

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)
North Branch, MN
Sunday, September 20th, 2020
Sixteenth 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 by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

Amen.

Song *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Beginning to End)"* *(led by Kathy Aho)*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee.

Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not, as thou has been thou forever will be.

Summer and winter and spring time and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Beginning to end, my life in your hands, great, great is your faithfulness.

You never let go. This one thing I know. Great, great is your faithfulness.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide.

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

Beginning to end, my life in your hands, great, great is your faithfulness.

You never let go. This one thing I know. Great, great is your faithfulness.

Oh, great, great is your faithfulness.

Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness. Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

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

Let us pray, Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading *Philippians 1:21-30 (read by Mary Twitchell)*

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 20th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 20:1-16

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

“About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went.

“He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’

“‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered.

“He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’

“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’

“The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’

“But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

“So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Pastor Jon Yurk

Special Music *“Stand and Testify” Kelly Rogstad*

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 *(led by Ben & Heather Sampson)*

**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 ***"How Great Thou Art"*** (led by Kathy Aho)

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow'r thro'out the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; how great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; how great Thou art! How great Thou art!

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; how great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; how great Thou art! How great Thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim: my God, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; how great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; how great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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-hospitalized for treatment (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 Rugar-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)
Karen Nelson – health concerns

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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