

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
**Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting 2**  
**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 3, 2004**

**+++ Welcome +++**

*With reconciling love and grace, Trinity Lutheran Church welcomes all people into this community of Christ. We celebrate the diversity of God's creation and our unity as God's children. In our ministry of reconciliation, we strive to transcend all human boundaries. People of any race, age, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, and ability are welcome. Join with us as we seek to understand God's love for us. We invite you to struggle with us to be faithful messengers of that love in the world.*

*Page numbers are in the front section of the Lutheran Book of Worship (green book). Hymns are referenced as LBW #, HS# (Hymnal Supplement 1991) or TFF # (This Far by Faith.)*

**+++ Gathering +++**

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| <i>(Please use the time during the Opening Voluntary to make the transition between "getting here" and "being there." Relax your body; quiet the inner dialogue of your mind; be open and receptive to God's Spirit in our midst.)</i> |
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Opening Voluntary

Announcements

\*Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P Recognizing our need for God's mercy, let us confess our sin, and seek reconciliation with God and each other.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P God of justice and compassion,

C **We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not always loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not always been faithful stewards of your creation. We have often failed to share the bounty of your harvest with the poor and needy. Forgive our sin, increase our faith, strengthen us in service, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen**

P Heaven rejoices when a sinner repents and a lost sheep is found. In the mercy of God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for Jesus sake, God forgives us all our sins.

C **Amen**

\*The Peace

\* Hymn LBW #253 Lord Jesus Christ, be Present Now HERR JESU CHRIST

Blessing of Children

\* Greeting

P The rich presence of God, the beginning and end of all that is good, is with you now and always.

C **And also with you.**

\* Kyrie Eleison p.78

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A 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.**

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

**C Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen.**

\*Hymn of Praise p. 79

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

**We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:**

**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

\*Salutation (sung) p.82

P The Lord is with you.

**C And also with you.**

\* Prayer of the Day

A Let us pray.

**C Our Lord Jesus, you have endured the doubts and foolish questions of every generation. Forgive us for trying to be judge over you, and grant us the confident faith to acknowledge you as Lord. Amen**

**+ + + Word + + +**

First Reading Habakkuk 1: 1-4; 2: 1-4

I am Habakkuk the prophet. And this is the message that the LORD gave me.

<sup>2</sup>Our Lord, how long must I beg for your help before you listen?

How long before you save us from all this violence?

<sup>3</sup>Why do you make me watch such terrible injustice?

Why do you allow violence, lawlessness, crime, and cruelty to spread everywhere?

<sup>4</sup>Laws cannot be enforced; justice is always the loser; criminals crowd out honest people and twist the laws around.

While standing guard on the watchtower, I waited for the Lord's answer, before explaining the reason for my complaint. <sup>2</sup> Then the Lord told me:

"I will give you my message in the form of a vision. Write it clearly enough to be read at a glance. <sup>3</sup>At the time I have decided, my words will come true. You can trust what I say about the future. It may take a long time, but keep on waiting-- it will happen! <sup>4</sup>I, the Lord, refuse to accept anyone who is proud. Only those who live by faith are acceptable to me."

Psalms 37: 1-10

**Refrain: Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord.**

Do not fret yourself because of | evildoers;

Do not be jealous of | those who do wrong.

**For they shall soon wither like the | grass,  
And like the | green grass fade away. Refrain.**

Put your trust in the Lord and do | good;

Dwell in the land and | feed on its riches.

**Take delight in the | Lord,  
Who shall give you | your heart's desire.**

Commit your way to the | Lord;

put your trust in the Lord, who will | bring it to pass.

**The Lord will make your righteousness as clear as the | light  
And your just dealing | as the noonday.**

Be still before the | Lord  
Wait | patiently for the Lord.

**Do not fret yourself over the one who | prospers,  
The one who | succeeds in evil schemes. Refrain.**

Refrain from anger, leave rage | alone;  
Do not fret yourself; it leads | only to evil.

