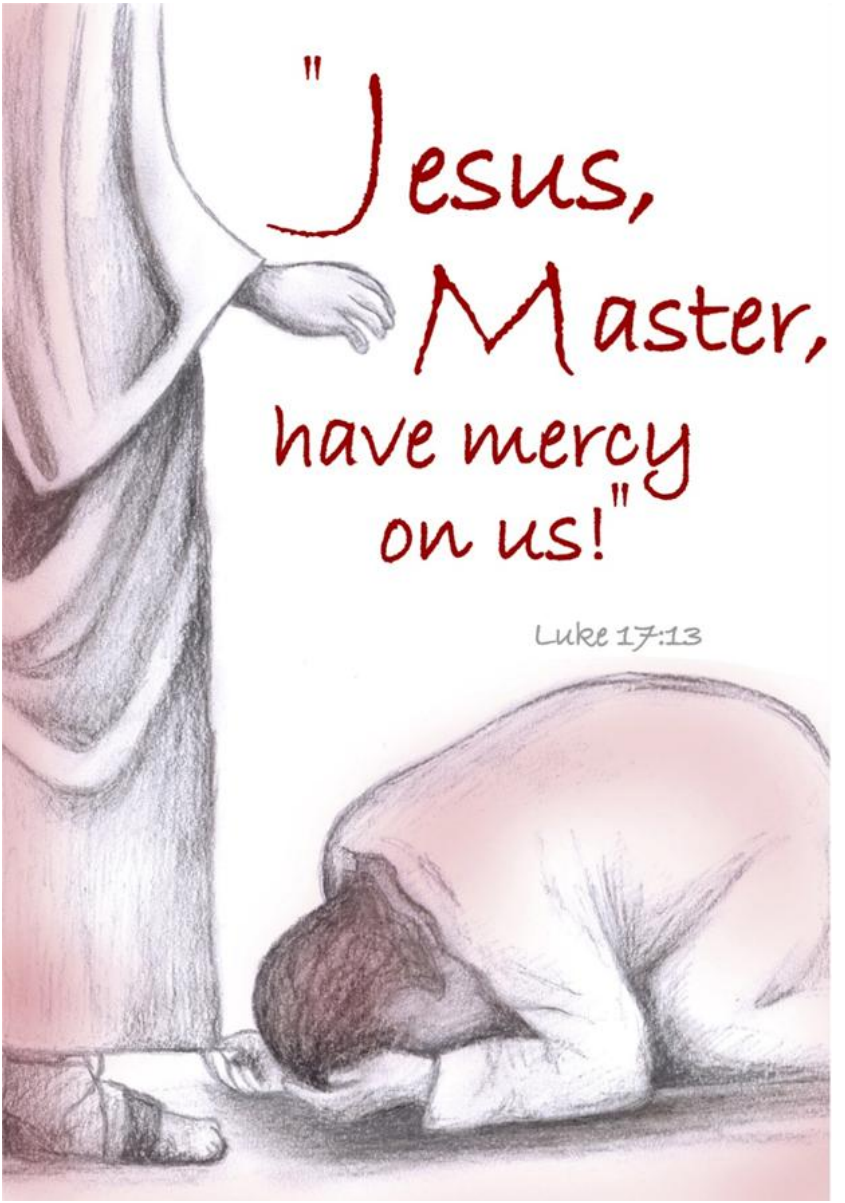
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Pentecost 25



Serving Us Today

Service Leader*:* Charles Maguire
Organist: Cathy Conway
Greeters: Lori White

We Enter God's House and Prepare for Worship

Pre-service Meditation: *Psalm 116* (hymnal p. 148)

Pre-service Prayer:
LORD God you are the help for all my needs and the source of every blessing. Hear me when I pray. Forgive my sins and bless me according to Your good will and love. Fill my heart with thanksgiving for all that You give, remind me through Your Word that I am kept by You, chase away all doubt and worry from my heart. Amen.

