

Sunday, November 13, 2022

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who redeems us in Christ Jesus,
whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
and our neighbors.
We have ignored voices
that call for your justice.
We have neglected actions
that witness to your righteousness.
We have spoken and acted
in ways that disrupt your beloved community.
We truly repent of things we have done
and left undone.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Restore our troubled spirits,
so that we may live in newness,
follow the way of the Spirit,
and build up the body of Christ.
Amen.**

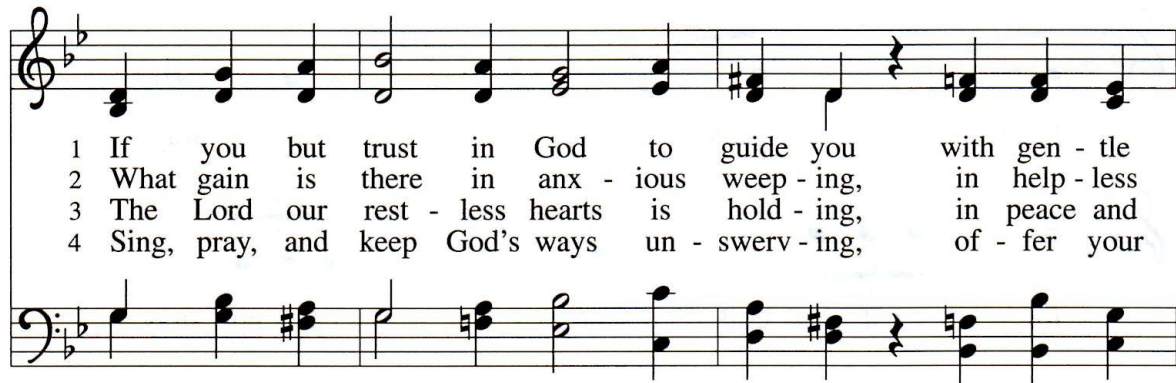
Rejoice and be glad!
God hears the prayers of all who cry out,
and restores us to life through the death
and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the ☩ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: If You But Trust in God to Guide You

No. 769

769

If You But Trust in God to Guide You



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
 2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
 3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
 qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
 keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
 fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
 serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
 cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
 con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Litany

God of creation, we thank you for turning the earth toward the Sun.

We thank you for the summer, the time of growth and flourishing life.

As the days and the light are long, so is your love, O God:

Endless, fruitful, full of possibility, bursting with energy.

As growing things are awake and progressing, so may we become awake to your
light and to your love:

**Making progress, seizing opportunities to grow, getting ready for the
harvest.**

As our place on the earth faces the sun,

**Turn us toward your Son following the way of Christ, maturing in faith,
spreading seeds**

of Good News to all.

Fill us with light and life and love.

Fill us with Christ. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing
is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we
may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a

¹See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all
evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD
of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a}But for you who
revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

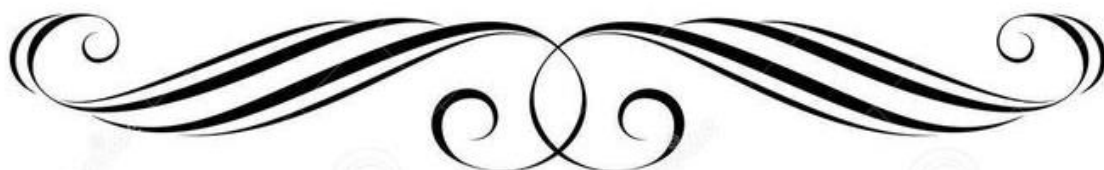
⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge
the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

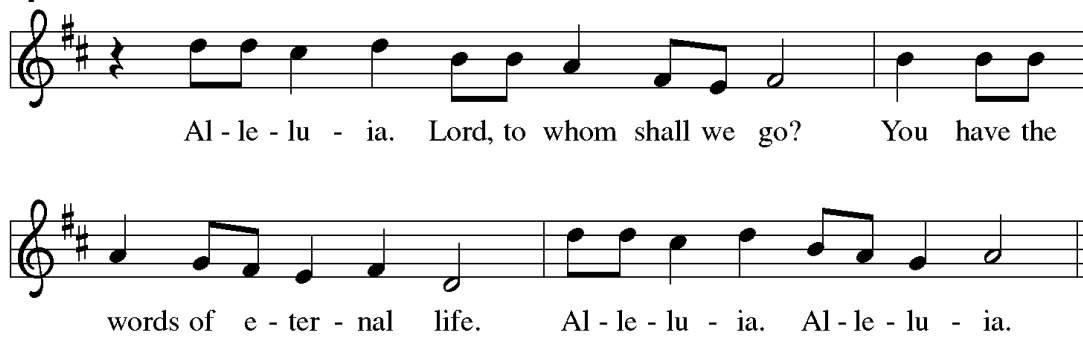
Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

The holy gospel according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Message

Sermon

HOPE, ASSURANCE

God Alone Be Praised

1023



1 O - ceans rise, the coast-land trem-bles; moun-tains melt and dry earth
 2 Na - tions rage, the em - pire fal - ters; seek-ing ref - uge, ex - iles
 3 Come and see; God's mer - cy gath - ers all that sin and grief have



crum-bles. All the world with long - ing groans. Love a -
 wan - der. Walls and weap - ons rise from fear. Through this
 shat - tered. Life from fields of death is raised. Peace, be



bides, this gra - cious prom - ise is our help, our hope and
 wil - der - ness a riv - er flows to heal and bless us
 still; let pride - ful thun - der yield to songs of joy and



so - lace. God's strong word is sol - id ground.
 ev - er. God the cru - ci - fied dwells here.
 won - der. God and God a - lone be praised.

