



Trinity Times

October
2022

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Northwestern Ohio Synod - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Where does time go? Here we are in October already. It is a time when a lot of things happen for us.

The last Sunday in October is Reformation Sunday. A special event this year is that Bishop Daniel will be with us. Even though it is the 5th Sunday of the month, we will have two services with Holy Communion. It is a time

when we remember our Lutheran heritage and Martin Luther.

The next day is Halloween Eve. It is time when we dress our kids up in scary costumes and send them out into the neighborhood begging for candy and other treats. I have already seen skeleton like creatures in people's yards. In our neighborhood, we will probably not see any kids, because we are in an older neighborhood.

But we also need to remember that Halloween is a word that comes from the religious words, "All Hallowed Eve. The day after Halloween is All Saints Day. Since it is a weekday, we will be celebrating it on the next Sunday. As you know, All Saints Day is the day on the church calendar when we remember all the saints of the Church. People like Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Also, Paul, Timothy, and Peter.

But not only those saints of ancient days, but also the modern-day Saints who have gone before us. People like our parents, grandparents, pastors, Sunday School, teachers who led us and nourished us into to Faith. We also remember those who have shared the faith with people of other cultures, our missionaries like Mother Theresa, and those we cannot name. Let us take the time out of our busy schedules to remember them and thank God for them. Without them, we would know nothing about the love and forgiveness of God, through the Savior, Jesus.

Yes, as we enjoy the festivities of Halloween, last us not forget the true meaning of the day. "For all the saints, who from their labors rest."

I know that this is the October Newsletter, and that perhaps we should wait until the November Newsletter for this remembrance, but since it is tied with the last day of October, I just had share this with you.

Pastor Ralph



YOUR SERVANTS AT TRINITY

INTERIM PASTORS -

The Rev. Ralph Schibler

The Rev. Catherine Schibler

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR:

Carol Dahs

MUSICIAN: Adele Hoffman

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

COORDINATOR:

Sally Warner - 419 684-7850

CUSTODIANS:

Jim Bertsch - 419 625-4377

Pat Wiedenheft - 419 625-8652

PRESIDENT: Carrie Wiedenheft

TREASURER: Jim Bertsch

DATA ENTRY: Shannon Limberios

OFFICE PHONE: 419 626-0204

OFFICE HOURS: 9 am to 1 pm, M-F

Congregational Meeting



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, October 23 at
9:15 am between services

This year's Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, October 23 at 9:15 am. between services. Please plan on attending as your participation is essential to keeping Trinity a functioning congregation to it's 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.

Trinity will also be in need of a new Council Chairs for several positions. Please see a member of council if you would be interested in any of these positions. Council meetings run about an hour long and are currently scheduled for the third Thursday of each month. This is your chance to get new faces and ideas into your church activities and council.

President, currently held by Carrie Wiedenheft (this is a two year term)
(Carrie Wiedenheft has agreed to run again for this position)

Property chair, currently vacant (this is a two year term)
(Thank you to Mike Markley and Gary Lieb or helping out as needed.)

Congregational Life, currently held by Candy Beatty (this is a two year term)
(Thank you to Candy Beatty for holding this council chair for six years)

Faith Builders, currently held by Pat Wiedenheft (this is a two year term)
(Pat Wiedenheft has agreed to run again for this position)

If you would like further information on these positions please see any council member. Again, your participation is what keeps Trinity going so please take some time to think these positions over and listen to God's call for your time and commitment to your church.



The Call Committee continues to wait for viable candidates to submit their interest in Trinity.

Please continue to pray for our new pastor to find their way here.

From your Council



All December Sunday's and New Year's Day will be only one service this year. Council decided to have only one service at 9:30 am during the month of December and January 1, 2023. With Christmas and New Year's Day being on a Sunday this year and the Children's program being held December 11 with the request of only one service it was determined to make all the Sunday's in December one service only.

This was to try and keep things as simple as possible for all. This is NOT a permanent change. Regular worship times will resume on January 8 at 8:00 am and 10:30 am.

Sunday school will still be held on those one service Sundays. It will start at 9:00 am and if finished before service ends the children will be brought upstairs to their parents. There will be NO Sunday school on December 25.

There will be NO Thanksgiving Eve Service this year. Thanksgiving worship will be held on Sunday, November 20 during the regular services.