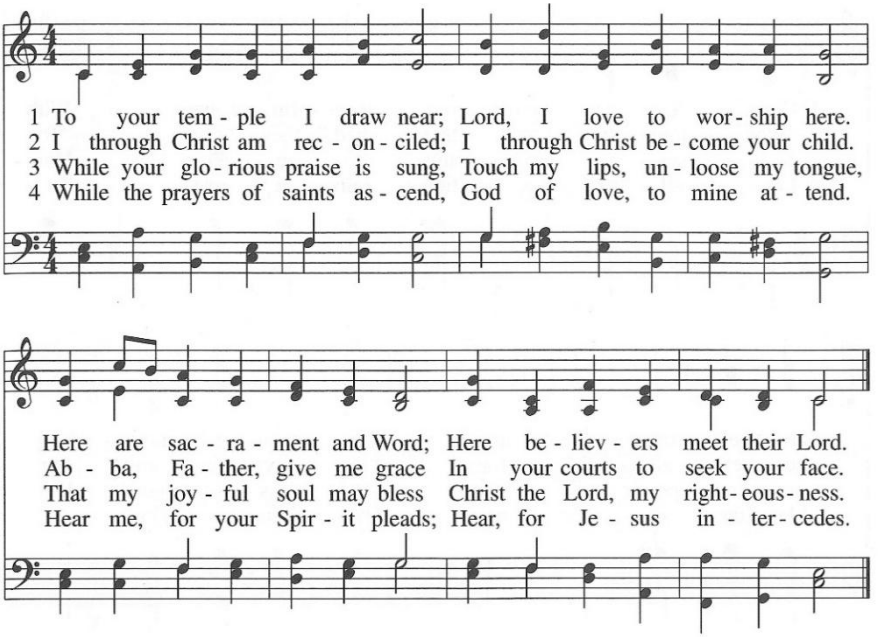
Order of Worship

(Worship Supplement pp. 1ff)

When the congregation is asked to stand, please do so only if you are able. You may remain seated if standing is difficult.

Welcome to Worship

Hymn: To Your Temple I Draw Near



5 While I listen to your law,
Fill my soul with holy awe
Till your gospel brings to me
Life and immortality.

6 While your ministers proclaim
Peace and pardon in your name,
Through their voice, by faith, may I
Hear you speaking from the sky.

7 From your house, when I return,
May my heart within me burn,
And at evening let me say,
"I have walked with God today."

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (spoken): **Amen**

L: Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.**

L: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a fellow believer called by Christ to serve among you and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C (spoken): **Amen.**

C (sings): **Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.**

(*WS2000* pp. 2-3)

Leader: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all people on earth.

Cong: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give you thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer (Leader)

Congregation (speaks): **Amen**



God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Lesson
Ezra 8:21-23

As Ezra prepared to lead a remnant of the people back to Judah from Babylon, they prayed for a safe journey. The Lord heard their prayer and listened to their entreaty.

Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river Ahava, that we might humble ourselves before our God, to seek from him a safe journey for ourselves, our children, and all our goods. For I was ashamed to ask the king for a band of soldiers and horsemen to protect us against the enemy on our way, since we had told the king, "The hand of our God is for good on all who seek him, and the power of his wrath is against all who forsake him." So we fasted and implored our God for this, and he listened to our entreaty.

Responsive Reading: *Psalm 116:1-2,12-13*

Leader: I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.
Cong: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

L: What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me?
C: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,

Epistle Lesson: *Philippians 4:4-13*

As children of God we are able to go directly to the Lord our God with every need and concern. We do not need to be anxious about anything, take it to the Lord in prayer! Meditate on the goodness of God and be assured that your Lord will strengthen you to do anything He calls you to do.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with

thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned, in whatever situation I am, to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and treasure it!
C (sings): **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Confession of Faith: The Apostolic Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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

Hymn: 457 – What a Friend We Have in Jesus

The Sermon

Text: *Luke 17:11-19 (***pew Bible p. 1041)**

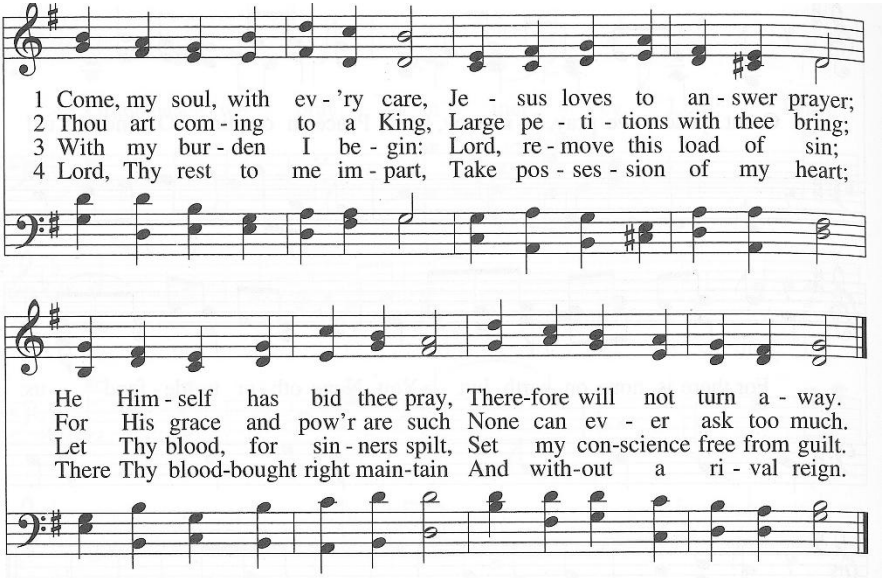
On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

"DOCTOR JESUS CHRIST!"

I. He treats even the worst diseases
II. He gives guaranteed results
III. He asks the lowest fees

Congregation (sings): Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold me with Your free Spirit.

Hymn: Come My Soul with Ev'ry Care



5 While I am a pilgrim here,
Let Thy love my spirit cheer;
As my guide, my guard, my friend,
Lead me to my journey's end.

