

October 3, 2020 ~ 5:00 p.m.
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Love Joy Faithfulness
Goodness Peace Self Control
Gentleness Patience Kindness



*"The kingdom of God will
be ... given to a people that
produces the fruits of the kingdom."*

Matthew 21:43, NRSV

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

***Our Mission:**
To Make More and Better Disciples of Jesus Christ.*



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Worship Services

Saturday at 5:00pm (in the church)

Sunday at 9:30am (in the church)

On-line at "www.trinitywestseneca.com"

Welcome Visitors and Guests! Thank you for coming to worship God with us today! We believe that the Spirit of God had a hand in your coming. We trust that God's Word and this special time in worship will be a continuing blessing to you. Come again!

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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AS WE GATHER

The product that did not pass inspection. The player who did not make the team. The job candidate that did not get hired. Perhaps you can relate to the rejection that was experienced in each one of these scenarios. When we experience rejection or disappointment, know that One suffered even greater rejection on your behalf. Today's Gospel lesson refers to Jesus saying, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone" (*Psalm 118:22, Matthew 21:42*). Take heart in knowing that Jesus' rejection and crucifixion means your inclusion in His kingdom—that kingdom built on the foundation that is Jesus Christ.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PIANO PRELUDE *"God Will Make A Way"* *Don Moen*

WELCOME

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 118:22–23*

Pastor: The stone that the builders rejected

People: **has become the cornerstone.**

Pastor: This is the LORD's doing;

People: **it is marvelous in our eyes.**

HYMN

"God Love the World So That He Gave"

(v 1, 2, 4, 5)

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God loved the world so that he gave
His only son the lost to save
That all who would in him believe
Should everlasting life receive.

Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All who confide in Christ alone
Are built on this chief cornerstone.

Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
Forgives all sins which you have done;
You're justified by Jesus' blood;
Baptized, you have the highest good.

Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

People: O Lord, our God, we confess that while Jesus is our cornerstone, the rock upon which our lives and faith are built, we have still put other things before Him. We have not feared, loved, and trusted in You above all things. Sometimes we speak and act as if we have rejected Jesus as the cornerstone. We humbly ask that for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, so that we may have joy in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: "Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!"
(*Psalm 80:7*)

Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord God, You call us to work in Your vineyard. Supply us with diligence for tasks in Your kingdom, always rejoicing with those to whom Your Spirit has come; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Isaiah 5:1-7*

I will sing for the one I love
a song about his vineyard:
My loved one had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.

² He dug it up and cleared it of stones
and planted it with the choicest vines.
He built a watchtower in it
and cut out a winepress as well.
Then he looked for a crop of good grapes,
but it yielded only bad fruit.

³ “Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.

⁴ What more could have been done for my vineyard
than I have done for it?
When I looked for good grapes,
why did it yield only bad?

⁵ Now I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge,
and it will be destroyed;
I will break down its wall,
and it will be trampled.

⁶ I will make it a wasteland,
neither pruned nor cultivated,
and briars and thorns will grow there.
I will command the clouds
not to rain on it.”

⁷ The vineyard of the LORD Almighty
is the nation of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are the vines he delighted in.
And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed;
for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL *Psalm 91:11; 103:1*

All: *He will command His angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless His holy name!*

EPISTLE: *Philippians 3:4b–14*

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 21:33–46*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

³³ “Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. ³⁴ When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

³⁵ “The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶ Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. ³⁷ Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said.

³⁸ “But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

⁴⁰ “Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”

⁴¹ “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

⁴³ “Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. ⁴⁴ Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ parables, they knew he was talking about them. ⁴⁶ They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY *"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

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God of grace and God of glory,
On your people pour your pow'r;
Crown your ancient church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us
Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of your salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving you whom we adore,
Serving you whom we adore.

SERMON: "Grace or Wrath," Matthew 21:33-46

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✕ everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Jesus Christ and for all people according to their needs.

Pastor: For the whole Christian community around the world that, as people united in faith, we witness to the good news that is ours in Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all nations of the earth, that there be times of peace; for our own nation, communities and neighborhoods, that we would seek that which is good and God-pleasing; let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For faithfulness to carry out our callings with energy and joy, living each day with hope and confidence as we await the time of the great and glorious final harvest, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: (Special petitions) Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CLOSING SENTENCES *Psalm 31:1, 3, 14–15a, 23a–24*

Pastor: In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in Your righteousness deliver me!

People: For You are my rock and my fortress; and for Your name's sake You lead me and guide me;

Pastor: But I trust in You, O LORD; I say, "You are my God." My times are in Your hand.

People: Love the LORD, all you His saints! The LORD preserves the faithful. Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD!

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown.

Pastor: Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN

"Christ is Our Cornerstone"

(v 1, 2, 4)

[John Chandler / John Darwall. Public Domain]

Christ is our cornerstone,
On Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone
The courts of heav'n are filled.
On His great love
Our hopes we place
Of present grace
And joys above.

Oh, then, with hymns of praise
These hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise
The Three in One to sing
And thus proclaim
In joyful song,
Both loud and long,
That glorious name.

Here may we gain from heav'n
The grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once giv'n,
Be with us evermore
Until that day
When all the blest
To endless rest
Are called away.



Serving Us

Pastor ... Rev. Dennis Krueger

Organist ... Katherine Herman

Piano ... Jean Newton

Singers ... Linda Meissner, Marie Thompson

Altar ... Kathy Stephan

Deacon ... Jerry Meissner

Financials ... Dave & Jane Sirgey, Duane & Sarah Gabel



Sunday, October 4, 2020
Following the 9:30am service

All confirmed members of Trinity are encourage to attend and vote. On the agenda will be the 2020-2021 Church/School Budget, committee reports, and proposed Property & Grounds projects. Copies of the agenda and budget are available in the church narthex for your review prior to the meeting.



Chiavetta's Chicken Barbecue

Saturday, October 17, 2020

11:00am - 4:00pm (OR until sold out)

At Trinity

Drive -Thru ONLY

Tickets: \$10 pre-sale* / \$12 at the door

***Pre-sale dinners guaranteed until 3pm**

**Dinner includes: 1/2 chicken, potato salad,
coleslaw, dessert**

**Tickets can be purchased from any 7th or 8th
grade student in the narthex after church or
from the school office (674-5353).**