

**Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
**North Branch, MN**  
**Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**Twentieth 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**                    ***"We Give Thee but Thine Own"*** (led by Barb Mork)

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,  
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give.

The captive to release, to God the lost to bring,  
to teach the way of life and peace it is a Christ-like thing.

And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be:  
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

**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,            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.

**Scripture Reading**            *1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (read by Barb Nelson)*

Paul, Silas and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace and peace to you.

We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

***Matthew 25:14-30***

“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

“After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!’

“The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!’

“Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’

“His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.’

“So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

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 Mike and Barb Nelson)*

**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** *"Lord, Be Glorified"* *(led by Barb Mork)*

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
in my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
in your church, Lord, be glorified today.

In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
in your world, Lord, be glorified today.

#### **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, Robert Hales, Aly Wuertz, Adam Wuertz, Jon Amundson, Rachel Bogart, Alex Fitcha, Josh Pfaffendorf, Gina Amundson, Justin Murray, Jonathan Fish, Jolene Amundson.**

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