

18th Sunday after Pentecost Contemporary Worship 9:00 and 10:45 am October 8, 2017





Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church! Please sign the red Worship Witness booklet to record your attendance with us this day, and indicate how many are communing. Then pass the booklet to the worshipers beside you in your row. If you are a guest, name tags are available for you to wear---we would be delighted to greet you by name. Hearing assistance devices are available at the Gathering Space desk.

about today's service

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a parable of the vineyard, an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread, that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

P: Pastor L: Lector C: Congregation

+ Gathering +

We gather together to praise God and receive His love.

Song: "I Believe in That Love"

Verse 1

I believe in love that is born in the song of a baby's cry,

I believe in love that lives on and on even when we die,

I believe in love that reaches out, embracing all our pain and doubt,

Chorus

I believe in that love, I believe, I believe in that love.

I believe in that love, I believe, I believe in that love.

Verse 2

I believe in love that is felt in the touch of a helping hand, I believe in love that sees differences and seeks to understand, I believe in love that has no bounds, no class or race to hold it down,

Chorus

Verse 3

I believe in love that is here at the heart of a mystery, I believe in love that forgives, forgets, heals, and sets us free, I believe in love that loses self for the sake of life for someone else,

Chorus

Tag: I believe in that love, I believe, I believe in that love. Larry Olson, c. 1994 Dakota Road Music, CCLI #1283514

Song: "If We Are the Body"

Verse 1

It's crowded in worship today,

As she slips in trying to fade into the faces.

The girls' teasing laughter is carrying farther than they know, Farther than they know.

Chorus 1

But if we are the body, why aren't His arms reaching? Why aren't His hands healing? Why aren't His words teaching? And if we are the body, why aren't His feet going? Why is His love not showing them there is a way, There is a way?

Verse 2

A trav'ler is far away from home.

He sheds his coat and quietly sinks into the back row.

The weight of their judgmental glances tells him that his chances Are better out on the road.

Chorus 2

But if we are the body, why aren't His arms reaching? Why aren't His hands healing? Why aren't His words teaching?

And if we are the body, why aren't His feet going?

Why is His love not showing them there is a way.

Bridge

Jesus paid much too high a price For us to pick and choose who should come, And we are the body of Christ.

Chorus 3 (2X)

If we are the body, why aren't His arms reaching? Why aren't His hands healing? Why aren't His words teaching? And if we are the body, why aren't His feet going? Why is His love not showing them there is a way.

Tag

Jesus is the Way. Mark Hall ©2004 SWECS Music, Club Zoo Music CCLI #1283514.

Song: "In the Secret"

Verse 1

In the secret, in the quiet place, in the stillness You are there. In the secret, in the quiet hour, I wait only for you. 'cause I want to know You more.

Chorus

I want to know You, I want to hear Your voice, I want to know you more. I want to touch You, I want to see Your face, I want to know you more.

Verse 2

I am reaching for the highest goal that I might receive the prize. Pressing onward, pushing every hindrance aside out of my way, 'cause I want to know You more.

Chorus (2X)

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Welcome and Announcements

(Stand)

Confessional Prayer

- P: (Pastoral Prayer) ... you are the source of all life.
- C: We confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it

outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

P: God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, + God's love is unconditional and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Greeting

- P: The steadfast love of God, the life of Jesus Christ, and the growth of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- P: Let us pray. Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: Amen.

(Sit)

+ Word +

We listen to the story of God's mighty acts for the sake of His people.

First Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

- L: The word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Story

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation: "Thy Word"

Chorus

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

[Jesus said to the people:] ³³"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." ⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

- P: The gospel of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

(Sit)

Sermon: Simply Lutheran: Only Faith

Pastor Jennifer A. Crist

(Stand)

Apostles' Creed

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 the Church Following each petition are the words: "Hear us, O God." Please respond with: **"Your mercy is great."**

+ Meal +

When we celebrate communion we remember that Jesus died for us and we experience His love and forgiveness. As we eat the bread and wine Christ is present with us.

Sharing of the Peace

- P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: And also with you.

Thanksgiving Moment

Offering:

Optional methods of giving: text an amount to 717-963-2281 (be sure to use a "\$"); use the Giving Station in the Gathering Space to donate by credit card.

(9:00) Special Music: "Because He Lives"

Verse 1

I believe in the Son; I believe in the Risen One; I believe I overcome By the power of His blood;

Chorus 1

Amen, amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives; Amen, amen, Let my song join the one that never ends Because He lives.

Verse 2

I was dead in the grave, I was covered in sin and shame. I heard mercy call my name, He rolled the stone away!

Chorus 2

Amen, amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives; Amen, amen, Let my song join the one that never ends.

Bridge

Because He lives,

I can face tomorrow;

Because He lives

Ev'ry fear is gone;

I know He holds my life, my future in His hands.

Chorus 1 Chorus 2

Tag: Because He lives.