There will be one Advent service on December 7 at 7:00 pm.

There will be only ONE service on Christmas Eve at 7:00 pm. This will be a communion service.



Youth and Family

with SALLY WARNER, Trinity's Youth
and Family Ministries Coordinator



Our Sunday school kids are asking you to participate in their “Trunk for Treats” day again this year. On Sunday, October 30 we will be walking around outside, weather permitting, during the beginning of the Sunday school hour at 9:15 am and getting treats from anyone who wants to participate. Candy is good, but snack bars, juice boxes, or other fall fun items are always a treat! Right now, we have around 15 kids in Sunday school so you can plan accordingly. We hope you all will help our Sunday school kids have a fun on “Trunk for Treats” day!

SENIOR MEMBERS THANKSGIVING MEAL NOVEMBER 20TH 2022

Plans are in the making to bring back the Senior members (55 and older) Thanksgiving meal, only this year we will be doing it after the 10:30am worship service, starting around 11:45. The meal is free and the menu is being worked on. Please watch for more in the November newsletter and Sunday bulletins during November. Sign up will be appreciated to help with the planning of the meal.



October Happenings

STILL COLLECTING SHOES THROUGH OCTOBER

As we collect shoes we earn .40 cents per pound of shoes.
This averages out to approximately 2500 pairs of shoes.
Weight is critical so bring on those work boots and tennis shoes.

If we reach our goal we will earn \$1000 which will be donated to LWR to help in Ukraine with their mission need.

Tell your family and friends!

Thank you
to all who have
donated already



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Sandusky, Ohio - Sandusky OH
Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2022

Friday, September 23, 2022

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Account #

Account Name

YTD Balance

Assets

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| 1.100.102 | Checking Account | 61,755.86 |
| 1.100.104 | Petty Cash Fund | 20.00 |
| 1.100.106 | Thrivent Bond Fund Checking | 57,703.02 |
| 1.200.114 | Thrivent Money Market Account | 835.00 |
| 1.220.116 | Endowment Savings Thrivent | 84,998.39 |
| 1.220.118 | Mission Plus Investments (3 CD's) | 3,880.41 |
| 1.220.120 | Edward Jones Mutual Fund | 266,342.47 |
| 1.400.110 | Thirvent Moderate Fund (Reserve) | 49,470.95 |
| 1.400.112 | Thrivent Moderate Fund - Pavement | 2,454.15 |

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| Total Assets | \$527,460.25 |
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Liabilities

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| 2.100.216 | Ohio Treasurer of St | 84.00 |
| 2.100.218 | R.I.T.A. | 89.92 |
| 2.100.219 | Ohio Department of Taxation | 15.06 |

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| Total Liabilities | \$188.98 |
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Fund Balances

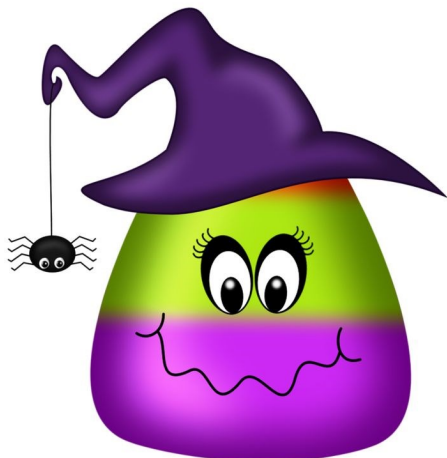
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| 3.100.300 | Current Fund Balance | 47,160.08 |
| 3.210.300 | Community Mission Fund Balance | 2,099.95 |
| 3.220.300 | <i>Designated Giving Fund Balance</i> | |
| 3.221.300 | Memoral Fund Balance | 35,406.57 |
| 3.222.300 | Endowment Fund Balance | 88,878.80 |
| 3.223.300 | Building Improvement Fund Balance | 35,458.30 |
| 3.225.300 | Pavement Fund Balance | 2,454.15 |
| 3.227.300 | Charity Fund Balance | 266,342.47 |

Total Designated Giving Fund Balance \$428,540.29

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| 3,400.300 | Reserve Fund Balance | 49,470.95 |
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| Total Fund Balances | \$527,271.27 |
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Total Liabilities and Fund Balances **\$527,460.25**



