

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday
October 11, 2015
8:30

Love God,
Love our neighbors,
Serve the World

*You are invited to stand if able

Welcome

*Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose name is majestic in all the earth, who rescues and heals in every time of trouble, who does all things well. **Amen.**

Let us come before God, seeking forgiveness and life.

Steadfast and saving God,
have mercy on us. We confess to you all the ways we turn from you and harm one another. In your compassion, forgive our sins and heal our hurts. Bring forth from us a harvest of righteousness, the fruits of gentleness and peacemaking, the sheaves of wisdom and justice; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

In the name of Jesus, the Son of God, receive mercy and find grace in your time of need. Your transgressions are forgiven; God's love is healing balm for your wounds. Rejoice, for God raises you up to new life in Christ. **Amen.**

*Gathering Hymn

"Dearest Jesus, at Your Word"

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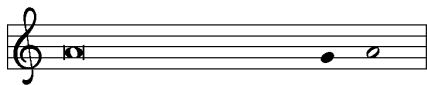
*Greeting

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.

Kyrie

Cantor



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation



Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation



Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor

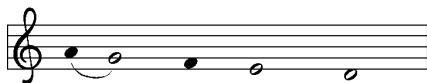


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



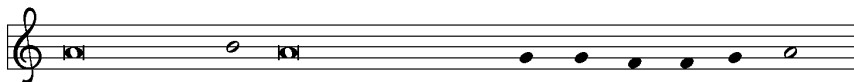
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation



Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - - men.

Canticle of Praise



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Litany of Stewardship

Leader: Creator God, you have blessed each of us with gifts, the variety of talents that make up the body of Christ, enabling us to do your work here in this place and time.

People: **Instill in us the desire to use our gifts to the best of our ability to serve you.**

Leader: Loving God, we stand before you as people of varying financial means. Help us be thankful and content with whatever we have, instead of wishing for more.

People: **Instill in us the desire to give generously out of whatever we have, trusting that you will always provide.**

Leader: Compassionate God, help us order the time in our days and weeks so it becomes a priority to find ways to regularly serve your people.

People: **Instill in us the desire to give freely of our time to others so our lives are ordered by your priorities, not ours.**

Leader: Almighty God, you sent your Son, Jesus, not only to save us from our sins but to model a life of obedience and service. So often, we let our priorities outweigh your priorities.

People: **Instill in us the desire to be obedient and to actively watch for opportunities to be your hands and feet in the world.**

All:

Holy God, you are deserving of the very best we have to offer — the devotion of our hearts, the place of honor in our priorities, the first fruits of our labors. We enter this place and space of worship, asking you to be in our midst, to speak your message of love and mercy, conviction and challenge to us. We welcome your Spirit, knowing that in so doing, we abandon control and open ourselves in faith and trust to your purposes and plan, rather than our own. Come, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, we pray and may our worship be acceptable in your sight. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

Special Music

“Graceful Entry”

Bell Choir

First Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

⁶Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.

¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 90:12-17

¹²So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

¹³**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.**

¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

¹⁶Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.

¹⁷**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 4: 12-16

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclama-

tion

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***Gospel:** The holy gospel according to Mark, the 10th chapter.

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments:

‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’ ” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.)

Sermon

Pastor Erik Feig

Hymn of the Day

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

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***Apostles' Creed** (the first article and its meaning from Luther's small catechism)

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Leader: What does this mean?

All: **I believe that God has created me together with all that exists. God has given me and still preserves my body and soul: eyes, ears, and all limbs and senses; reason and all mental faculties.**

In addition, God daily and abundantly provides shoes and clothing, food and drink, house and farm, spouse and children, fields, livestock, and all property along with all the necessities and nourishment for this body and life. God protects me against all danger and shields and preserves me from all evil. And all this is done out of pure, fatherly, and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness of mine at all! For all of this I owe it to God to thank and praise, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

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 into hell. 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**

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

***Lord's Prayer**

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

***Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(Please extend a greeting of peace to those around you.)

(Please be seated.)

Offering

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

Announcements

***Blessing**

Like children in the arms of Jesus, receive blessing: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn**

"We Are Called"

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***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Service

News & Announcements

From the Heart Food Pantry food of the month for October is **juice**. Donations can be dropped in the box in the narthex to help with the needs. For more info call Sandy at 608-792-9339.