**For evildoers shall be cut | off,  
But those who wait upon the Lord | shall possess the land. Refrain.**

Second Reading 2 Timothy 1: 1-14

<sup>1</sup>From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus. God himself chose me to be an apostle, and he gave me the promised life that Jesus Christ makes possible. <sup>2</sup>Timothy, you are like a dear child to me. I pray that God our Father and our Lord Christ Jesus will be kind and merciful to you and will bless you with peace!

<sup>3</sup>Night and day I mention you in my prayers. I am always grateful for you, as I pray to the God my ancestors and I have served with a clear conscience. <sup>4</sup>I remember how you cried, and I want to see you, because that will make me truly happy. <sup>5</sup>I also remember the genuine faith of your mother Eunice. Your grandmother Lois had the same sort of faith, and I am sure that you have it as well. <sup>6</sup>So I ask you to make full use of the gift that God gave you when I placed my hands on you. Use it well. <sup>7</sup>God's Spirit doesn't make cowards out of us. The Spirit gives us power, love, and self-control.

<sup>8</sup>Don't be ashamed to speak for our Lord. And don't be ashamed of me, just because I am in jail for serving him. Use the power that comes from God and join with me in suffering for telling the good news. <sup>9</sup>God saved us and chose us to be his holy people. We did nothing to deserve this, but God planned it because he is so kind. Even before time began God planned for Christ Jesus to show kindness to us. <sup>10</sup>Now Christ Jesus has come to show us the kindness of God. Christ our Savior defeated death and brought us the good news. It shines like a light and offers life that never ends.

<sup>11</sup>My work is to be a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher. <sup>12</sup>That's why I am suffering now. But I am not ashamed! I know the one I have faith in, and I am sure that he can guard until the last day what he has trusted me with. <sup>13</sup>Now follow the example of the correct teaching I gave you, and let the faith and love of Christ Jesus be your model. <sup>14</sup>You have been trusted with a wonderful treasure. Guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit, who lives within you.

\* Holy Gospel Luke 17: 5-10

Gospel Verse (sung) p.83

**C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 17<sup>h</sup> chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

The apostles said to the Lord, "Make our faith stronger!"

<sup>6</sup>Jesus replied: If you had faith no bigger than a tiny mustard seed, you could tell this mulberry tree to pull itself up, roots and all, and to plant itself in the ocean. And it would!

<sup>7</sup>If your servant comes in from plowing or from taking care of the sheep, would you say, "Welcome! Come on in and have something to eat"? <sup>8</sup>No, you wouldn't say that. You would say, "Fix me something to eat. Get ready to serve me, so I can have my meal. Then later on you can eat and drink." <sup>9</sup>Servants don't deserve special thanks for doing what they are supposed to do. <sup>10</sup>And that's how it should be with you. When you've done all you should, then say, "We are merely servants, and we have simply done our duty."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Offering

\*Offertory (sung)      p.96

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not the Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

\*Prayers      Response: "Hear our prayer."

\*The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven,  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**+ + + Sending + + +**

\*Closing Hymn LBW #260      On Our Way Rejoicing      HERMAS

\*Blessing

P Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and forevermore.

**C Amen**

\*Dismissal

P Go in peace, equipped by God for every good work.

**C Amen**

\* Closing Voluntary

**Visitors:** A warm welcome is extended to our visitors! Please sign the blue attendance book and/or a visitor's card so we can get to know you.

**Members of Trinity for whom we pray:** The J. Families: Jim and Sue, Pam, Kyle, Jeff and Jason, Marty B., Donna H., Paul S., and all our homebound.

**Friends of Trinity we also include in prayer:** Pastor Didzis Stilve and the United Latvian Lutheran Church in Lakewood. St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Lakewood.

**Altar Flowers** are a gift to the glory of God and are given by Pam P. in loving memory of her parents, Rollie and Janet T.

**Coming Events:**

Today      "*Friends in Concert*" at Rocky River United Methodist Church

The concert is to benefit the Mary Ministries Foundation which is committed to educating clergy and faith communities about mental illness. Details are posted.

Oct. 4      *Community Meal*      5:30 p.m.