6 Show me what is mine to do;
Ev'ry hour my strength renew.
Let me live a life of faith;
Let me die Thy people's death.

Prayer



Thank-offerings may be left in the offering plate in the back of the church, or mailed to the church.

Offering Prayer (Congregation sings)

Bring to this sacred altar the gifts His goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save Your hearts lay down before Him when at His feet you fall,
And with your lives adore Him who gave His life for all.

(Worship Supplement: 793:3)

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction (Pastor)

C (spoken): **Amen**.

Hymn: 50 – Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

Silent Prayer

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Welcome to Worship at Trinity! to all who have gathered for worship this morning. We especially welcome guests and visitors—please sign our guest book in the north entry. We look forward to having you worship with us again!

This Week's Schedule

(If the Lord wills we shall do this or that)



Today

9:15 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Next Saturday (November 14)

9:15 a.m. Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

11:45 a.m. Church Council & Women's Circle

Greeters: Tom & Molly Bettinger



Donna Zarling has been released from the hospital and is continuing her recovery at Regency at Northpointe.

News & Notes

Thank you, Charles Maguire**,** for leading Bible Class and the worship service this morning.

Pastor Eichstadt's Surgery went very well on Thursday and his recovery is also going well. He plans to resume meetings, etc. on Tuesday as he eases back into a regular schedule. In the event that he is unable to keep a scheduled appointment he will contact to you; otherwise, you can assume it is "on." Thank you for your prayers!

Pastor Eichstadt's Call: Last Sunday, our sister congregation—Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ—extended a divine call to Pastor Eichstadt to serve as their pastor. Holy Cross currently has 78 members and 8 students enrolled in their school. In the coming days, Pastor E. will be prayerfully deliberating the calls in which he currently serves (pastor for Gethsemane and vacancy pastor for Trinity) and the call to Holy Cross—seeking to learn where the Lord wants him to serve. Time will be available during Bible Class on November 15 for comments, questions, and discussion about these calls and the call deliberation process. Meanwhile, please pray for these deliberations and offer any counsel and insight you have.

Gethsemane Seniors meet on Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. It will be a potluck lunch, or bring your own sack lunch if you prefer. Trinity's seniors are invited and welcome to attend.

Blocked Email: Last week group emails sent to Trinity members were blocked to recipients using outlook, msn, hotmail, and maybe some others. We are working on this end to see if there is something that will resolve the issue. If you haven't added pastor@gethsemaneclc.org as an approved email sender into your email security, doing so may also help.

Trinity's Women's Circle will meet on the 2nd Saturday, Nov 14th to get the church Christmas plans decided.

The Church Council also meets next Saturday.

The Christmas party will be right after church on December 5th. More details coming soon.

PAC-NW Revival: It has been several years since the congregations of the Pacific Coast Conference have had a "PAC-NW Youth/Family Camp." We are looking for its return in 2027—if there is enough interest. The planned dates are August 2-6 in Jedidiah Smith Redwoods State Park (CA). Pastor David Ude is coordinating the effort and gathering interest. You can text, email, call him for more information and/or to register your interest: (715)-450-2968 / David.m.ude@gmail.com.



November Cleaners

Sanctuary: Bettinger
North Entry: Lux
Basement: Helke

CLC News from around the Church of the Lutheran Confession

Pray for Laborers--Current locations that are in need of pastor-trained men:

1. Our Redeemer, Red Wing
2. Living Hope, Appelton
3. Trinity, Spokane
4. Holy Cross, Phoenix
5. St. Paul's Austin
6. St. Luke's, Lemmon
7. Trinity/Zion, Watertown/Hidewood
8. Messiah, Eau Claire (3rd Pastor)
9. Gift of God, Mapelton/St. Paul, Ponsford

We Believe & Confess

It is also taught among us that saints (believers) should be kept in remembrance so that our faith may be strengthened when we see what race they received and how they were sustained by faith. Moreover, their good works are to be an example for us, each of us in his own calling . . . However, it cannot be proved from the Scriptures that we are to invoke saints or seek help from them. "*For there is one mediator between God and men, Christ Jesus"* (1 Timothy 2:5), who is the only Savior, the only High Priest, Advocate, and Intercessor before God (Romans 8:34). He alone has promised to hear our prayers. Moreover, according to the Scriptures, the highest form of divine service is sincerely to seek and call upon this same Jesus Christ in every time of need. *"If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Chrit the righteous"* (1 John 2:1).

***The Augsburg Confession,* Article XXI**
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Additional Reading in the Confessions: *The Apology of the Augsburg Confession* Article XXI, *The Smalcald Articles* Part II #2b. The *Small Catechism* and the *Large Catechism* – The Lord's Prayer

Answers to Prayers

Answers to prayers
Come in various ways,
Sometimes in minutes,
Sometimes in days.
And some take years to fully unfold
The harvest of love
And blessings they hold.

Answers to prayers
Come in various forms,
Sometimes in sunlight,
Sometimes through storms.
Some blossom early
And some blossom late
But each one will flower—
Believe it! And wait.

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