COUNCIL UPDATE

TRINITY CONGREGATION COUNCIL Meeting Highlights - September 13, 2022 - 7:00 pm (These are unapproved meeting minutes)

Attending: Jim Bertsch, Candy Beatty, Pastor Ralph, Nancy Vollmer, Pat Wiedenheft, Millie McCready, Carrie Wiedenheft, and secretary, Carol Dahs. Not in Attendance: Betsy Stierhoff

Meeting called to order by President – Carrie Wiedenheft Opening devotions were given by Nancy Vollmer

Minutes of previous meeting (August 2022) were reviewed. Nancy made a motion to accept the August meeting minutes. 2nd by Jim. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report for August 2022 was reviewed. Pat made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. 2nd by Candy. Motion passed.

President's Report: Carrie reported that the Call Committee has had nothing new to report. Council nomination letters were mailed on September 9 and so far, one has been returned.

Congregational Life – Candy Beatty – There were 57 served at Gwen Miller's funeral dinner.

Faith Builders – Pat Wiedenheft – Pat reported that there will be Sunday school on October 23 even though the congregational council meeting will be held then. Trunks for Treats will be October 30. The Senior Thanksgiving Dinner will be November 20. The Sunday School Christmas Program will be December 11 during service. Sunday school will still be held in December. Sally is looking at a possible VBS for a day during Christmas break.

Mission Service – Betsy Stierhoff – Jim reported that we had 500 pairs of shoes now. Bonnie will get with Carol on putting together a flyer to drop off at Grace and the UCC church in Castalia and Zion Sandusky, to see if they will help collect shoes. A letter was sent to Wal-Mart Fremont to see if they would help in any way.

Property – Mike is going to rent a lift and fix the roof cap on the north end of the church. Mike will see if the Glass Guys want to use it to put the sealant on the upstairs windows. The sealant is now in. Mike will also talk to the Glass Guys about the storm windows on the sanctuary. They may need to use the lift to look at the windows and see if any work needs to be done before storms could be installed. The push pads on the portico entrance have been installed. The security film on the east outside educational wing doors has been completed. Gentleman was out today and gave a quote of \$175 to wash the educational wing windows. Mike will coordinate the use of the lift with them also. Mike is still looking at having the approved concrete work outside the east sanctuary doors done yet this fall. Dunlap Snow Removal submitted a new contract for 2022-2023 snow season. Prices are up due to his cost for salt and fuel. Pat made a motion to accept his contract pricing. 2nd by Nancy. Motion passed.

Stewardship and Finance – Jim Bertsch - LWR personal care kits have been completed. 112 kits were assembled. They will be taken to Pemberville on October 8. There were 2 ideas submitted for the Endowment Fund Proceed this year. They will be reviewed at the next Stewardship and Finance meeting. There currently isn't a great amount in the Endowment Fund Proceeds this year. The budget for 2023 needs to be worked on.

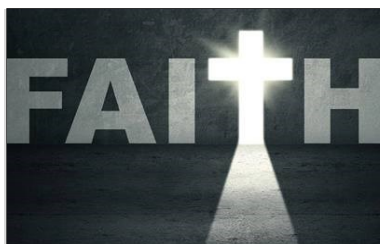
Witness and Welcome – Millie McCready – She has been making calls and sending cards out.

Worship and Music – Reformation Sunday (October 30) Bishop Daniel will be here. There will be two services as normal with communion being given. There will be no Thanksgiving Eve service this year. It will be included in the November 20 service. December 7 at 7:00 pm will be the only Advent service. Christmas Eve will have only one service at 7:00 pm with communion. Christmas day will be a carol service with one service at 9:30 am. New Year's Day will also only have one service at 9:30 am. December 11 will be the children's Christmas program during worship service. Nancy made a motion that all the Sunday's in December be one service at 9:00 am with communion on December 4 and 18. 2nd by Jim. After discussion a second motion by Nancy was made to move the services to 9:30 am. 2nd by Jim. Motion passed. There were 64 in attendance for service on GWOH's Sunday. We received 8 to 10 sets of items of people's secular talents that were given to Care and Share.

Old Business –Carol still working on the Financial Audit Guidelines. Our emergency procedures were discussed and deemed at current to be sufficient.