Oct. 5      *Christian Education Committee*      10:00 a.m.

*Quilters Legacy of Lakewood*      7:00 p.m.

Oct. 9      *Day Trippers: Perambulator Museum*      9:00 a.m.

Oct. 10      *Choir Rehearsal*      9:15 a.m.

*Sunday School and Adult Bible Study*      9:30 a.m.

**Fall Fix-up Workday after church.** Please keep the afternoon open for various odd jobs. There will be something for everyone!

*Middle School Youth at The Chat Room*      4:00 p.m.

**Keep these dates!**

- **Oct. 17:** Fall Festival and Benefit Auction at Camp Mowana. The day will feature traditional bluegrass music, great food, hayrides, crafts and more. Check out the details!
- **November 21:** plans are to have a supper to thank our neighbors by inviting them to dinner. This is a way to encourage people to come and see Jesus in our ministries.
- **December 4:** Holiday gift making with neighborhood children. Watch for more details as these two outreach plans continue.
- **Dec. 7:** Benefit concert for Transitional Housing for Women by Broadway Diva Linda Eder along with the Cleveland Jazz Orchestra and the North Coast Men's Chorus will join in a Holiday Concert at Severance Hall. All proceeds go directly to support of Transitional Housing.

**Council:** Interested in being part of our Congregational Council? Nominations will be soon. Let Dave R. know if you are interested.

**Member Update:**

- Donna H. is in the Rehab Unit at Lutheran Hospital following knee surgery.
- Bill P. is the new Food Coordinator at the Lakewood Christian Service Center.
- Becky B. has joined the Lutheran Acapella Choir.
- We are looking for e-mail addresses for everyone and snail mail addresses for our college students. Please either e-mail Ruthanne at [ruthanne081351@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ruthanne081351@sbcglobal.net) or drop the information off in the office. Thank you

**Women's Retreat:** Join Trinity's women as we go to Camp Mowana for a weekend (Nov. 12-14) for a time of fellowship, relaxation, study and fun. The book, The Friendship Factor about making, keeping and deepening friendships will be the focus for the weekend. The cost is \$70 each (your early payment or deposit will help us make the deposit to Mowana). Camperships are available to help offset the cost – see Pastor Paula for information.

**Entertainment 2005 Books** are once again available for \$25 each, part of which is matched with a Thrivent for Lutherans Matching Grant. See Eddie Baisel for the chance to double your entertainment dollars with the 2 for 1 offers. Checks should be made out to Lutheran Chaplaincy.

**The 2004 Stewardship Committee's** Commitment of Time and Talents "kickoff" is Sunday, October 24th. There will be a potluck after the service. The menu is soups, salads and breads. Bring an old favorite...or a new recipe to try out!! Commitment forms will be distributed both during the service and at the luncheon. The form has even more information about opportunities to serve, so be sure to read it all and fill in as many blanks as you can. Because the refrigerator is not working, we are asking if we can borrow your coolers to keep any cold items cold? Please call Melanie L. if you can lend a cooler for that Sunday. See you there!!

**From our Parish Nurse:** Greetings to all My Trinity Friends

October is here. I cannot believe it! There are so many topics I wanted to discuss with you this month that I decided I would talk about them all. As you already know, we are approaching flu and cold season. The October Newsletter article reviews much information regarding this. September's Newsletter addresses Healthy Aging, another important topic! So... this is what I have decided to do. I will devote each week to a different topic:

1. Breast Health Awareness Month: If you are a woman between the ages of 40-75 years of age, I want to talk with you this month!
2. Flu Shot season! We are scheduled to have Flu Shot Sunday on October 17th!
3. Healthy Aging: Please join us for exercise/bible study on Thursday's from 11:30-2:00. Bring your lunch! All are invited-young and old alike!
4. Mental Health/Illness Awareness: I look forward to visiting with all of you in the coming month. Please don't hesitate to call me if you need anything or if you just need someone to talk things through with.

God's peace and love

Kathy

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JUST DO IT!



JESUS CAME UP WITH  
'JUST DO IT'?



LUKE 17: 5-10

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