especially do we lift up to... **Randy & Laurie** Roe, **Mary** Blackburn, **Lizzie** D'Ettore (Judy DiStasio), **Janet** Wixson, **Charlie** Taylor (Judy DiStasio), **Jeremy** Behling, Lysa Egly (Carol Roark), **Christy** Armstrong (Laura Dahlke), **Leah** Porter (Harold Humphries), **Baby Darrow** Curry (David Giesel), **Phyllis** Giesel (David Giesel), **Hope** Kimble, **Kathy** Isbill (Kathy Behling), **Martha** Caldwell, **Gene & Laura** Cline, **Lorna** Conard (Pat Conard), **Jamie** Craven (Fran Balsis), **Joyce** Davis, **Linda** Draeger, **Ernie** Engel (former member), **Betsy** Fryar (Julie Sosebee), **Paul** Giesel (David Giesel), as well as all those whom we name in our hearts or out loud before you now. Join their voices in a new song, assuring them that you call them each by name. Lord in your mercy... **Hear our Prayer.**

**AM:** God of truth, you show no partiality. May your spirit guide the work of justices, magistrates, court officials, and all vocations of the law, that your promise of restoration may be known. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**PEACE** *(stand and share the peace in non-touching ways)*  
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** *(stand)*

**AM:** Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord  
God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light.

In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.

In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.  
**Amen.**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen. **Amen.**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Come to the banquet table  
where Christ gives himself as food and drink. **Amen**

### **Litany of thanks**

While we are grateful to celebrate communion with bread and wine today, we must also remember that eucharist literally translates to thanksgiving! We are grateful today and all days for all that God has put into our lives and the ways in which God's love manifests itself in these times. We invite you to take a moment to share what you are grateful for today and ways that you have witness God's work in your life this week.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

Mothering God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. **Amen.**

**DISMISSAL** Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Go in peace, Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**