

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Go
and work
in the
vineyard
today

MATTHEW 21:28

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, October 1, 2017

Service of Holy Eucharist—Setting 4

To all who join in worship, we are grateful that you are here today!

- We invite all believers in Christ to receive the Sacrament with us. White grape juice is available. Gluten-free wafers are also available. If you would like us to bring the bread and wine to you, please notify one of the ushers.
- Nursery attendants are available during worship just off the South Lobby area for children ages 5 years and younger. If you arrive and no one is in the nursery, please notify one of the ushers to get the attendant. A changing table is available in the nursery.
- Pew Pads are located at the end of each pew. Please sign in and pass them down to the end of the row so we can note that you attended worship with us today. If you or someone you know would like a visit from one of our staff, please inform the Pastor.
- Prayer request cards are in the pew racks. Please hand to an usher during the hymn following the sermon.

WELCOME... We pray this worship time is enriching for your spiritual life.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost:

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God, such as prostitutes and tax collectors going before others into God's kingdom. In the reading from Ezekiel the people question whether the ways of the Lord are unfair; instead they are to repent and turn to the Lord. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, looking to the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✚ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* (ELW 712)

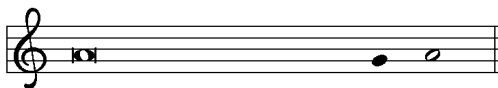
GREETING

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.



KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



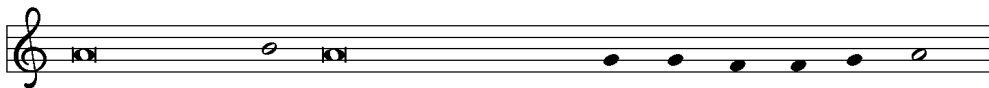
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

PRESENTATION OF STUDY BIBLES TO OUR CONFIRMANDS

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot turn from their wicked ways. God insistently invites people to turn and live.

A reading from Ezekiel.

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? ³As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-9

The psalm for the day is sung responsively.

¹To | you, O LORD,
I lift | up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

³Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your | ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- | ness,

O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**

⁹You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

A reading from Philippians.

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus

¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23, 28-32

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²³When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?”

28. “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ 29 He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. 30 The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

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

SERMON

The assembly is seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word* (ELW 517)

APOSTLES' CREED

The assembly stands.

**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 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

Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the mission of the gospel. Unite your church in its proclamation and witness. Let the same mind be in us that is in Christ Jesus. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creator God, you provide daily for our nourishment. Bless fields and orchards, oceans and lakes, birds and animals, insects and fish. Sustain those who harvest your life-sustaining bounty. Help us share the gifts you have freely given. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of the nations, give all your people the mind of Christ. Guide national and international leaders to advocate for policies that look to the interests of the most vulnerable. Humble us when we question your mercy toward those who are different from us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Self-emptying God, stir up compassion for those in need. Send your Spirit to those who are in crisis, troubled, weary, or discouraged. We pray especially for Eleanore, Rachel, and Erik.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for our congregation and community. Guide our deliberations over difficult decisions. Strengthen our commitment to our ministries. Grant us vision and courage for the living of these days. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Gracious God, we give thanks for the saints whose tongues confessed Jesus Christ as Lord. We remember the brother of Dottie Bock and we remember Matthew Flynn, part of the Conyers family. We ask that you give comfort to their families as they mourn the death and celebrate the life of their loved ones. Keep us confident in your promises until we join them in endless praise. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit.

Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brief announcements will be made by the pastor and thanks given for what our offerings provide towards the church's mission.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* (ELW 184)

The assembly stands.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

The assembly is seated.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

Reflective music provided for Communion contemplation.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The assembly stands to receive the blessing.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

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.
In the name of the Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *The Lord Now Sends Us Forth* (ELW 538)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Trinity Happenings

Sunday, October 1	9:00 am	Worship
	10:15 am	Coffee and Fellowship
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	3:00 pm	Blessing of the Animals @ Ivinson Mansion
Wednesday, October 4	10:00 am	Women’s Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir
	7:00 pm	Confirmation – Flood
Sunday, October 8	9:00 am	Worship
	10:15 am	Coffee and Fellowship
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	6:15 pm	Youth Group
Tuesday, October 10	7:00 pm	Church Council
Wednesday, October 11	10:00 am	Women’s Bible Study

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Mark Bock (10/1); Dottie Bock (10/3); Ray Bredehoft (10/3); Nolan Kunkel (10/3); Jason Sherwood (10/3); Richard McCormick (10/4); Dorly Piske (10/4).

THOSE NEEDING OUR PRAYERS: Please keep the following members in your prayers this week: Ed Dolan, Joan Dana, Bob Thymian, Jane Kidwell, Addie Hopper, Marilyn Moen, Daniel Travsky, Dick Babcock, and JoAnn Merrill. If you know of someone that could use a visit from Pastor Nate, just let him know, or if there is someone you would like added to the Trinity Prayer Chain, please inform Jennie Lawrence by email at missjennae@yahoo.com.