New Business – A membership review committee was setup with Millie, Jim, Pat, and hopefully Sally Warner. Carol will get them the reports they need to work on this. Cindy Norman submitted a fellowship hall rental for April 20, 2023. Nancy made a motion to accept this request. 2nd by Candy. Motion passed. Carol stated that there isn't much use of the recycle bin in the church office anymore. Jim made a motion that we discontinue this service. 2nd by Nancy. Motion passed. Carol will get this cancelled.





FAITH Member Ministry

Friends and Family **A**biding in Christ **I**n **T**heir
Homes/Hospitals/Healthcare Centers

“You never know when a moment and a few sincere words can have an impact on a life forever.” – Zig Ziglar

FAITH Members (as of 5/15/2022)

At the Commons of Providence Assisted Living Building, 5000 Providence Drive, Sandusky

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| Ruth Sieb | Apt #107 | Birthday - Sept. 19 |
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At the Commons of Providence Memory Care Unit, 4901 Providence Drive, Sandusky

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| Ruby Stierhoff | Rm #114 | Birthday - July 26 |
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At the Willows of Bellevue, 101 Auxiliary Drive, Bellevue, Ohio 44811

At Providence Care Center, 2025 Hayes Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio 44870

At Heritage Village, 700 Helen Street, Clyde, Ohio 43410

At The Meadows of Osborn Park, 3916 Perkins Avenue, Huron, Ohio 44839

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| Shirley Miller | | Birthday - April 3 |
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Danbury Senior Living, 33770 Bagley Rd., North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039

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| Viola Liptok | Rm #230 | 419-684-5840 | Birthday - Dec. 9 |
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Parkvue Community, 3800 Boardwalk Blvd, Sandusky OH 44870

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| Ray Remy | Apt. 112 | Birthday - Feb 9 |
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In their homes:

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| Brian & Mary Ann Hickman | 51 N. Harbors End, Port Clinton | 419-732-7398 | B: May 25 MA: July 10 |
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| Dan Miller | 5708 Bogart Road, Castalia | 419-684-5274 | Birthday: May 24 |
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| Bernie Neidler | 1305 Ogontz St, Sandusky | 419-625-4839 | B: Nov. 16 MA: Dec. 30 |
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| Pat Nielsen | 1502 Martins Point Road, Sandusky | 419-684-5627 | June 6 |
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| Judy Welser | 5619 Debra Drive, Castalia | 419-684-7232 | Feb. 11 |
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| Paul Wiedenheft | 4216 Homegardner Rd., Sandusky OH | 44870 | Oct. 11 |
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Should you like to join our team in making home visits, where we offer conversation, prayers and communion, please contact Patty Swartz at 419-626-4970.





**Crossroads Homeless Shelter
Meal
for October 19, 2022**

**Chicken/Noodles
Fruit Salad
Baked Corn
Rolls
Cookies**

Jim is still cooking monthly meals for Crossroads. If you would like to support this ministry please send your donation to the church and mark it Homeless Meal.



**TODAY'S CHRISTIAN MUSIC
IN A SPIRIT-FILLED
ATMOSPHERE!
COME, WORSHIP, AND SING!**

OCTOBER 9

**BETWEEN SERVICES,
9:30-10:00 AM,
IN THE SANCTUARY.**

Come said the leaves to the
wind one day,
Come o'er the meadows and
we will play.

Put on your dresses

Scarlet and Gold

For summer is gone and
the days grow cold.

George Eliot

OCTOBER MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Todd Stierhoff
Hemi Palmison
- 2 Betty Miller
Audrey House
- 4 Rosemarie Canter
Joyce Patterson
- 5 Nancy Sessler
Athena Haynes
Brock Parker
- 7 Declan Craft
- 8 Casey Miller
- 9 Trent Hershey
- 10 Chris Nielsen
Sally Hershey
- 11 Paul Wiedenheft
Ron Werner
Emma Killingsworth
- 13 Kathy Parker
Elisa Kurth
- 14 William Hirt
- 16 Joshua David Canter
Halle Miller



- 17 Denise Casanova
Emily Strauss
- 18 Bret Hirt
- 19 Gayle Thompson
- 21 Michelle Orshoski
- 22 Charlie Bango
A.J. Oeder
Cameron Swartz
- 23 Amy Baum
Glen Bango
- 24 Bradley Pooch
- 27 Susan Corbin
- 30 Jean Schrenk

ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Robert & Sally Hershey - 14th
- 7 Glen & Patti Bango - 27th
- 9 Matthew & Dana Savage - 18th
- 10 Ken & Carrie Killingsworth - 12th
Robert & Melissa Wiedenheft - 7th
Allen & Hollynn Hipp - 7th
- 21 Jeffrey & Chris Nielsen - 33rd
- 23 Jeff & Shelly Robbins - 40th
- 26 Robert & Carol Dahs - 34th



Larry & Linda Velliquette,
Robert & Alice Bertsch, Dennis &
Barb Sessler, Jim Bertsch, Larry
& Pat Wiedenheft, Susanne
Lemert, Carrie Lemert, Betty
Roeser, Cindy Griffin, Dave &
Sally Warner in memory of Gwen
Miller



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

Don & Alice Kuns in memory of Margaret Lieb

Gene & Adele Hoffman in memory of Dorothy Miller

Charles and Sandy Paseka in memory of Vince Donald

Fall is Here!

On behalf of the people of Trinity, our Congregation Council thanks:

- Cyclone Services for their trash removed services.
- To all who helped and donated food for Gwen Miller's funeral meal.
- To all who helped setup and worked at the Homecoming event on September 11.
- To all who donated items and helped with the God's Work Our Hands projects.
- To the council nominating committee for their work in getting together candidates for council.



OCTOBER 2022

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
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| 2 Seventeen Sunday of Pentecost Communion Services 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am | 3 Pr Ralph in the office AM | 4 | 5 Pr Ralph in office NA 7:00 pm | 6 | 7 | 1 NA 11:00 8 NA 11:00 |
| 9 Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost Worship Services 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am Jam Session 9:30 am | 10 Pr Ralph in the office AM | 11 | 12 Pr Ralph in office NA 7:00 pm | 13 | 14 | 15 NA 11:00 am |
| 16 Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost Communion Services 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am | 17 Pr Ralph in the office AM | 18 | 19 Pr Ralph in office Crossroads Meal 1 pm NA 7:00 pm | 20 Council Mtg 7:00 pm | 21 | 22 NA 11:00 am |
| 23 Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost Worship Services 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am Congregational Council Mtg 9:15 am | 24 Pr Ralph in the office AM | 25 | 26 Pr Ralph in office NA 7:00 pm | 27 | 28 | 29 NA 11:00 am |
| 30 Reformation Sunday Communion Services 8:00 & 10:30 am Trunk or Treats 9:15 am Bishop Daniel Beaudoin Preaching | 31 Pr Ralph in the office AM | | | | | |

Prayers, Readings and Psalm for the month of October

October 2 - Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 - *Wicked surround the righteous; wait for the LORD*

Psalm 37:1-9 - Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD. (Ps. 37:5)

2 Timothy 1:1-14 - *Guard the treasure entrusted to you: faith and love in Christ*

Luke 17:5-10 - *Faith the size of a mustard seed*

Prayer of the Day: Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

October 9 - Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c - *Naaman washes in the Jordan and is cleansed*

Psalm 111 - I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart. (Ps. 111:1)

2 Timothy 2:8-15 - *If we die with Christ, we will live with Christ*

Luke 17:11-19 - *One leper made clean by Jesus gives thanks to God*

Prayer of the Day: Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

October 16 - Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31 - *Jacob's struggle with the angel: I'll not let go until you bless me*

Psalm 121 - My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth. (Ps. 121:2)

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 - *In the presence of Christ the judge, proclaim the message*

Luke 18:1-8 - *The widow begs for justice; God grants justice to those who cry to him*

Prayer of the Day: O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

October 23 - Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 - *Jerusalem will be defeated*

Psalm 84:1-7 - Happy are the people whose strength is in you. (Ps. 84:5)

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 - *The good fight of faith*

Luke 18:9-14 - *A Pharisee and tax collector pray together*

Prayer of the Day: Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

October 30 - Reformation Sunday

Isaiah 1:10-18 - *Learn to do good, seek justice, and rescue the oppressed*

Psalm 32:1-7 - All the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble. (Ps. 32:6)

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 - *Faith and love amid persecution and adversity*

Luke 19:1-10 - *Zacchaeus climbs into a tree to see Jesus*

Prayer of the Day

Merciful God, gracious and benevolent, through your Son you invite all the world to a meal of mercy. Grant that we may eagerly follow his call, and bring us with all your saints into your life of justice and joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

