

Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church



Ephesians 6:11

15th Sunday in Trinity

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

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Worship Service: 10:30am

September 5th, 2021

Pre-Service Meditation

Deuteronomy 4:6-7

Therefore, be careful to observe them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' 7 "For what great nation is there that has God so near to it, as the Lord our God is to us, for whatever reason we may call upon Him?

Prayer: Dear LORD, we must confess that we have not kept Your commandments, and that we sin against You daily. But You have sent your Son to keep them for us, that we might be Your adopted children through faith. Send us Your Spirit so that our faith might grow more and more so that we increase in love for You, Your Word, and Your will. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Service of the Word

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

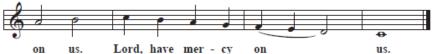
TLH 447 Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might

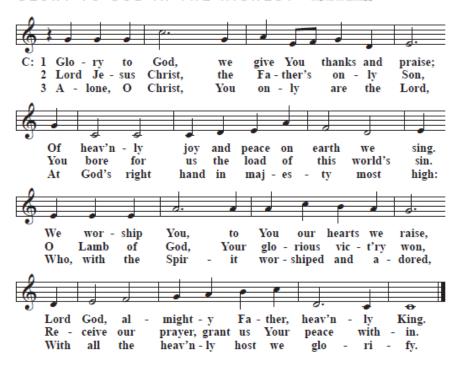
Confession and Absolution

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C (spoken) Amen.
- P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.
- Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.
- P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.
- C Amen.

C: Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy





Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. . .
- C Amen.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

"Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the judgments which I teach you to observe, that you may live, and go in and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers is giving you. 2 You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.

6 Therefore be careful to observe them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' 7 "For what great nation is there that has God so near to it, as the Lord our God is to us, for whatever reason we may call upon Him? 8 And what great nation

is there that has such statutes and righteous judgments as are in all this law which I set before you this day?

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 119 (selected verses)

- P Your testimonies are wonderful;
- Therefore my soul keeps them.
- P I opened my mouth and panted,
- **C** For I longed for Your commandments.
- P Look upon me and be merciful to me,
- As Your custom is toward those who love Your name.
- P Redeem me from the oppression of man,
- That I may keep Your precepts.
- P Make Your face shine upon Your servant,
- **C** And teach me Your statutes.

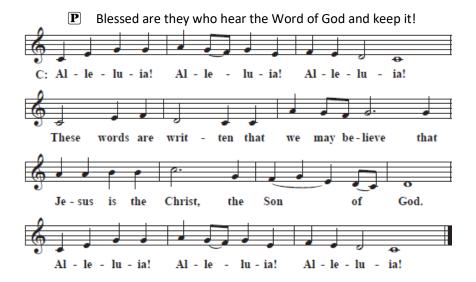
Second Reading

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Then the Pharisees and some of the scribes came together to Him, having come from Jerusalem. 2 Now when they saw some of His disciples eat bread with defiled, that is, with unwashed hands, they found fault. 3 For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands in a special way, holding the tradition of the elders. 4 When they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other things which they have received and hold, like the washing of cups, pitchers, copper vessels, and couches. 5 Then the Pharisees and scribes asked Him, "Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?" 6 He answered and said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: 'This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. 7 And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' 8 For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men—the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do."

14 When He had called all the multitude to Himself, He said to them, "Hear Me, everyone, and understand: 15 There is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are the things that defile a man.

21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, 22 thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. 23 All these evil things come from within and defile a man."



Installation of Sunday School Teacher Jeanne Helke

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.

Hymn of the Day

WS 768 (vv. 1-3) Be Strong in the LORD

Sermon

Ephesians 6:10-20

Now Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

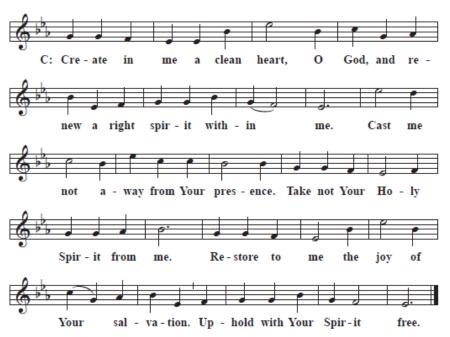
14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— 19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

The Armor of God is the Perfect Defense

- I. It is effective
- II. It is complete
- III. It is necessary

- P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C Amen.

