



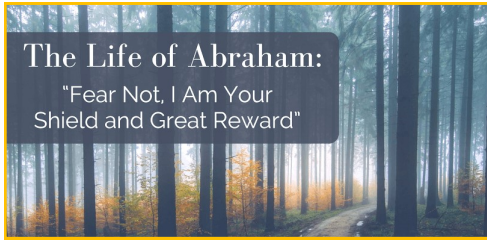
# Trinity Lutheran Church

The Sunday News

September 13, 2020

## Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

**Today in  
Worship:**  
God's Promise  
To Abraham



### Welcome to the Lord's Table:

During this unprecedented time, the elements you provide at home are blessed during Trinity's recording of worship and can be received during the appropriate time while watching the service.

For those without access to view the recorded service, our suggestion is to repeat the words of institution, Lord's prayer, and receive the elements at that time.

There are no barriers to receiving, experiencing, or being reminded of God's grace.

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** - *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*  
arr. Mary McDonald

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit, **C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(silence for reflection and self-examination)*

**P:** Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**P:** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

**HYMN** - *Great is Thy Faithfulness*, WOV #771

#### GREETING

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

**C: And also with you.**

#### KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen**

### Join us Sunday mornings:

A complete worship experience, with Holy Communion, can be viewed anytime after 6:00AM on *Trinity's APP*, our *Website*, *YouTube Channel*, or *Facebook Page*.

Follow Pastor's lead on our Facebook thread and "*Share the Peace*" by tagging someone.

**Neighborhood Outdoor Worship - September 20 th** - Two services offered, 9:00AM and 11:00AM with reservations. See the guidelines and sign up by going to [www.tinyurl.com/TLCNOW2020](http://www.tinyurl.com/TLCNOW2020).

**NOTE:** September 27th & October 4th - One service at 11:00 AM due to cooler temperatures, additional dates also added. See sign-up link above.



**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** God of the covenant, As you promised Abraham descendants as numerous as the stars, you have also promised us that we might live under those stars as your people, faithful and loved. Show us how to live as your people, and how to nurture all your children with whom we share the same canopy of sky night after night. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord,

**C: Amen.**

**READING:** Genesis 15:1-6

After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward." But Abram said, "Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir." Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir." He took him outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks Be To God**

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

**GOSPEL:** Luke 3:8

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 11th chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord**

Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.

P: The Gospel of the Lord **C: Praise to You, O Christ**

#### SERMON

**Musical Selection** - *As Long As God Provides*, M. Martine

P: People of God, what does the Lord ask of us?

**C: But to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God.**

#### APOSTLES' CREED

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

P: Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

## PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us, from our seats, share a sign of God's peace.

*(Join us at Trinity's Facebook page for a virtual passing of the peace)*

## OFFERTORY MUSIC - *His Eye Is On The Sparrow*,

arr. Paul Mickelson

Nichole Whitman, flute; Joy Ide, piano

*Offering may be mailed to Trinity or submitted on-line by using our APP or going to our website; contact Jackie Rinehart if assistance is needed)*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray, God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our savior and lord. **C: Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## Communion Prayer

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all. 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, given 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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: 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; and 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 ever. Amen.**

**COMMUNION** *(see explanation on previous page, first box)*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray, We give you thanks, almighty God, that you refresh us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy strengthen us through this gift, in faith towards you and in fervent love towards one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor +, and give you peace. **C: Amen.**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN - Be Thou My Vision**, WOV #776

**POSTLUDE - O for A Thousand Tongues to Sing**

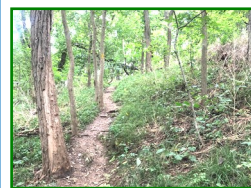
arr. Jason Payne

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:



**"What I Wish I Had Learned In Confirmation"**, an 8-week Topical Zoom Course for adults began this past Monday. Contact Pastor Mike if interested.

**Thursday Morning Women's Book Study** began September 17th at 9:30 AM via ZOOM studying Lisa Harper's, "The Gospel of Mark". Contact Linda Spiridigliozzi if interested.



**Sign-Up for Outdoor Youth Gatherings on Trinity's APP:**

**Sunday Morning 10 AM-**

Jr. High meet on September 20th and Sr. High on September 27th

**Sunday Afternoon 3 PM Hike -**

Tweens (4th&5th grade) September 20th at Kline's Run Park; Jr. High September 27th at Samuel Lewis State Park

**October 11th at 11:00 AM - Worship in the Park;** Little Chiques Park, 229 Park Avenue, Mount Joy. Reservations are NOT needed and communion elements WILL BE PROVIDED. Bring your chairs/blankets and hand sanitizer. Simple requirements: observe social distancing and wear proper mask covering.



**Wednesday Zoom Bible Study with Pastor Foltz** begins October 14th at 10:00 AM. Interested? Email - [faithfoltz@gmail.com](mailto:faithfoltz@gmail.com)

## Outreach & Missions:



**Help is still needed to pack Crisis Boxes** with the Central PA Food Bank on **Saturday, September 19th 9:00 AM - 12 Noon**. Volunteers must be age 18+. See additional information at sign-up on Trinity's APP, FB page or website. Contact Elayne Olson with questions.

**"Thank You" Trinity for helping to assemble "73" Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief!** Your support of \$128 to help with the shipment of the kits is also greatly appreciated.



The **Mount Joy Food Bank** has a need for the following items: 29 oz. cans of fruit, canned carrots & mixed vegetables, canned potatoes and vegetable beef soup. Donations can be dropped off Wednesday and Fridays 9am-11am at the corner of Mount Joy Street and Concord Street. [www.mountjoyhelpingservices.com](http://www.mountjoyhelpingservices.com)

**Donegal Power Packs Project** will begin its 6th year of distribution to Donegal School students **beginning October 1st**. There is an option of family pick-up due to students learning virtually this year. Volunteers are needed for both administration work and distribution. Watch for details coming or contact Elayne Olson directly.



Support the Lancaster County **CROP WALK on Sunday, October 18th**. Grab your family or friends and plan your own walk, run or bike ride as no large groups will gather this year. In support of our local food bank, we will hold a food drive on this Sunday at worship. Bring along a non-perishable food item for donation. More information to follow or go to [www.crophungerwalk.org/lancasterpa/](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/lancasterpa/) Contact Elayne Olson with questions.

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