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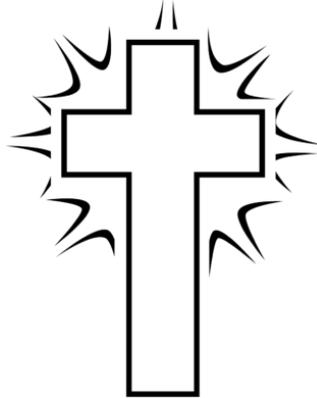
Lectionary 23 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary & live-streaming

Live streaming on Facebook and YouTube (Trinity LutheranSparta)

Our worship service will also be recorded and will be available on our website

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Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

The ringing of the bell

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who is eager to forgive
and who loves us beyond our days.

Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness,
we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
We have harmed your good creation.
We have failed to do justice,
love kindness,
and walk humbly with you.
Turn us in a new direction.
Show us the path that leads to life.
Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.
Amen.

Beloved of God:
your sins are forgiven and you are made whole.
God points the way to new life in Christ,
who meets us on the road.
Journey now in God's abiding love
through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** *O Light Whose Splendor Thrills*

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***Prayer of the Day**

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

***Gospel: Luke 14:25-27**

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

***Gospel Acclamation** (spoken in unison)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia

This is the Holy Gospel according to Luke the fourteenth Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

***Hymn:** *Let Us Break Bread Together*

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***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**

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church around the world and for the mission of the gospel. Refresh the hearts of your people, deepen our understanding of every good thing we share, and strengthen our partnerships in the faith. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For the well-being of the earth and all its creatures: for trees and forests, for all that will yield fruit this season, and for streams and other bodies of water. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For the nations and those in authority: for the elected leaders of our towns, states, and country, and for international organizations. Grant wisdom to those who govern and raise up citizens who make decisions in the best interest of their neighbors. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For all in need: for those who suffer from disease, who struggle with homelessness or food insecurity, for those whose family life is difficult, and for all in this community who need your care. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For this community of faith: for all our labors—begun, continued, and ended in you—that they glorify your holy name. Bless your people with the strength to live into their many vocations for the sake of the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the saints who now rest from their labors. Give us faith, like them, to love you with all our hearts, and by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

Offering – *“Thus all the tithe of the land, of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord’s; it is holy to the Lord.”* (Leviticus 27:30)



Thank you for your continued support of Trinity’s ongoing mission to serve the people of God in our community and the world. You may place your offering in the plate as it passes (or, if the plate is not passed due to high Covid levels, in the plate in the narthex as you leave today), you may also mail it in, leave it in the lockbox outside the main door or use one of the electronic means available. Scan the QR code to donate now to Trinity’s General Fund. Thank you!

***Offering Prayer**

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. **Amen.**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Words of Institution**

*** The 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.

Communion (Distribution Hymns: Lamb of God – Page 154; Let Us Break Bread Together – Page 471; Eat This Bread (2x) – Page 472)

***Prayer after Communion**

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

***Blessing**

God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.
Amen.

***Sending Hymn:** *Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun*

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***Dismissal**

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
Thanks be to God.

Attendance for Sunday, August 28, 2022: 83

For August 21, 2022:

General fund giving, including Simply Giving, is \$6282.52

Designated fund giving, including Simply Giving, is \$200.00

Sunday, September 4, 2022

9:00 a.m.:

Reader – Ava Erickson

Communion Servers – Gary Haskins & Doug Dengel

Ushers – Paul & Chuck Amundson, Mark Baltz, Alice Olson

Music – Accompanist: Adell Morton

Altar Team – Month of September: Carol Thorsen & Pauline Haug

Coffee Fellowship

Flower Pick Up – Friday, September 9: Edie Habhegger

Money Counters-Tuesday, September 6 (Tuesday): Carol Thorsen-Adell Morton-Brenda Degenhardt

Food Pantry, September 7: JoEllen Siver & Judy Bernett

Sunday, September 11, 2022 (the start of 2 services)

8:15 a.m.:

Greeter – Sharon Amundson

Reader – Anita Jensen

Communion Servers – Dean & Shirley Weibel

Ushers – Alice Olson, Paul Amundson, & Chuck Amundson

Music – Accompanist: Adell Morton

Altar Team – Month of September: Carol Thorsen & Pauline Haug

Coffee Fellowship – Opportunity to serve

Flower Pick Up – Friday, September 16: Edie Habhegger

Money Counters-Monday, September 12: JoEllen Siver-Alice Olson-Gary Peterson

Food Pantry, September 14: Alice Olson & Audrey Zebell

10:30 a.m.:

Reader – Mark Baltz

Communion Servers – Dan Amundson & Michelle Hyatt

Ushers – Mark Baltz

Music – Accompanist: Adell Morton

September 18, 2022

8:15 a.m.:

Greeter – David & MaryAnn Bolstad

Reader – Chuck Hogan

Communion Servers – Brenda Degenhardt & Karen Edwards

Ushers – Alice Olson, Paul Amundson, & Chuck Amundson

Music – Accompanist: Trevor Tripp

Altar Team – Month of September: Carol Thorsen & Pauline Haug

Coffee Fellowship: Jack Miller Family

Flower Pick Up – Friday, September 23: Edie Habegger

Money Counters-Monday, September 19: Carol Glaman-Gary Peterson-MaryAnn Bolstad

Food Pantry, September 21: Jan Jenkins & Les Stanley

10:30 a.m.:

Greeter – Donna Boland

Reader – Michelle Hyatt

Communion Servers – Bob & Jenny Lydon

Ushers – Mark Baltz

Music – Accompanist: Trevor Tripp