OFFERTORY



Hymn

WS 768 (vv. 4-5) Be Strong in the LORD

Prayer of the Church & the Lord's Prayer

- **P** ... in whose Name we also join to pray together:
- Our Father who art in heaven,
 Hallowed by 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

Service of the Sacrament

- P The Lord be with you
- (spoken) And also with you
- P Lift up your hearts!
- We lift them up to the LORD!
- It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. For you have given us Your strong, unbreakable Word with which we dispel every lie and accusation of the evil one, and through which we have the sure promise of everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

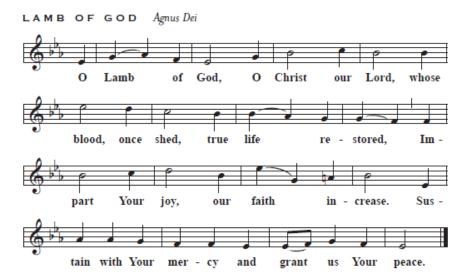
C: Ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of Sa-ba-oth, a-dored; Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name. Sing hosan-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord; Tru-ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Words of Institution

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



Distribution

Take and eat. This is the true body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take and drink. This cup is the true blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Communion Hymn

TLH 306 (vv. 1, 4, 5, 8)

<u>A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS ABOUT COMMUNION:</u> All CLC churches practice "close communion." We ask that only those who are members of our church or another congregation in the CLC come forward to receive the Sacrament. This is NOT a judgment on your faith! Rather, it is an expression of our own faith and unity. If you would like more information, or are interested in becoming a member, please speak to the pastor.

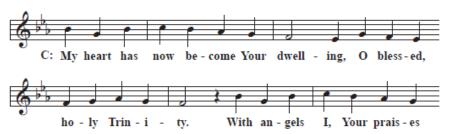
P We continue with the singing of the Nunc Dimittis

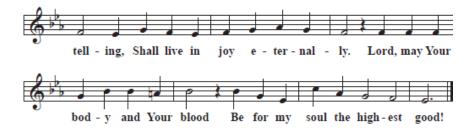
O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT Nunc Dimittis



P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

THANKSGIVING





Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and \maltese give you peace.

(spoken) Amen.

Closing Hymn

TLH 658 (vv. 1, 3, 4)

Silent Prayer

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Welcome to worship at Trinity!

Please wait to be ushered out of the sanctuary. Please do not leave any bulletins or other materials behind. **Offerings** may be left in the offering plate in the narthex or mailed to the church.

Guest and Visitors, we invite you to sign our guest book in the entryway. Please speak to the members and pastor if you wish to learn more about the Gospel ministry here at *Trinity*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS REQUESTED

- Barbara Anderson underwent a surgery last Wednesday to determine that she will indeed need a heart valve replacement. We thank the Lord for his grace thus far in Barbara's treatment, confident that He will continue to be with her.
- Kathy Conway's husband, Bob, underwent successful knee replacement surgery two Fridays ago. We give thanks to the Lord for His mercy and ask His blessing on Bob's recovery.

COVID-19 Due to the mask mandate that was reinstituted this past week, **Trinity will be requiring that those attending in-person services wear face masks at all times**. This is an unfortunate step backwards in the re-opening process, yet the Lord remains in control. Please keep all those effected by the virus in your prayers, especially those within our fellowship. Instead of despairing over all the many disheartening things that are going on in the world right now, may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus!

THANK YOU to our substitute organist this morning, Erin Karnitz from our sister congregation of Gethsemane. Kathy is tending to her husband following his surgery on Friday, and so Erin was kind enough to help us out.

BIBLE CLASS & SUNDAY SCHOOL Bible class and Sunday School are set to resume next weekend, September 12th. We will first be taking a look at the 2021 Convention Proceedings. Those will start at 9:15 AM, before the worship service each Sunday. We hope to see you there for a more indepth look into God's Word!

COUNCIL MEETING There will be a council meeting following the service next Sunday, the 12th. Councilmen, please be sure to e-mail any reports in a timely manner. The pastor will print hard copies to be made available then.

CALL NEWS:

- Seminary graduate Nick Naumann has received the call to Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN.
- Louise Mayhew has accepted the call to Grace Lutheran School, Valentine, NE.
- Pastor Caleb Schaller, Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has received the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO
- Pastor Ben Libby, of Ascension Lutheran Church in Tacoma, WA, has received the call to Redeemer Lutheran Church in Cheyenne, WY
- Michael Sprengeler has received the calls to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD, as well as to Zion Lutheran Church, Ipswich, SD

Mowing Schedule	
9/11	Nate E.
9/18	Isaac E.
9/25	Pastor N

September Cleaners	
North Entry	Clark
Sanctuary	Helke
Basement	Everett