

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)
North Branch, MN
Sunday, September 27th, 2020
Seventeenth 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 *"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" (led by Holly Fairbanks)*

Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed;
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone but heart,
consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless, still the hungry cry for bread,
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

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 and Blessing for 3rd graders receiving their Bibles

Dear God, source of all wisdom, wonder and truth: you have given these families as a gift to each other for this short time we call the growing years. You have given us your Holy Word for both this life and the next. As they keep your Word in their homes every night, may your Word keep them safe and close and together in a world that can tear families apart. We know this is your will, and we claim it in Jesus' name. Amen.

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Word of God fill your home with wisdom, peace, and promise from this day on and forevermore. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Prayer for 5th graders who completed Sunday School this past spring

Loving God, we pray your grace and peace upon these Sunday School graduates. Bless these children of God and be with them as they continue to walk with you on their faith journey.

*"I pray that you being rooted and established in love, may have power together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ."
(Ephesians 3:17-18 This verse is on the plant they are being given.)*

Scripture Reading *Philippians 2:1-13* (read by Kristin Ferguson)

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature of a servant,

being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man,

he humbled himself

by becoming obedient to death—

even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place

and gave him the name that is above every name,

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 21st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 21:23-32

Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. "By what authority are you doing these things?" they asked. "And who gave you this authority?"

Jesus replied, "I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. John's baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?"

They discussed it among themselves and said, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will ask, 'Then why didn't you believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin'—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet."

So they answered Jesus, "We don't know."

Then he said, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.'

"'I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

"Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go.

"Which of the two did what his father wanted?"

"The first," they answered.

Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Pastor Jon Yurk

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 Trinity families)*

**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 *"Is He Worthy?" (led by Holly Fairbanks)*

Do you feel the world is broken? We do.
Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do.
But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? We do.
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? We do?

Is all creation groaning? It is.
Is a new creation coming? It is.
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? It is.
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave, He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this? He is.

Does the Father truly love us? He does.
Does the Spirit move among us? He does.
And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those He loves? He does.
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? He does.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave, He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
From ev'ry people and tribe, ev'ry nation and tongue,
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son.
Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy? Is He worthy is He worthy of this?
He is! He is!
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? He is! He is!
He is worthy, He is worthy, He is!

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 **Earl Klint** – broken hip & leg (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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