TRUMPET DEADLINE: Please submit any items for the weekly Trinity Trumpet *in writing* by 9 am on Wednesday. The Trumpet is emailed at noon each Wednesday.

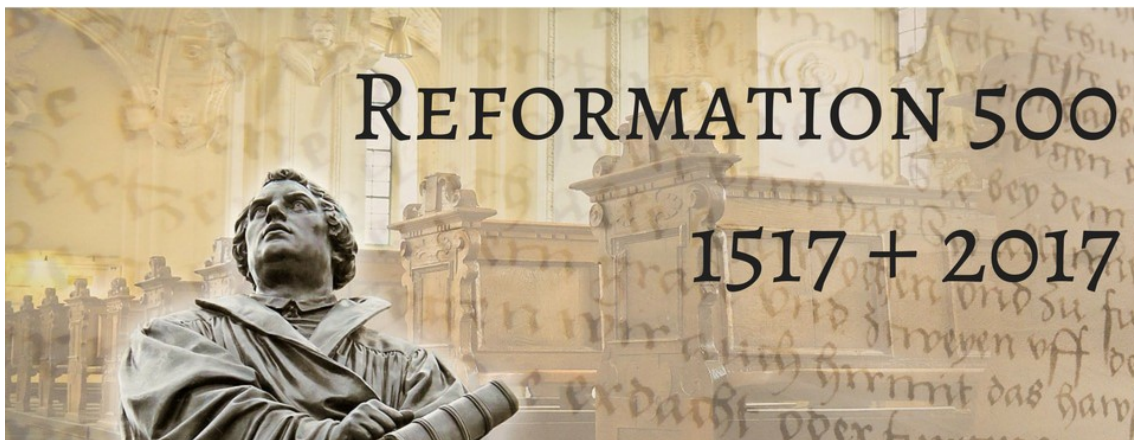
COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP: We are in need of some treats to go along with the great conversations and coffee following church services. Please kindly consider this act of service to others. The sign up list is in the Gruver Room. Please provide 4 dozen treats. Thank you!

STUDY AND DISCUSSION OPPORTUNITY: St. Paul's United Church of Christ invites the Laramie Community to participate in 6 session study and discussion series entitled "White Privilege - Let's Talk, A Resource for Transformational Dialogue." Race relations and "Black Lives Matter" are important topics that deserve open and honest discussion. All sessions will be held about two weeks apart on Wednesday evenings beginning at 7:00 PM at St. Paul's UCC, 602 E. Garfield in Laramie. This study will use materials created by the Center For Progressive Renewal and the United Church of Christ. At each session, participants will receive handouts, a list of readings (about 30 min. of reading between sessions), and videos that they can access prior to the meetings. Each session will be primarily focused on discussion of participant's reactions to the readings and videos. The dates for the sessions are September 27, October 11, November 1, November 15, November 29, and December 13. Each session can be attended without attending any other sessions. Please email the church at stpucc@gmail.com for more information.

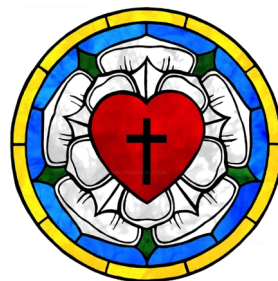
Readings for Next Sunday, October 8, 2017

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

***Find the weekly lectionary readings and more at www.textweek.com



At Trinity Lutheran we will be celebrating 500 years of Reformation over five weeks in October and November as together we preach, sing, reflect, and grow through the five Solas of the Reformation.



- October 22** *Sola Scriptura* “Scripture alone”
The Bible alone is our highest authority.
Martin Luther will be sharing his story with us.
- October 29** *Sola Gratia* “Grace alone”
We are saved by the grace of God alone.
A festival service of Holy Communion to mark the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation
- November 5** *Soli Deo Gloria* “To the glory of God alone”
We live for the glory of God alone.
A hymn festival, highlighting a number of Reformation-era hymns from Martin Luther and his contemporaries
- November 12** *Sola Fide* “Faith alone”
We are saved through faith alone in Jesus Christ.
Katie Luther will be sharing her story with us.
- November 15** *From Conflict to Communion*
Joint worship celebration at St. Paul’s Newman Center
- November 19** *Solus Christus* “Christ alone”
Jesus Christ alone is our Lord, Savior, and King.
“From Conflict to Communion”

Serving the Church

THIS WEEK—October 1, 2017

Lector: Martin Greller
Ushers: Debbe, Lindsay, and Lily Conyers
Greeters: Maia Anderson
Trey Sherwood
Nursery: Marygrace Buckner
Stewards: Kris Oolman
Edward Hiller
Altar Guild: Klaus and Jan Hanson
Coffee Fellowship:
Brett and Judy Moline
Flowers: **OPEN**

NEXT WEEK—October 8, 2017

Lector: **OPEN**
Ushers: Buckner Family
Greeters: Mike Smith
Janet Talbott
Nursery: Derk Lyford
Stewards: Kris Oolman
Edward Hiller
Altar Guild: Klaus and Jan Hanson
Coffee Fellowship:
Brenda Winter and Carl Noack
Flowers: Leroy and Karen Dockter

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