



**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 10, 2021**

Announcements

Opening Hymn: Lord of Light

No. 688

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Lord of Light

1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and
 2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers in some far out -
 3 Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, at your feet may
 4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent

suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom
 ly - ing field, by the cour - age where the ra - diance
 low - ly kneel; with your grace our tri - umphs hal - low,
 day or night; by the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing

as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -
 of the cross is still re - vealed, by the vic - to -
 with your char - i - ty our zeal; lift the na - tions
 peace to all and heal - ing light; by the love that

fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.
 ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:
 from the shad - ows to the glad - ness of the sun:
 pass - es knowl - edge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:

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ABBOT'S LEIGH

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

And also with you.

Let us pray. God our comforter: like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. **Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in ✝ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

First Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

⁶Seek the LORD and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—

you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.

¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.

¹⁵Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Psalm 90:12-17

¹²So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

¹³**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?
Be gracious to your servants.**

¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us
and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

¹⁶Show your servants your works,
and your splendor to their children.

¹⁷**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

Children’s Message

Sermon

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 was 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 the Church

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of the whole church in teaching, preaching, prophecy, healing, and more. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Nurturing God, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Increase the produce of the land and bless all who toil in fields and orchards. Provide for good working conditions and keep them safe. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national, and world leaders to show such compassion and love for their neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Sheltering God, in Jesus you travelled among us without a place to lay your head. Provide safe places to sleep and rest for those who have no place to live. Sustain ministries that offer food, clothing, and peace of mind (*local ministries may be named*). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Renewing God, you bring life out of death. Help us part with those things that are no longer beneficial to us and open our hearts to see where new life is budding in this congregation. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Eternal God, we thank you for the lives of those who have died (*especially*). Make us confident in your promise of salvation and support us in our own journey of faith.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

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 forever.

Amen.

Blessing

People of God,

you are Christ's body,

bringing new life to a suffering world.

The holy Trinity, ✠ one God,

bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Closing Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory

No. 705

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God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.

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AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00...

Interim Pastor:	Pastor Cathy Schibler
Lector:	Joyce Patterson
Usher:	Mark Wiedenheft

At 10:30...

Interim Pastor:	Pastor Cathy Schibler
Lector:	Barry Gill
Usher:	Barry Gill

October Altar Care: Barb Sessler, Missy Hacker, Susan Cullen

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God by Ken, Carrie, and Drew Killingsworth in celebration of Emma's 9th birthday.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Viola Liptok, at St. John hospital, Westlake;
For all directly or indirectly effected by the COVID-19 virus;
FAITH members, including; Brian & MaryAnn Hickman;
Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and the staff of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America;
the ministry of Safe Harbour helping victims of domestic violence.

ATTENDANCE

October 3: 38 + 31 = 69 Sunday School:

DONATIONS TO OUR "PENNY JUG" support the global relief and habilitation efforts of ELCA World Hunger, a mission of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

THIS MORNING'S LOOSE CASH OFFERING (money not in an envelope or given without other designation) benefits our Current Expenses Fund. **LOOSE CHECKS** will support our Current Expenses Fund unless designated otherwise on the check memo line.

OUR NEXT "SUNDAY JAM" happens today, October 10, at 9:30 am, in the sanctuary. Join in as Adele Hoffman leads you and her helpers in singing and playing some contemporary Christian music favorites!



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24 AT 2:00 PM This year's Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, October 24 at 2:00 pm. Please plan on attending as your participation is essential to keeping Trinity a functioning congregation to its members and its community. As stated in Trinity's Constitution there needs to be 25 members present to constitute a quorum. So please show your support for your church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME CHANGE! Because our Worship services have been getting over with earlier than usual, we will now be starting Sunday School at 9:00 am and ending at 10:00 am. This way it gives our teachers more time to do more things with the kids and if we should go past 10:00 am it will not run into the start of the 10:30 am Worship Service.

THE WOMEN'S EASTERN CONFERENCE FALL GATHERING will be on October 16 at St. John's Fremont, 212 N. Clover St., Fremont, OH. Take a few hours out of your busy schedule for a time of prayer, devotion, fellowship, and growing in God's word. All women are welcome. It is not necessary to belong to a circle or Bible study group. The conference runs from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Registration and coffee hour starts at 8:30 am. The cost is \$5.00 to be paid at the door to cover the coffee hour and lunch. A list of in-kind gifts is on the flier in the upstairs hallway.

SWISS STEAK DINNER at St. John's UCC corner of Mason & Thomas Roads on Friday, October 15. Dinner is from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm or until sold out. Event is drive-thru only. Meal is \$12.00

This Week at Trinity

TODAY	Worship Services	8:00 am & 10:30 am
	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Jam Session	9:30 am
WEDNESDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	7:00 pm
SATURDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	11:00 am
SUNDAY	Communion Services	8:00 am & 10:30 am
	Sunday School	9:00 am

We NEED you.
Can you HELP?

Our youth will be collecting items during the month of October to help them with a project they will be doing with the kids at Grace Lutheran church.

HELP THE HOMELESS is a new activity that is taking the place of Cardboard City that our kids normally participated in.

They will be meeting for one night to learn about homelessness in our area, pack up the items we are collecting and add them with the bags that were made up during our Gods Work, Our Hands Day activity.

We are asking for you to bring in one of each of the following items to make up one kit:

- 1 winter hat adult size
- 1 pair of gloves adult size
- 1 snack bar
- 1 wash cloth with a bar of soap



If you would like you can place your items in a Ziplock bag to make one kit. Then place your completed kits in the basket at the front entrance of the Sanctuary.

Again, we will be doing this only during the month of October, so the 31st will be the last day to turn them in.



TRUNKS FOR TREATS!

We will once again be having Trunks for Treats for our Sunday School kids on Sunday, October 31st during the Sunday School hour.

We are asking again this year that your treat be in individual bags. If you are giving out numerous pieces of candy, please put them in a plastic bag together. No loose candy for the kids or you to put any hands into.

We want to keep this as safe as possible for our kids here at the church and yet let everyone have a good time.

