Sermon series through Oct. 11

# Official Guide for a Joy-Filled Life!

Sixteenth Sunday in Pentecost

Saturday Worship 5:00 pm September 19, 2020



### —Weekly News & Announcements—

#### May we pray for you?

No prayer request is too small. Call the church or go to <a href="www.trinitycamphill.org">www.trinitycamphill.org</a>.

#### Ask the pastors or make suggestions

We're trying our best with how we've had to change the way we worship. Questions? Suggestions? Email <a href="mailto:steve.kauffman@trinitycamphill.org">steve.kauffman@trinitycamphill.org</a>.

#### It's time to Circle Up!

Our Fellowship Team has put together fun events (in person and via Zoom) for you to connect. www.trinitycamphill.org/circleup/

#### Faith Connections classes: Choose from multiple options

- **Wednesday Connect** is back for the four Wednesdays in October, via Zoom or in person, with "Divided," or how to choose people over politics.
- Thursday Bible Study, Oct. 1-Nov. 19, in person at 9:30 am or online at 7 pm, with "Love Letters from God."
- And way more, for all ages! www.trinitycamphill.org/faithconnections/

#### Bring your beloved pet for a blessing

Sat., Oct. 3, 9 am, Blessing of the Animals, Trinity parking lot.

#### Annual Golf Outing. Men and women, this is for you

Sat., Oct. 24, 10 am, Carlisle Barracks Golf Club. All skill levels. \$45/player includes everything: greens fees, dinner, prizes, more. Email Rick Sten, rsten58@verizon.net.

#### Help keep our grounds beautiful - Sat., Oct. 31, 9 am start

Bring rakes, work gloves. Bruce Bigelow at <a href="mailto:nbbigs@comcast.net">nbbigs@comcast.net</a> or 717-761-3289.

#### He's wearing yet another hat

Say congratulations to Steve Kauffman. He's moved from Director of Administration to Director of Administration and Property. Well deserved!

#### Helping is giving, and your giving is truly appreciated

- Help pay for **worship elements**: flowers, communion, sanctuary candle. \$30 minimum. www.trinitycamphill.org/donate or send checks to office.
- Honor Our Past, Plan Our Future: Your gifts have financed the needed safety and security improvements to our preschool area. Thank you! We appreciate your continued and new giving at <a href="https://www.trinitycamphill.org/donate">www.trinitycamphill.org/donate</a>.

**Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church!** We're so glad you're here. Hearing assistance devices and large print bulletins are available from an usher.

#### about today's service

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

P: Pastor L: Lector C: Congregation

As part of our COVID-19 response, the congregation is reminded to refrain from singing during this worship service.

#### + Gathering +

We gather together to praise God and receive God's love.

Prelude: "Intermezzo Sinfonico" (Cavalleria Rusticana)

Gabriel Meza, violin

P. Mascagni

Welcome

(Stand)

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the  $\pm$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: Faithful God,
- C: have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
- P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

(Sit)

Sung by Cantor (congregation may follow and hum along with the text)

- 1. Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy: be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
- 2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe: be there at our labors, and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
- 3. Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace: be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
- 4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm: be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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#### Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

#### Glory to God

P: 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.

#### Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

#### + Word +

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

#### Children's Message

Pastor Jack Horner

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 145:1-8

#### Sung responsively by Cantors



I will exalt you, my | God and king,

and bless your name forev- | er and ever.

<sup>2</sup>Every day | will I bless you

and praise your name forev- | er and ever.

<sup>3</sup>Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised! There is no end | to your greatness.

<sup>4</sup>One generation shall praise your works | to another and shall de- | clare your power.

<sup>5</sup>I will speak of the glorious splendor | of your majesty and all your | marvelous works.

<sup>6</sup>They shall tell of the might of your | wondrous acts, and I will re- | count your greatness.

7They shall publish the remembrance of | your great goodness; they shall sing joyfully | of your righteousness.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

Reading: Philippians 1:21-30

Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.

<sup>21</sup>For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup>Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup>so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. <sup>27</sup>Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you

are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. <sup>29</sup>For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—<sup>30</sup>since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 20th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. 3When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; 4 and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. 5When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. 6And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' <sup>7</sup>They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' 8When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' 9When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. 11 And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorchina heat.' 13But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? 14Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' 16So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

[Sit]

Sermon: Pastor Liz Frey

Series theme: "Philippians: Official Guide for a Joy-filled life"

Weekly sermon title: "Live for Christ "

Solo: "Sicilienne" M. Paradis

Gabriel Meza, violin

(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  $\pm$  resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

A brief silence.

Each petition ends:

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Prayer Response (Sung by Cantor)

Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

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#### $\pm$ Meal $\pm$

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.

(Sit)

**Announcements** 

#### Offering

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(Stand)

#### Offering Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

#### Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### Preface

P: We lift our hearts to you, gracious God, because you made the dazzling creation out of nothing, yet made us to share eternity with you. In covenant love you called your chosen people to an imagination as plentiful as the stars in the sky and the sands of the desert. Your Son Jesus transformed our hearts from the scarcity of mammon to the wondrous abundance of manna, and through the church you gather us to share in the holy feast where your grace abounds for all, forever. His cross and resurrection turn the emptiness of sin into the fullness of everlasting life. And so we join with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise:

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

#### Eucharistic Prayer

P: We give you thanks and praise, Lord God, for in your Son Jesus you became the true bread from heaven, the manna sustaining us in every wilderness, the bread of abundant life that never runs out. Send down your Holy Spirit upon us now, that we might become living bread for your hungry world. Give us your very self in these gifts of bread and wine and make them for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;

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.

P: Great is the mystery of faith.

C: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

P: Ever-bountiful God, listen to the hunger of your children and nourish their life in you. Draw near to those who toil for daily wages and all who wonder where they will find daily bread. Bless any whose days are spent looking for work or waiting for hire. Give each of your sons and daughters a place in your kingdom and fruitful work in your vineyard, not only for a passing day but for eternity. By your Holy Spirit in your holy church, make the labors of our hands tell the good news of your harvest of plenty, and hasten the day when in one great sharing around your table with your people throughout the ages, we shall taste and see that you are good. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

#### Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

P: Lamb of God,

C: you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

#### + 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: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P: Jesus says, "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

C: Lord, give us this bread always.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please take all your possessions as you go up for communion, as you will not be returning to your seat.

Sharing our Lord's Supper

All Christians are welcome to celebrate the real presence of Jesus Christ in our Lord's Supper. At the direction of the pastor, receive the bread at the end of your row, and then exit the worship space by the center aisle through the rear glass doors. Communion distribution will begin with the back rows.

At this time, we will be offering only the wafer of bread and no wine. Be assured that you still receive the entire presence of God in that single element, as our Lutheran theology teaches us. If you need a gluten-free wafer, simply ask the pastor as you approach. Noncommuning children and adults are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Solo: "Partita No. 1 in B Minor"

Joh. Seb. Bach

Gabriel Meza, violin

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Join us next week

+ + + + **September 26, 27** 

Series Theme:

"Philippians: Official Guide for a Joy-filled life"

Sermon Theme:

"Focus on What Matter Preaching: Pastor Jack Horner

Musical offerings:

Mark, Amy and Heinly

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