

Welcome to Worship at
Trinity Lutheran Church, Osceola, WI
Pentecost 14 - September 6, 2020

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer. Amen.

Hymn #537 - "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

**Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.
Christ, the royal master, leads against the foe;
Forward into battle see his banners go!**

Refrain:

**Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.**

**Like a mighty army moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod.
We are not divided, all one body we,
One in hope and doctrine, one in charity.**

Refrain:

**Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.**

**Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus constant will remain.
Gates of hell can never 'gainst that Church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise, and that cannot fail.**

Refrain:

**Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.**

**Onward, then, ye faithful; join the happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices in the triumph song:**

**Glory, laud, and honor unto Christ the King;
This through countless ages saints and angels sing.**

Refrain:

**Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.**

Confession of Sins:

P: Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace and forgiveness for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. O Lord, have mercy on us!**

P: Upon this your confession, I as a called servant of Christ and His Word announce to you the grace of God, and in the place of 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.

C: **Amen.**

First Lesson: Exodus 6:2-8

Then God spoke to Moses, telling him, "I am the Lord. I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by my name, the Lord, I was not known to them. I also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land where they were residing as aliens. I certainly have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians have enslaved, and I have remembered my covenant. Therefore, tell the Israelites, 'I am the Lord. I will bring you out from under the forced labor of the Egyptians. I will deliver you from being their slaves. I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. You will know that I am the Lord your God, the one who brought you out from under the forced labor of the Egyptians. I will bring you to the land which I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the Lord.'" (EHV)

Psalm 34:

Refrain: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

**Taste and see that the 'LORD is good.
Blessed are they who take ref'uge in him.**

**The eyes of the LORD are on the 'righteous
And his ears are attentive 'to their cry.**

**The angel of the LORD encamps around those who 'fear him,
And he de'livers them.**

Refrain: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

**The righteous cry out, and the LORD 'hears them;
He delivers them from all their 'troubles.**

**The LORD is close to the broken'hearted
And saves those who are crushed in 'spirit.**

**The LORD redeems his 'servants
No one who takes refuge in him will 'be condemned.**

**Glory be to the Father and 'to the Son
And to the Holy 'Spirit,
As it was in the be'ginning,
Is now, and will be forever, 'Amen.**

Refrain: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Second Lesson: Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how untraceable his ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his adviser? Or who has first given to God that he will be repaid? For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen. (EHV)

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. Alleluia

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” They said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But you, who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not overpower it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he commanded the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ. (EHV)

The Apostles’ Creed:

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Hymn #538 - “*The Church’s One Foundation*”

**The Church’s one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav’n he came and sought her
To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.**

Elect from ev’ry nation,

**Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With ev'ry grace endued.**

**The Church shall never perish.
Her dear Lord, to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish,
Is with her to the end.
Though there be those that hate her
And strive to see her fail,
Against both foe and traitor
She ever shall prevail.**

**Though with a scornful wonder
The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.**

**Mid toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.**

**The Sermon: Romans 11:33-36
 "God's Wisdom Is Deep"**

Amen.

Prayers:

O God our Father, we thank You for **adopting** us as Your children, making us heirs of everlasting **life** through Jesus Christ. As Your dear children, we have the privilege of bringing our **sins** to You for **pardon**, knowing that they have already been **paid** for by Jesus. We are confident that **whatever** things we ask of You in Jesus' name, You will **give** us; and that as a wise, kind, and concerned Father, You will **continue** to bless us for Your love's sake. Therefore, we ask that You would listen to our **troubles**, and bind up our many **hurts** and **wounds**. Share all our burdens and cares, keep us from straying, and help and heal us. Father, in Your mercy dispel our **fears** and chase away our **worries**. You are always **faithful** to us - You have **never** betrayed our trust. Yet, we have **often** failed to trust **You** as we ought. For this, and all other sins, we ask Your **forgiveness**. Teach us that when we have **You** as our heavenly Father, and **Jesus Christ** as our Savior from sin, and the **Holy Spirit** as the giver and keeper of our faith, we have **everything** and lack **nothing**.

Through Your Holy Spirit, give us a childlike faith which does not **doubt** or hold back, but simply trusts You for **everything**. As Your children, may we learn to do good to **everyone**, especially to those who are fellow members in the **faith**. Teach us to recognize the **needs** of others, and to be **generous** in sharing our goods with them. May we **pray** on their behalf, and be quick to offer them our **counsel** and **aid**. May our lives as Your spiritual children be avenues to **others** for the tender mercies with which You rule all Your works.

Finally, dear Father, send the Word of Christ into **all** the world, converting the hearts of people **everywhere** - adding brothers and sisters in the faith who together with us, will lift up their voices in **prayer** and **praise** to You, our gracious God. Bestow Your many and varied blessings upon the household of faith, and teach us all to **thank** and **praise** You for them. Amen.

The 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.**

Hymn #403 - *"I Know My Faith Is Founded"*

**I know my faith is founded
On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;
And this my faith confessing,
Unmoved I stand upon his Word.
Man's reason cannot fathom
The truth of God profound;
Who trusts in worldly wisdom
Relies on shifting ground.
God's Word is all-sufficient,
It makes divinely sure,
And, trusting in its wisdom,
My faith shall rest secure.**

**Increase my faith, dear Savior,
For Satan seeks by night and day
To rob me of this treasure
And take my hope of bliss away.
But, Lord, with you beside me
I shall be undismayed;
And led by your good Spirit,
I shall be unafraid.
Abide with me, O Savior,
A firmer faith bestow.
Then I shall bid defiance
To ev'ry evil foe.**

**In faith, Lord, let me serve you;
Though persecution, grief, and pain
Should seek to overwhelm me,
Let me a steadfast trust retain.
And then at my departure,
Lord, take me home to you,
And let me there inherit
All you have promised me.
In life and death, Lord, keep me**

**Until your heav'n I gain,
Where I by your great mercy
The end of faith attain.**

P: Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your Word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit! As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Blessing:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn #420 - "God Moves in a Mysterious Way"

**God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea
And rides upon the storm.**

**Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust him for his grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He has a smiling face.**

**Blind unbelief is sure to err
And scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter,
And he will make it plain.**

**You fearful saints, fresh courage take;
The clouds you so much dread
Are big with mercy and will break
In blessing on your head.**