The **Love Thy Neighbor** jar for October is for **buying tickets to the Meatball dinner for people in need**. This is a unique giving opportunity provided at each weekend worship service. Children from the congregation gather money during the worship service and put in the jar up by the altar. The money is given to a different ministry outside of the church each month.

Knitting for the Needy **Will you help?**

We recently were gifted with a large amount of yarn in various colors and types which we would like to have made into hats, scarves, mittens, slippers, lap robes, and children's blankets for: New Horizons, Salvation Army, and the Clothes Closet.

There is a table in the narthex where you can pick out your yarn. Please take whatever you can use for any of the above projects. When you have finished your knitting or crocheting, please return projects to the box at the end of the table. There is a great need for these items and winter is on the way. Thank you for sharing your time and talents.

Memorials

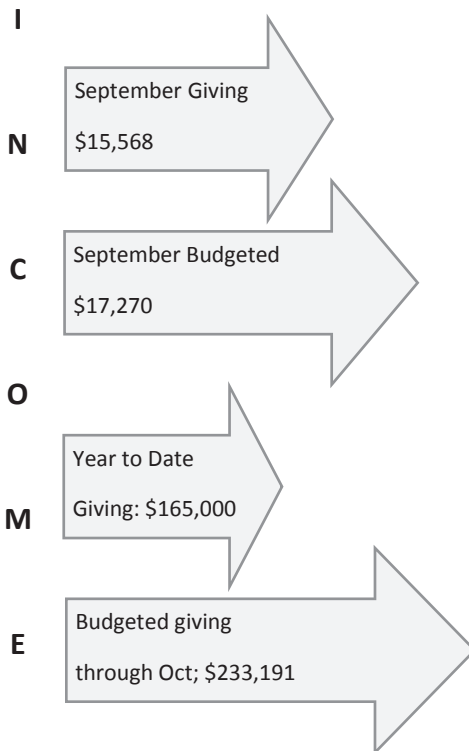
General Fund:

In memory of Joan Geary, given by her family

From the Heart Food Pantry

In memory of Pat Thomas, given by Diane Lokken

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Etc.

News & Announcements

The Meatball and Lefse Dinner!!

The Meatball and Lefse dinner is coming Wednesday, November 4th from 4PM – 7 PM! We surely hope you all are planning on attending! Please bring your family and friends to enjoy a great meal and share blessed fellowship time with others.

If you haven't already done so, please consider volunteering your time to help at the dinner or making one of your special desserts to donate for all to enjoy.

You can volunteer in several ways; feel free to ask the ushers for a sign-up sheet or sign up on the sheets located in the Narthex. If you are donating a desert, please bring your desserts to the kitchen on Wednesday as early as possible, or around 5 pm in the afternoon on Tuesday the 3rd.

We are also looking for donations of coffee, butter, or any monetary gifts. (Please note this gift is for the Meatball Lefse Dinner) and place in the offering bowl. For coffee and butter please deliver in that same time frame as the deserts listed above.

Please call Kristine Valk at 608-779-5443 (home) or at 608-317-6107 (cell) if you have any questions.

Sunday Brunch, October 18, following 8:30 Service

Please bring a dish to pass. If you are unsure what to bring, below we have provided some suggestions. Just check out the items next to the first letter of your last name.

- A-H Egg bake, breakfast casseroles, breakfast meat etc
- I-N Muffins, rolls, coffee cake, bagels, etc
- O-S Fruit or fruit salad
- T-Z Milk, chocolate milk, juice

Hope to see you there—mark your calendar now!

Congregational Life Ministry will meet Monday, October 12, 2015, in the church library at 6:00 p.m. Please note the new time....6:00.

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Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 8:30-4:30

Bulletin deadline: Noon at Wednesday

Service Times

Saturdays 5:30pm

Sundays 8:30 & 10:30

Radio Broadcast Sunday morning at 8:30

WKTY 580 AM

This Week at Trinity

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

9a TOPS

5-6p Monday Meals

5:30-7:30p From the Heart Food Pantry

6p Congregational Life (library)

6:30 Bell Choir

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

4:30 Endowment Committee

6:30p Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

6:15 C.I.A.

6:45 Confirmation

7p Choir

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17