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 Intercession

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

Reviving God, keep your church active in its mission and ministry. Encourage bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders to risk boldly in their proclamation and fill them with wisdom and endurance for challenging times. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Renewing God, as the northern hemisphere prepares for winter, make us mindful of the ordered beauty of your creation. Teach us to treasure cycles of rest and new life. Help us care for what you have made. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Loving God, accompany all who make sacrifices for the sake of others. Safeguard first responders and active duty military personnel. Grant peace to veterans and heal any wounds in body, mind, or spirit. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Healing God, your people cry out to you. Sustain doctors, nurses, and hospital personnel in their tireless work. Uphold mental health professionals and those in their care. May the sun of righteousness rise on all who are sick (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Uniting God, unite this assembly in its shared mission and ministry for the sake of the gospel (*specific ministries or initiatives may be named*). Highlight ways we can better work together and give us patience to work through disagreement. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Consoling God, abide with all who grieve for loved ones who have died (*especially*). Comfort us with the promise of resurrection and new life with you. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

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.**

Blessing

The God of peace,
who creates all things and calls them good,
who makes us alive in Jesus,
and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope,
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Closing Hymn: How Firm a Foundation

No. 796



796

How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Dismissal

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

Thanks be to God.

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AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00...

Interim Pastor:	Pastor Cathy Schibler
Lector:	Joyce Patterson
Acolyte:	Tyler Wiedenheft
Usher:	Justin Stierhoff

At 10:30...

Interim Pastor:	Pastor Cathy Schibler
Lector:	Gayle Thompson
Acolyte:	Eli Conner
Usher:	Sonny Schonhardt

November Altar Care: Betty Miller, Janis Miller, Cathy Wobser

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God in celebration of Larry and Pat Wiedenheft's 48th wedding anniversary on November 16 from their family.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family and friends in the passing of Viola Liptok on Wednesday;
For all directly or indirectly effected by Hurricane Ian, Wildfires, Mass Shootings
happening nationwide and Ukraine Crisis;
FAITH members, including; Judy Welser;
the Roman Catholic Parishes of Sandusky;
the work of Joey and Mary Supina and the Sandusky Artisans Recovery
Community Center.

ATTENDANCE

November 6 = 46 + 34 = 80

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

This Week at Trinity

TODAY	Worship Services	8:00 am & 10:30 am
	Sunday School	9:15 am
	Jam Session	9:30 am
MONDAY	Dartball	7:30 pm
	Norwalk @ V1 V2 @ Faith Memorial	
WEDNESDAY	Crossroads Meal	1:00 pm
	“We All Belong” (Narcotics Anon.)	7:00 pm
THURSDAY	Council Meeting	7:00 pm
SATURDAY	“We All Belong” (Narcotics Anon.)	11:00 am
SUNDAY	Communion/Thanksgiving Service	8:00 am & 10:30 am
	Sunday School	9:15 am
	Senior Thanksgiving Dinner	11:45 am

OUR ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be on Sunday, December 11 during the 9:30 am worship service.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP FOR THE SENIOR MEMBER THANKSGIVING LUNCH being held on November 20th at 11:45 am. This lunch is for all members 55 and older and will be held in our fellowship hall. To help with our meal planning, we ask that you sign up on the bulletin board in the educational wing.

A HOLIDAY BRUNCH will be held on December 4 after the 9:30 am worship service hosted by the Congregational Life Committee. This is a free meal so come enjoy some social time. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the educational wing.

THANK YOU to all who took an ornament off the Project Share tree. Please return them unwrapped with the ornament attached to the basket outside the pastor's office in the hallway by November 20.

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 Sundays in December one service only. **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.

SERVING OUR SENIORS is looking to find one volunteer to drive ONE senior to ONE doctor's appointment, ONE time a month. At any time, you or a family member might need this service and we'd like to keep this program running. Are you the ONE? Please call Serving Our Seniors at 419-624-1856.

Cards for Pastor Ralph can be sent to:

Ralph Schibler
4864 E Schoolhouse Rd
Port Clinton OH 43452-3120

TOWNSEND RURITAN is sponsoring a pancake, sausage, biscuits, and gravy brunch on, Today, November 13 from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm, at the Vickery Fire Station. Adults \$8; children under 12, \$4.



POINSETTIAS FOR OUR CHURCH ON CHRISTMAS EVE



Use this order form, attach payment, and place in the offering plate or send to the church office. **Make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church.** All orders must be received in the office **NO LATER THAN MONDAY, DECEMBER 12 at NOON!**

Plants may be taken home following worship service on Christmas Eve.

INDICATE NUMBER AND COLOR OF PLANTS ORDERED
(all are 6" pots)



Check # _____ or Cash

RED	WHITE	PINK	OFFICE CHOICE	TOTAL NO.OF PLANTS	Amount at \$11.00 each

Name: _____

DEDICATION for CHRISTMAS EVE BULLETIN:



I will
praise
the name
of *God*
with a song, and will
magnify Him
with
Thanksgiving.

Psalm 69:30, NKJV