

*October 17, 2020 ~ 5:00 p.m.*  
*Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost*

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things that are the  
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and to GOD  
the things  
that are  
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Matthew 22:21, NRSV

*Trinity Lutheran Church & School*

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

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## AS WE GATHER

Countless times during Christ's mission in human flesh for the sins of the world, the Pharisees and others tried to test, trap, and trick Jesus, thinking He would suffer a setback to His ministry. Time and time again, Jesus in His divine wisdom and teaching would instead turn those times into a setup for teaching about many things regarding life on earth and the kingdom of heaven. We, too, face times of testing, trapping, and tricking, though not from Pharisees, but from this world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh, and often we face setbacks. We are wise to turn to the one who has set us up for forgiveness, mercy, and a new life through His own life, death, and rising. Rejoicing in His grace, in response to His love, we faithfully, "render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's" (Matthew 22:21).

## PRESERVICE MUSIC

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

## ORGAN PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 9:1-2; 128:1*

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;

**People: I will recount all of Your wonderful deeds.**

Pastor: I will be glad and exult in You;

**People: I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.**

Pastor: Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,

**People: who walks in His ways!**

## HYMN

### ***"Dearest Jesus, at Your Word"***

(v 1, 3, 4)

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Dearest Jesus, at your word  
We have come again to hear you;  
Let our thoughts and hearts be stirred  
And in glowing faith be near you  
As the promises here given  
Draw us wholly up to heaven.

Radiance of God's glory bright,  
Light of light from God proceeding,  
Jesus, send your blessed light;  
Help our hearing, speaking, heeding,  
That our prayers and songs may please you  
As with grateful hearts we praise you.

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Praise to you and adoration!  
Grant us what we need the most:  
Your blest Gospel's consolation  
While we here on earth await you  
Till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

Pastor: Gracious Father,

**People: we confess that our faith wavers at times. We allow things of this world to produce uncertainty and fear within us. Although we believe in Your victory at the end of time, we fail to trust You to protect us and relieve our anxieties each day. Forgive us, strengthen our faith in Your almighty power and unconditional love, and turn us again toward Your will. Grant us to serve You in peace and joy. Amen.**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ with the Father and the Holy Spirit is Lord over all, who rules in power over temporal and eternal powers. Yet He came to earth as one of us, lived under earthly authorities, died to pay for all our sins, and rose victorious. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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: Almighty and eternal God, You have called us in Christ to live as those who are joyfully assured of Your forgiving love. Grant us unwavering hope, immovable faith, and untiring love for those around us, as we await the bliss of Your eternal presence in Your glorious kingdom. This we ask for the sake of Jesus, our Savior and our King.

**People: Amen.**

## BAPTISM HYMN

### **“See This Wonder In the Making”**

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See this wonder in the making:  
God Himself this child is taking  
As a lamb safe in His keeping,  
His to be, awake or sleeping.  
Miracle each time it happens  
As the door to heaven opens  
And the Father beams, "Beloved,  
Heir of gifts a king would covet!"

Far more tender than a mother,  
Far more caring than a father,  
God, into Your arms we place him,  
With Your love and peace embrace him.  
Here we bring a child of nature;  
Home we take a newborn creature,  
Now God's precious son or daughter,  
Born again by Word and water.

**BAPTISM:** *Emmarie Patricia Keicher*

*Parents: Erik & Jillian Keicher*

*Sponsors: Brett Dieter & Haylee Dieter*



## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✕ everlasting. Amen.

## 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.

## RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 139 (*Selected Verses*)

Leader: O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

<sup>2</sup>You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

**People: you discern my thoughts from afar.**

Leader: <sup>3</sup>You search out my path and my lying down

**People: and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Leader: <sup>4</sup>Even before a word is on my tongue,

**People: behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.**

Leader: <sup>5</sup>You hem me in, behind and before,

**People: and lay your hand upon me.**

Leader: <sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

**People: it is high; I cannot attain it. For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb...**

Leader: <sup>14</sup>I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

**People: Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.**

Leader: <sup>15</sup>My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,

**People: intricately woven in the depths of the earth.**

Leader: <sup>16</sup>Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them,

**People: the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.**

Leader: <sup>17</sup>How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!

**People: How vast is the sum of them!**

Leader: <sup>18</sup>If I would count them, they are more than the sand.

**People: I awake, and I am still with you...**

Leader: <sup>23</sup>Search me, O God, and know my heart!

**People: Try me and know my thoughts!**

Leader: <sup>24</sup>And see if there be any grievous way in me,

**People: and lead me in the way everlasting!**

## HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 22:15–22*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words.

<sup>16</sup> They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. <sup>17</sup> Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?”

<sup>18</sup> But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius, <sup>20</sup> and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?”

<sup>21</sup> “Caesar’s,” they replied.

Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”

<sup>22</sup> When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## HYMN OF THE DAY *"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*

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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 hast been Thou forever wilt be.

### REFRAIN:

**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.**

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above.  
Join with all nature in manifold witness.  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. **(Refrain)**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **(Refrain)**

**SERMON: "Don't Be A Gambler"** Ps. 139: 14-17 [Rev. Ron Habedank]

## **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: Lord Jesus protect and guide Your Church around the world so that the news of salvation is preached in freedom and joy. Open the ears of all who hear it to respond in faith and hope. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, provide just and peace-loving leaders among the nations of the world so that justice may prevail for all people within their borders and peace may break out across them. Protect and guide military deployed and police at home to maintain calm and security. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O Holy Spirit, the giver of all good gifts, awaken the creativity in people so they may use their gifts to lift spirits from gloom and hearts from sorrow, praising Your holy name. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Almighty Father, bring peace and hope to all people, especially the lowly and forgotten, the poor and the frail. Use each of us Lord as advocates of your power and love so as to bring dignity, and hope to all. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: (Special petitions). Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: These and any other things You would have us ask of You, grant to us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

**People: Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: 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**

### ***"As the Deer"***

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As the deer panteth for the water,  
So my soul longeth after thee.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship thee.

## **CHORUS:**

**You alone are my strength, my shield;  
To you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship thee,**

You're my friend and you are my brother,  
Even though you are a king.  
I love you more than any other,  
So much more than anything. **(Chorus)**

I want you more than gold or silver,  
Only you can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy giver  
And the apple of my eye. **(Chorus)**

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