

Sermon series through Oct. 11

Official Guide for a Joy-Filled Life!

Seventeenth Sunday
in Pentecost

Saturday Worship
5:00 pm
September 26, 2020



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==Weekly News & Announcements==

Faith Connections classes - Choose from multiple options

Check out www.trinitycamphill.org/faithconnections/. A sampling:

- **Kids classes, pre-k through Gr. 12**, begin Oct. 4. All online!
- **Wednesday Connect** is back via in-person or Zoom Oct. 7, 14, 21, and 28, 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."
- **Men's Tues. Bible Study** starts Oct. 13, 8 am. Brothers Dining, Mechanicsburg.

Bring your pet for a blessing

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

Men and women golfers, this is for you: Annual Golf Outing

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

Help others during our Week of Service, Oct. 26-31

- Mon., Oct. 26, 7:45-9 am or 9:30 am-12:30 pm, **Ecumenical Food Pantry**, timetosignup.com/ecumenfoodpantryhbq
- Sat., Oct. 31, 9 am. **Trinity's Fall Cleanup**. Bring rakes, gloves. Bruce Bigelow, nbbigs@comcast.net or 717-761-3289
- Sun., Oct. 29, 11 am-12:30 pm. **Bring care kits to Trinity** (assemble at home) **for Lutheran World Relief**. <https://lwr.org/kits/personal-care-kits/instructions>
- Mon.-Thurs., Oct. 26-29, 10 am-5 pm. **Drop off fall/winter clothing for Pink Hands of Hope** thrift store, 5235 E. Trindle Rd., Mechanicsburg

How are we doing?

Questions? Suggestions? Email steve.kauffman@trinitycamphill.org.

Help pay for worship elements: flowers, communion, sanctuary candle

\$40 minimum. www.trinitycamphill.org/donate or send checks to office.

Honor Our Past, Plan Our Future: Preschool area improved. Thank you!

Our preschool area is refreshed and much more safe and secure. We appreciate your continued and new giving at www.trinitycamphill.org/donate.

Not receiving Thursday's "What's Happening?" e-newsletter or other e-communications? Sign up for e-newsletters at www.trinitycamphill.org, or check your spam folder.

No online access via phone or computer? Call the church office if you need event info.

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church! We're so glad you're here. Large print bulletins are available from an usher.

about today's service

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting 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.

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

P: Pastor

L: Lector

C: Congregation

✠ Gathering ✠

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

Prelude: "Christ, Be Our Light"

Sally Drennan Mosing

Welcome

(Stand)

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ 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. *O Master, let me walk with you in lowly paths of service true; tell me your secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.*
2. *Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love; teach me the wayward feet to stay and guide them in the homeward way.*
3. *Teach me your patience; share with me a closer, dearer company, in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong,*
4. *In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way, in peace that only you can give; with you, O Master, let me live.*

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836-1918, alt.

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. 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.

C: Amen.

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 every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and 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.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:23-32

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.

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?" ²⁴Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 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.' ²⁹He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹Which 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. ³²For 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."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

[Sit]

Sermon:

Pastor Jack Horner

Series theme: "*Philippians: Official Guide for a Joy-Filled Life!*"

Weekly sermon title: "*Focus on What Matters* "

Solo: "All the Day Long"

K. Lee Scott

Amy Heinly, soloist

(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

A brief silence.

Each petition ends:

P: 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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† 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.

(Sit)

Announcements

Offering

Optional giving methods: Use the Give+ app on your mobile device • Text an amount to 717-963-2281 (be sure to use a "\$") • Use the "DONATE" button on our website and e-blasts
Your offerings may also be placed in the white offering boxes at the back of the worship space as you exit.

(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 exalt you, Lord God, for the holy extravagance of your salvation. Worthy are you to whom we bow, for in your Son you have knelt before us in humility. You have looked with favor upon your servant Israel; you have scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts and have lifted up the lowly. Your Son, though of the same love and same mind as you, did not regard equality with you as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave. Being born in human likeness, he humbled himself even unto death on a cross. You lifted him up in resurrection glory and exalted him to your right hand on high. And so, on bended knee, we confess him as Lord, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, joining the unending hymn:

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: Holy God, make your joy complete by uniting those who share this meal with the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. As we remember his saving mercies, make us to be of the same love, the same heart, sharing in the same Spirit; and bless this bread and cup that they may be 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: God of every consolation, bring your kingdom among your children who are bowed low under the wight of oppression. Send your Spirit of truth into places where your children are exploited, enslaved, or forced into labor. Empty your church of all that obscures its witness to the cross of Christ. And make us ready for that one day when we shall kneel around your throne, together with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, in the company of Jesus our Lord, giving all praise and glory to you, God our Father, forever and ever. 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. Non-communicating children and adults are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Duet: "Let Us Break Bread Together"

arr. Grier/Everson

Mark and Amy Heinly

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Worship notes

Copies of last week's sermons are available on our website (www.trinitycamphill.org). If you would like a printed copy, please call the church office and one can be mailed to you.

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. If you would like to support this ministry with a one-time or regular contribution, please go to <https://www.trinitycamphill.org/donate/> or send a check (\$40) to the church office marked 'flowers/worship elements'.

Join us next week

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October 3, 4

Series Theme:

"Philippians: Official Guide for a Joy-Filled Life"

Sermon Theme:

"Train for Life"

Preaching: Pastor Liz Frey

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Musical offerings:

Elizabeth Boehme, Oboe;

Marianne Brock, cantor/soloist

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