

**Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
**North Branch, MN**  
**Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**Eighteenth 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**                    ***"I Love to Tell the Story"*** (led by Barb Mork)

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,

of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;

it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory

to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat  
what seems each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
the message of salvation from God's own holy word.

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my them in glory

to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.

And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,

I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long.

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory

to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

**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,            Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Scripture Reading**            *Philippians 3:4b-14 (read by Ann Tanko)*

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 21st chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Matthew 21:33-46**

“Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

“The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. Last of all, he sent his son to them.

‘They will respect my son,’ he said.

“But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

“Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”

“He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“‘The stone the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

the Lord has done this,

and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

“Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ parables, they knew he was talking about them. They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon**

*Pastor Jon Yurk*

**Special Music**

*Chris Engel*

### **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 the Hals family)*

**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**               *"When Peace like a River"*               *(led by Barb Mork)*

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul.  
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

#### **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 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)  
**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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