



**Sunday, October 3, 2021
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

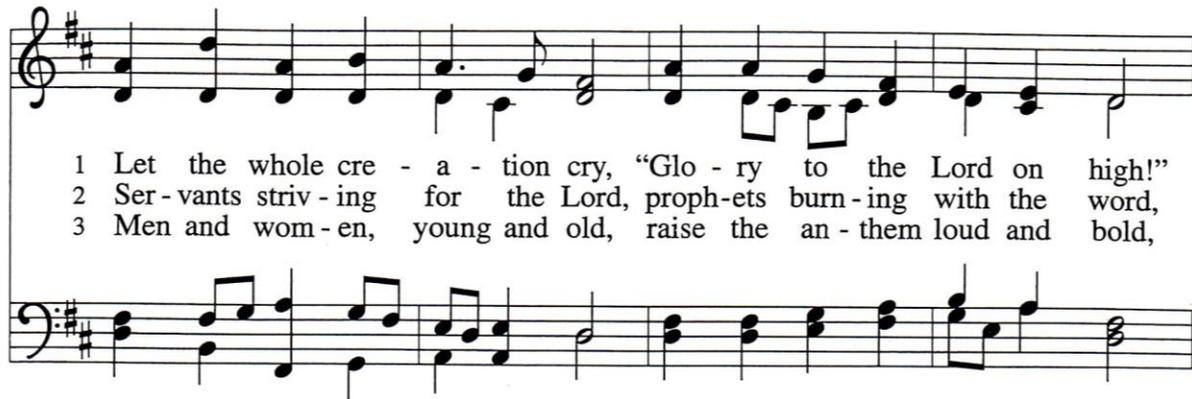
Announcements

Opening Hymn: Let the Whole Creation Cry

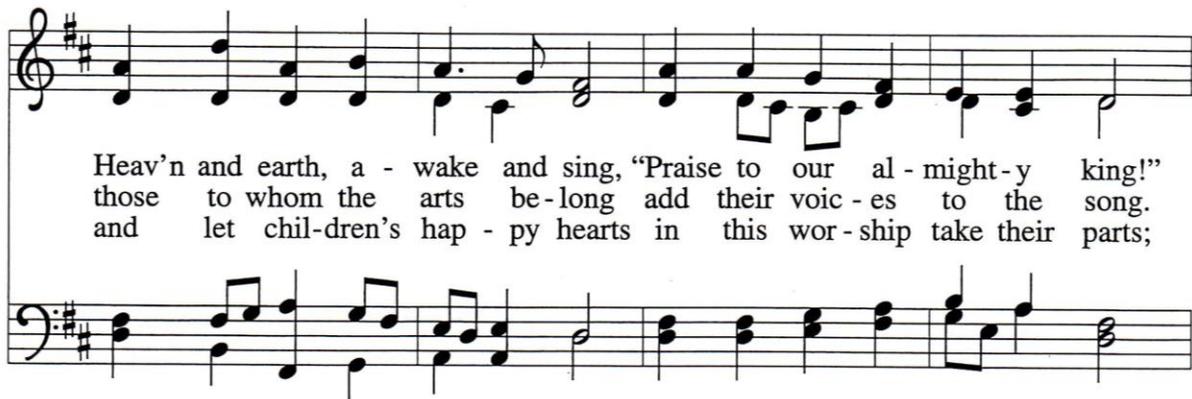
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Let the Whole Creation Cry

