

**Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)
North Branch, MN
Sunday, September 13th, 2020
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.
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 gifts 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 be the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

Amen.

Song "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)" (led by Terry Nelson)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul; I worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning. It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the ev'ning comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul; I worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing: ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul; I worship Your holy name.

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come,

still my soul will sing Your praise unending; ten thousand years and then forevermore!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul; I worship Your holy name.

I worship Your holy name. I worship Your holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul. I worship Your holy name.

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.

Blessing for backpacks and devices

Loving God, we pray for your blessing upon students, families, parents, teachers, and staff as we begin a new and for some, very different school year. We pray you will equip us for changes and new challenges that we may have never faced before. Bless us as we learn and grow in whatever format you have called us to. Help us find new ways to thrive and be creative. Bless our school supplies, backpacks, and devices and have them be safe and supportive tools for learning. We pray for your wisdom and guidance to lead our choices, words, and actions every day. Help us be patient and understanding with ourselves and those around us. Remind us of your freely given grace and help us share that grace and light with others. We pray for your daily protection. We pray that you will remind us that you are always with us no matter what we face. Instill in our hearts and minds a deep peace that only you can provide. Encourage us to trust your plans for our lives. Thank you for your blessing and protection as you walk with us through this new school year. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Scripture Reading *Romans 14:1-12* (read by Chris Judson)

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. It is written: "'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.'" So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 18th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

"Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

"At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

"But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.

"His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'

"But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

"Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

"This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon *Pastor Jon Yurk*

Special Music *Oliver Krosschell, piano*

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

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Communion Liturgy/Communion

The 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.**

Post-Communion Blessing

Blessing

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

Song ***“Rise, Shine, You People!”*** (led by Terry Nelson)

Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
our human story; God in him is centered.

He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
with grace unbounded.

See how he sends the pow’rs of evil reeling;
he brings us freedom, light and life and healing.

All men and women, who by guilt are driven,
now are forgiven.

Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,
your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.

To all the world go out and tell the story
of Jesus’ glory.

Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us.

Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.

Tell how the Spirit calls from ev’ry nation

God’s new creation.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Trinity's Prayer List

Those with cancer...

Wendy G - ovarian cancer (friend of Lori Goodroad) **Tim Rye** (brother of Lynda Chilstrom)
Deborah Jackson-brain tumors (niece of Kathleen Nordaune)
Scott Anderson-healing & treatment (son of Beverly Otterness)
MonaRae Cich-stage 4 cancer (niece of Darlene Nelson)
Phyllis Boho-stage 4 brain cancer (mother in law of Corey Ploetz)
Jerry Mollberg (friends of Jim & Pat Guptill) **Nancy Boyce** gastric cancer
Tom Schoon-kidney cancer stable, continued prayers of thanksgiving
(husband of former Trinity Pastor Sue Schoon)
Tom Olsen- Stage 4 lymphoma, lung and bladder cancer (dad of Jen Minick)
Corey Ploetz-Acute Myeloid Leukemia-currently in remission (son of Joanne Ploetz)
Danita Mattick-aggressive carcinoma (niece of Steve & Shari Denny)
Karla Hermann-cancer **Joy Lenzen** - breast cancer
JoAnn Peterson (friend of Jane O'Brien Bliss)
Kim Salo – breast cancer **Deb Nagle** – breast cancer **Tim D**-cancer (friend of Dan Newes)

And For...

Pam Mattick-at Gracepointe Crossing **John Elmstrand**-recovering at home
Pam Johnson-health concerns- Walker Health Facility, Mpls.
The Damjanac family as their mother battles cancer & depression
Summer Danich-(6 yr old daughter of Andrea & DJ)
Matthew Seidlecki-young child with spinal meningitis, surgeries, recovery (friend of Kelly Rogstad)
Emily Rafferty- Lyme disease and serious co-infection
(daughter of Shawn & Tara Rafferty, niece of Dennis & Melissa Rafferty)
Diane Turnacliff-health concerns (mother of Gail Mattson)
Haiden Gallagher-heart transplant, stroke (friend of Allen Matkaiti)
Jason Battles- awaiting heart transplant (friend of Steve Hals)
Jan Nunery-cardio defibrillator implant (friend of Kathleen Nordaune)
Becca Nyreen-early stages of dementia (niece of Kathleen Nordaune)
Annabelle Johnson (friend of Nordaunes)
Bob Rupar-leukemia in remission (friend of Doug & Vicky Trampe)
Christopher Staples-personal crisis (son of Ron & Sharon Sperry; friends of Rosanne Johnson)
Kari Hoffman—stage 4 colon cancer (friend of Laura & Chris Darst)
Emmett Norman –multiple health concerns (infant son of Tandra & Matt Norman)
Scott Jensen -heart transplant (nephew of Kathleen Nordaune) **Ardell Ring** –health concerns
Dan & Shirley Walden (Martha Arnold's brother & sister in law)
Sharon Fairbanks – broken femur **Craig Nelson** – stroke recovery (son of Karen Nelson)
Hope Tanko -medical tests (daughter-in-law of Ann Tanko)
Jeanie Wobser – end stage COPD (spouse of Connie Deminsky)
Orlando Brown-on dialysis, needs kidney transplant (friend of Tom & Candi Hals)

Missions: Pawaga, our sister congregation in Tanzania

Missionary: Dr. Stephen and Jody Swanson family, Tanzania

Those Serving in Active Duty: Eric Chilstrom, Abigail Peno Hales (working as a nurse in NYC), Aly Wuertz, Adam Wuertz, Jon Amundson, Rachel Bogart, Alex Fitcha, Josh Pfaffendorf, Gina Amundson, Justin Murray, Jonathan Fish, Jolene Amundson, Robert Hales (husband of Abigail Peno Hales) deployed in dangerous area.

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