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(10:45) Special Music: "I'll do My Best"

Love, I'll love, I'll love you, Lord, forever. I'll do my best, oh, I'll do my best for you. Serve, I'll serve, I'll serve you, Lord, forever Praise, I'll praise, I'll praise you, Lord, forever. Cherub Choir

(Stand)

Offering Prayer

- A: Let us pray. God of life,
- C: you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

- P: Christ is here.
- C: The Spirit is with us.
- P: With joy, we lift up our hearts.
- C: And give thanks to the Lord of Life.
- P: It is a good and joyful thing to give thanks to you, Holy God. You created the world, filled it and blessed it. You called to yourself a people to make your goodness known in every place. When we betrayed your calling, you remained faithful. When we wandered far, you provided a way back home. At the right time, you sent your Son Jesus, who came and lived among us, teaching the way that leads to life. By his servant life, and by his suffering, death and resurrection, he broke the chains of sin and death, and made a new covenant with us.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In remembrance of all you have done for us, we take this bread and cup, the body and blood of Christ, rejoicing in your gift of life. Send your Holy Spirit, and make us, through these gifts, Christ's body alive in the world.

C: Amen.

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.

Invitation to Holy Communion

- P: Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.
- C: Thanks be to God.

(Sit)

Sharing our Lord's Supper and Laying on of Hands and Anointing All baptized Christians are welcome to celebrate the real presence of Jesus Christ in our Lord's Supper. Please come forward by the middle aisle, receive the bread, dip it into the wine, and return by the side aisles. Communion may be received in bread only, if desired. Non-communing children and adults are invited to come forward for a blessing. As a gesture of hospitality, we use dealcoholized wine (less than .5% alcohol). In addition, we offer gluten-free wafers available upon request-please ask the pastor at the time of communion.

The ministry of Jesus invites us to new life in God and with each other. In the laying on of hands and anointing, we proclaim the good news that God desires us to be healthy and one in the body of Christ. You are invited to offer yourself, whatever your sickness of spirit, mind, or body, and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God. Those who wish to receive laying on of hands and anointing may approach the Pastor after receiving communion. The Pastor will lay both hands on each person's head and say:

P: <u>Name</u>, in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, receive this oil + as a sign of forgiveness and healing.

Response: Amen.

(Stand)

Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer

- P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C: Amen.

- P: Let us pray. Mighty God, you are our fortress who leads us in mission and ministry to serve our neighbor in need. Thank you for your presence in this meal of love that unites and empowers us to worship, connect and serve. To you be all glory and honor.
- C: Amen.

+ Sending +

We have heard the Word of God, offered our gifts, and been fed at the table. Now we are sent out, strengthened by the Holy Spirit to be God's people in the world.

Blessing

- P: God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C: Amen.

Song: "Trading My Sorrows"

Chorus

I'm trading my sorrows. I'm trading my shame. I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord. I'm trading my sickness. I'm trading my pain. I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.

Bridge 1

Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord.

Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord.

Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord, amen.

Verse

I am pressed but not crushed, persecuted, not abandoned, struck down but not destroyed.

I am blessed beyond the curse for His promise will endure,

that His joy's gonna be my strength.

Bridge 2

Though the sorrow may last for the night, his joy comes with the morning.

Chorus

Bridge 1 (2X)

Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord.

Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord.

Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord, amen.

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Dismissal

- P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

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worship notes

Attendance at our services last week was 708. Copies of last week's sermons are available on the tables in Fellowship Hall, in the narthex, the tract rack in the Gathering Space, and on our website. Our web address is: <u>www.trinitycamphill.org</u>.

The flowers in the Nave and Fellowship Hall, the communion elements for all services, and the sanctuary lamp candle, the symbol of God's abiding presence, are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of George A. Wenrich by wife, Patricia, children and grandchildren.

leaders

Presiding Minister: The Rev. John H. Brock

Preacher: The Rev. Jennifer A. Crist

Laying on of Hands: (9:00) The Rev. John H. Brock, The Rev. Dr. Guy S. Edmiston, The Rev. Jennifer A. Crist, Shirley Pierson (former ELCA missionary); (10:45) The Rev. John H. Brock, Shirley Pierson

Storyteller: The Rev. John H. Brock

Lector: (9:00) Jonathan Andrews; (10:45) Jayne Coover

Greeters: (9:00) Rob Bertram (head greeter); (10:45) Dave Maser (head greeter), John and Sue Artevich, Carol Steffy

Communion Assistants: (9:00) Lisa Buffington, Kim Dierwechter, Jonathan Andrews, Garry Orner; (10:45) Ryan and Kellie Argot, Jayne Coover, Donna Campbell

Offering Assistants: (10:45) Andrew Bolcavage, Lauren Savidge

Ushers: (9:00) Kelli Gift, Brice and Kristi Arndt; (10:45) Margie Walson, Daryl Ackerman

Altar Care: (9:00) Donna Roberts; (10:45) Kelly Rice

Flower Delivery: Frank and Ruth Bertovich

Sound Technician: (9:00) Reed Bertram; (10:45) Royce Hoffman

Video Presentation: (9:00) Chuck Roy; (10:45) Chuck Roy

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