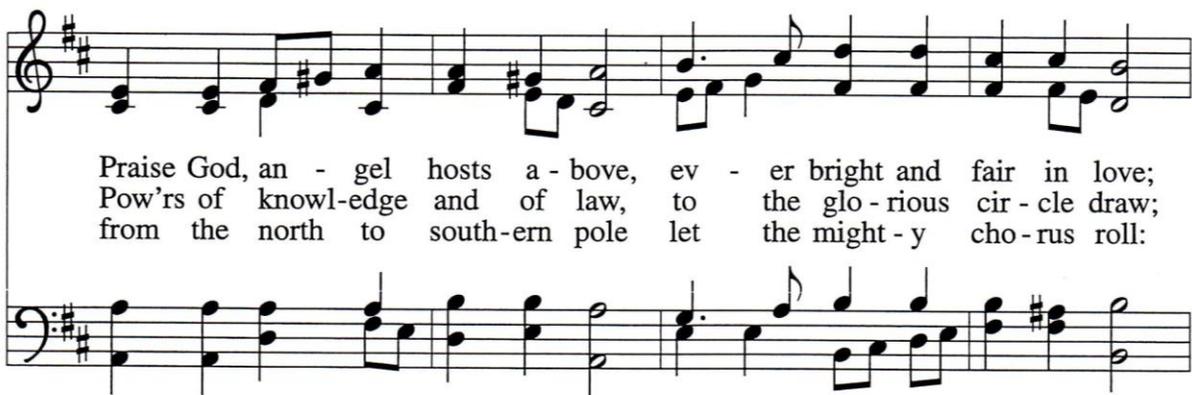
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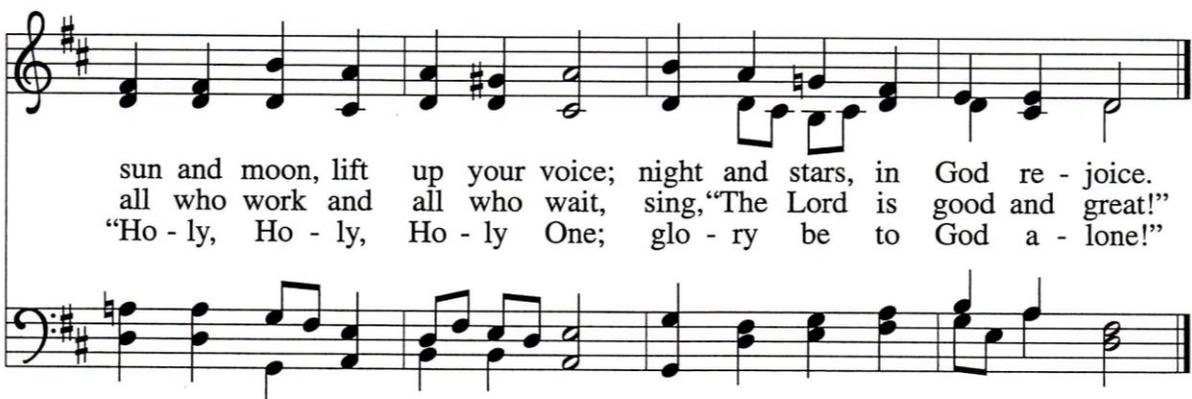
1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
 2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
 3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"
 those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.
 and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
 Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
 from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
 all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
 "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

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. Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.

²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken."

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8

¹O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.
⁶**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:**
⁷all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,
⁸**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**
⁹O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,
²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere,
"What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?"

⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,
⁸subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters,
¹²saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” ⁵But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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 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.

Holy One, you have raised up faithful leaders throughout history. Empower those discerning a call to ministry and all seminarians (*specific individuals known to the congregation may be named*), that they continue to be formed for the sake of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You have established a diverse and beautiful creation. Revive declining species and preserve endangered lands. Cultivate in us a sense of wonder for the world you created. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You desire for us not to be alone and to live in community with one another. Strengthen relationships between nations and peoples, that we celebrate and support one human family. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You share in our experiences and struggles. Bless all who live with any mental or physical disability. Inspire creative communities, spaces, and environments that are accessible and hospitable. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You have established and nurtured relationships that extend beyond those gathered here today. Bless members who can no longer travel to worship with us (*especially*) and remind us of their continued role in this community of faith. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You promise eternal life to all your children. Thank you for the people of faith who have gone before us. Strengthen our trust we have in you. 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.

The Meal

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, give for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The 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.

