

*August 30, 2020 ~ 9:30 a.m.
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

Matthew 16:24, ESV



*...let him
deny himself
and take up his cross
and follow me.*

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

*Our Mission:
To Make More and Better Disciples of Jesus Christ.*



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Sunday at 9:30am (Outdoor Drive-In Style Only)

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Welcome Visitors and Guests! Thank you for coming to worship God with us today! We believe that the Spirit of God had a hand in your coming. We trust that God's Word and this special time in worship will be a continuing blessing to you. Come again!

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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AS WE GATHER

Remember where you're going. Of course, memory deals mainly with things in the past—where we've been already. Rarely are we told to remember something that has not happened yet, except when it comes to remembering plans for the future and our goals. Sometimes we lose sight of where we're going or what we are trying to accomplish. So occasionally we need to be stopped and reminded. When Jesus began to show His disciples His goal of suffering, death, and resurrection in Jerusalem, it went against every hope, expectation, and dream of His disciple Peter. "Far be it from You, Lord!" So we, too, need to be reminded that the Christian faith and life is not really about our successful living or glorious past. Our faith is about Jesus' cross and call to a blessed future. It is about daily repentance all along the way in good times as well as in evil times. It is all about repentance, taking up the cross and following Jesus wherever He leads. We may wonder at times whether He has forgotten us or wonder if He is still leading us, but we have His promise that we will see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.

PRESERVICE MUSIC (Drive-In Service Only)

RINGING OF THE BELLS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Drive-In Service Only)

"Mighty to Save"

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Ev'ryone needs compassion,
A love that's never failing.
Let mercy fall on me.
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness,
The kindness of a Savior.
The hope of nations.

CHORUS:

**Savior, He can move the mountains,
My God is mighty to save.
He is mighty to save.
Forever, Author of Salvation.
He rose and conquered the grave.
Jesus conquered the grave.**

So take me as You find me,
All my fears and failures.
Fill my life again.
I give my life to follow,
Everything I believe in.
And now I surrender.

CHORUS:

**Savior, He can move the mountains,
My God is mighty to save.
He is mighty to save.
Forever, Author of Salvation.
He rose and conquered the grave.
Jesus conquered the grave.**

Shine your light, and let the whole world see.
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.
Jesus, shine your light, and let the whole world see.
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.
(Chorus 2x)

WELCOME

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 26:8, 12; Jeremiah 15:16*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: LORD, I love the temple where you live,

People: **the place where your splendor is revealed.**

Pastor: I am safe,

People: **and among the worshipers I will praise the LORD.**

Pastor: As your words came to me I drank them in,

People: **and they filled my heart with joy and happiness**

All: ***because I belong to you, O LORD God of Heaven's Armies.***

HYMN

"I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"

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I love your kingdom, Lord,
The place of your abode;
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
With His own precious blood

I love your Church, O God!
Its walls before you stand,
Dear as the apple of your eye
And graven on your hand.

Beyond my highest joy
I prize its heav'nly ways,
Its sweet communion, solemn vows,
Its hymns of love and praise.

Sure as your truth shall last,
To Zion shall be giv'n
The brightest glories earth can yield
And brighter bliss of heav'n.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Matthew 16:25; Jeremiah 15:19*

Pastor: Beloved, Jesus said, "Whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it." Let us empty ourselves of our fears and failures, confessing our sins and asking God to fill us with His peace.

People: **Far be it, O Lord, that I should not deny myself, take up my cross, and follow You. By Your cross and resurrection give to me Your forgiveness and assurance of new life by Your grace. Sin consumes me, for I am sinful from birth. Take away my selfish desires and fill me with Your love. Help me proclaim Your love in loving service to others. Amen.**

Pastor: Thus says the Lord, "If you return, I will restore you." Upon this your confession, I as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
Gracious God and Father, You have called us and all people to turn away from the darkness of sin, to repent and turn to Your invitation of life. Grant that we turn to You, take up our cross, and follow Christ every step into our future days to Your glorious promised inheritance; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

EPISTLE: *Romans 12:9–21*

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 16:21–28*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?

Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

²⁸ "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY ***"Dear Jesus, Thou art Everything to Me"***

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Dear Jesus, thou art everything to me,
And everything I own I give to thee,
My wealth, my all, but most of all,
Dear Lord, I give myself to thee.

Dear Jesus, thou hast bled and died for me,
You washed away my sin on Calvary.
You cleansed my soul. You made me whole.
Dear Lord, I give myself to thee.

Dear Jesus, thou hast led me day by day,
And set my will to follow all the way,
to bear my cross, to suffer loss.
Dear Lord, I give myself to thee.

SERMON: "Peter's Great Confession; Peter's Great Confusion" *Matt. 16:13-28*

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Pastor: For all disciples of Jesus Christ, both here at Trinity Lutheran Church and School and throughout the world, that we not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: For the fulfillment of the Great Commission, that wherever the good news of salvation in Christ is proclaimed, hearts turn to the Lord and live, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: For all servant leaders in the church and in the world, that their work for our blessing show forth the goodness of Christ to the world He died to save, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: For the blessing of all who hunger and thirst, for all who are weary and heavy-laden, and for all who are without house or income, that they seek the restoration the Lord's good hand provides, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: For all who willingly put themselves in the path of evil for the sake of other people's good, including military members, law enforcement officers, and emergency workers, that they be protected by the Lord's mighty hand, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: For all who ail in heart, mind, and body that they be touched by the healing hand of our Savior and filled with the presence of His comforting Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: (Special petitions)

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: For these and all other concerns we have, that coming before the throne of grace we find mercy to help us in our time of need, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE (Drive-In Service Only)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Drive-In Service Only)

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and to be our Savior. With joyful hearts, we receive the rescuing work He accomplished for us when He crushed evil by means of His death and resurrection.

Pastor: Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we ask You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He calls His followers to do, sharing together in Him so that we not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD (Drive-In Service Only)

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS (Drive-In Service Only)

❖ Cong: *“Lord I Need You”*

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Verse 1:

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus 1:

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Verse 2:

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

(Repeat Chorus 1)

Bridge:

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Chorus 2:

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

❖ Band: *“Oceans”*

THANKSGIVING (Drive-In Service Only)

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through the gracious gift of Your Son's body and blood. Now that we have received our Savior's goodness, help us to face the evil of our world in the strength and blessing of Him who died for us all; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Do not be overcome by evil,

People: **but overcome evil with good.**

Pastor: Go forth with the blessing of your good and gracious God:

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN

“Step By Step”

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O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways,
And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

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