

Trinity Lutheran Church

Monroeville, Ohio

September 20, 2020

16th Sunday after Pentecost



God's generosity to his people is beyond our human understanding. We often count and keep score of what is given to us and compare it to what others have received. This is not the way God works. God gives to each according to their need, and it is given out of love and mercy. It is not for us to compare or to cry "Unfair!" because God's ways are beyond our limited human understanding.

Announcements & Prelude

Please observe silence during the prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In joy and thanksgiving we begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Let us take time to reflect on our deep need for God's forgiveness and mercy in our lives. (Psalm 32:1)

(Silence for self-reflection and examination)

P: Eternal Father,

C: We come before you recognizing that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have failed to follow your commandments and have done what we know is contrary to your holy will. Forgive us, and grant us the joy of your saving presence again. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: In the name of God the Father, the Son, + and the Holy Spirit your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad! For the Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn *My Faith Looks Up To Thee* **ELW 759**

1 | My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day be wholly thine!

2 | May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me, oh may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

Greeting

P: May the grace of God our heavenly Father who laid the foundations of the world, the love of the Son who is seated at the right hand of God in majesty, and the peace of the promised Holy Spirit, be with you all. (Hebrews 1:3 & 10 ESV)

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. . .

C: Steadfast God, you are slow to anger, and your mercy endures forever. We stand in your presence as beggars, completely undeserving of your mercy and grace. Awaken in us such a sense of gratitude that our own lives may reflect your overflowing generosity; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Isaiah 55:6-9

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Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27:1-12

(Please read responsively by half-verse.)

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold^[a] of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—

my adversaries and foes—they shall stumble and fall.

3 Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

4 One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

5 For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

- 6 Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and
I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.
- 7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!
- 8 “Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”
Your face, Lord, do I seek.
- 9 Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away
in anger, you who have been my help.
**Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my
salvation!**
10. If my father and mother forsake me,
the Lord will take me up.
- 11 Teach me your way, O Lord,
and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.
- 12 Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
**for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are
breathing out violence.**

Gospel Acclamation *Open Our Eyes Lord* (CCLI#1572)

*Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him,
and say that we love him.*

Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 20:1-16

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P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew in the twentieth
chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Blest Are They

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1 Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.

Refrain: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!

Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the Kingdom of God!

4 Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.

Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs.

Refrain: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!

Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the Kingdom of God!

Apostles' Creed

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 People (*Please respond, "bear our prayer."*)

Offering & Offering Prayer

P: Lord God, we give you thanks for the wondrous gifts you have so freely given us. You are the source of our lives, our work, and our possessions. In an act of worship we offer back to you what you have first given to us, that our sacrifices in some small way, might express our devotion to you and be used to spread the Gospel message in the world. In the name of Jesus, our Master and Lord.

C: Amen.

The Meal

The Great Thanksgiving

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Holy, Holy, Holy

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The Lord's Prayer

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Lamb of God

(All who are baptized and believe that Jesus is the Lord of their life are invited to come to the Lord's Supper. He is the host of this meal and he desires that all who believe would come and eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins. We believe in the real presence of Christ's body and blood, in/with and under the bread and wine.)



Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer

P: Gracious God, you have gifted us with the bread and wine of this holy meal; fed us with the body and blood of your Son our Lord; forgiven us and granted us new life in Christ. Make us bold to go out in the world, serving in your name as you lead us unto paths unknown.

C: Amen.

Blessing & Dismissal

P: As you go from worship in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, hear the counsel of the Apostle Paul: “If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.” (Philippians 2:1-4)

C: Amen.

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

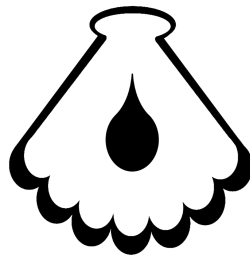
C: Thanks be to God!

Sending Hymn *Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing* **ELW545**

1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. Oh, refresh us, oh, refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.

2. Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound; May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound. Ever faithful, ever faithful, to your truth may we be found.

Postlude



Prayer List: Tom Wingate, Jane David, Jeff Doss, Bonnie (Annie Hopkins' mother), Tom Sutter, Barb, Gary (Velda Haley's son in law), Christine Hunt, Kailey Fowler, Joanne Martin (Tonia's aunt), the family of Caleb Stockmaster, for peace in our country and in the world, and all who have suffered at the hands of violence or prejudice.

Prepare for Next Week's Worship:

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32, Psalm 25:1-10, Matthew 21:23--32

How do we learn God's ways? The word of God teaches us and the holy spirit also teaches us the ways of God. Our ways are naturally unjust and sinful. God wants us to empty ourselves of our own wants and desires so that we can learn to follow the righteous path that Jesus showed us. Can we learn to be obedient to his will?

Worship Leaders:

Musicians: Julie Roeder, Andrew Morfier

Lectors: Paula Underwood (8am), Rob Ludwig (9:30am)

Ushers: Linda Myers (8am), Kluding family (9:30am)

Altar Worker for September: Charlene Henney, Darlene White

Please remember your gifts. The ministry of TLC continues through the pandemic and our work depends upon our gifts.

Offering last week: \$1161. Needed for budget each week: \$2267.

Amount ahead for 2020: \$5323! Thank you!

This week at TLC:

Today Christian Ed retreat to plan for this year. Please join us at 11 today. Bring something and we will share over lunch.

Catechism class is cancelled and will begin next month.

Happy Birthday:

Brad Adelman - Sept 20

Juanita Wingate - Sept 21

Henry Hales - Sept 21

Cara Kinn - Sept 25