Communion

Prayer after Communion

Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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: Go to the World

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Go to the World

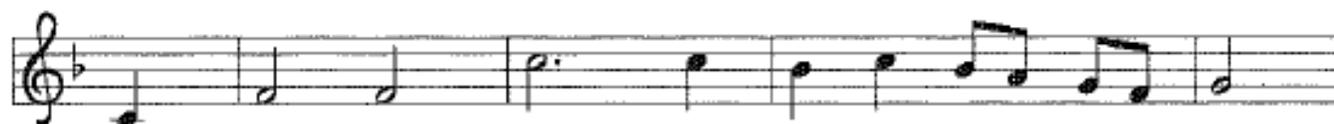
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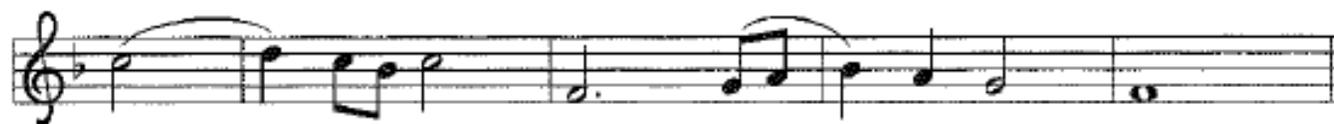
1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.

AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00...

Interim Pastor:	Pastor Cathy Schibler
Lector:	Guy Miller
Communion Assistant:	Guy Miller
Usher:	Mark Wiedenheft

At 10:30...

Interim Pastor:	Pastor Cathy Schibler
Lector:	Jim Bertsch
Communion Assistant:	Jim Bertsch
Usher:	Barry Gill

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

MEMORIAL FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God by Linda Gantz in memory of her husband.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Viola Liptok; at St. John's Hospital, Westlake;
For all directly or indirectly effected by the COVID-19 virus;
FAITH members, including; Bernie & Mary Ann Neidler;
the people of Grace, Castalia, and their pastor,
Kathleen Suggitt;
Law enforcement officers of the greater Sandusky area.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS

(Last two weeks)

General Fund - \$4,936.00

Building Improvements - \$385.00

ATTENDANCE

September 26: 39 + 25 = 64 Sunday School:

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.

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 Lutheran Disaster Response. **LOOSE CHECKS** will support our Current Expenses Fund unless designated otherwise on the check memo line.

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.

Chicken BBQ Today at the Margaretta Fire Department, Castalia. Event starts at 11:00 am until sold out and is drive-thru only. Meals are \$10 with chicken only at \$6. Please watch for traffic flow to get in line the correct direction or checkout the map on Facebook.



We're so grateful to all who kept us in their prayers and supported us in so many ways the last couple months. Mom cherished our faith family at Trinity, and you all brought her such great joy. For all of that, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

The family of Dorothy Miller

This Week at Trinity

TODAY	Communion Services	8:00 am & 10:30 am
WEDNESDAY	“We All Belong” (Narcotics Anon.)	7:00 pm
SATURDAY	“We All Belong” (Narcotics Anon.)	11:00 am
SUNDAY	Worship Services	8:00 am & 10:30 am



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.



The volunteers of Project Share extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed, helped, or shopped at the Rummage Sale held to benefit Project Share. A total of \$2795.50 was donated to help our families. Thanks also goes out to the Castalia Lions Club for allowing us to hold the Sale in their pavilion. We are truly blessed with a generous community! Thank you!

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.





MASKS ARE NOT MANDATORY!

There has been some chatter that we have mandated masks at our Worship Services. This is not true and even the signs that are on our doors say that you are kindly asked to wear one. But it does not say they are mandatory. The word from our Synod, which is where the Worship and Music committee takes its suggestions from and then passes them on to you, is stating that we should suggest masks be worn at this time for the **protection** of each other. But, at the time of the printing of this newsletter, we have NOT made them mandatory yet.

But we are making a couple changes to our worship area. Starting in October, we will be going back to the seating of every other pew to distance each other from being too close so we can continue with our singing of the hymns. Also, you will be seeing only one usher/greeter at the front entrance to the Sanctuary. This person's main concern is to greet any new visitors, get a count of the people worshipping, and take care of the offering envelopes after the services. There will now be a table sitting at the back of the church with the bulletins and an offering plate on it for those who enter at the back of the church. Our hope is that if you sit in the back and a visitor does come in that way that you would be courteous and welcoming to them.

And of course, should things get any worse with the Covid situation, changes made need to be made and we will inform you of them in the best way we can. Our committee would like to thank you all for your understanding with these difficult situations and we pray that you are all thankful, as we are, that we are still able to worship at all together in our church.