



OCT. 18 SERMON THEME

HEADS OR TAILS?

Twentieth Sunday
in Pentecost

Saturday Worship
5:00 pm
October 17, 2020



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

==Weekly News & Announcements==

Come Worship with us

Reservations are no longer needed for in-person worship services.

Connect! Check out our Faith Connections classes for all ages!

See these and more at www.trinitycamphill.org/faithconnections/:

- **Get your kids back into classes—all online! —pre-k through Gr. 12.**
- **Wednesday Connect has a great and timely program** via in-person or Zoom Oct. 7, 14, 21, and 28, with “Divided,” or how to choose people over politics.
- **It’s “Love Letters from God”** at our **Thursday Bible Study**, Oct. 1-Nov. 19, in person at 9:30 am or online at 7 pm. Too good to miss!
- **Yes! Men’s Tues. Bible Study** starts Oct. 13, 8 am, at Brothers, Mechanicsburg.

Pick up a hard copy of the daily lectionary if you don’t have a computer

For Nov. 26, 2020, through Nov. 24, 2021. Get a copy from the office or with weekly sermon mailing. Online at www.trinitycamphill.org/daily-lectionary/.

People need your help! It’s 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/ecumenfoodpantryhbg
- 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
- Sat., Oct. 31, 9 am. **Trinity’s Fall Cleanup**. Bring rakes, gloves. Bruce Bigelow, nbbigs@comcast.net or 717-761-3289
- Sun., Nov. 1, 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>
- Sun., Nov. 1, 11 am-12:30 pm. **Drop off children’s chewable vitamins** at Trinity; they’ll go to **Tree 4 Hope** in Guatemala.

Do you listen to Podcasts? We would love to hear from you! Please take this brief survey to help us gather some information on podcast viewership. We appreciate your input. Here is the link to the podcast survey. <http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07ehcf4x3gkfhz0xb/start>

Donate toward worship elements: flowers, communion, sanctuary candle

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

Join our team!

We are seeking new employees to join our staff. The available positions are Part-Time Sexton and Director of Technology. Click [HERE](#) to see the full job descriptions.

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.

We would like to know you were here worshiping with us. Using a QR reader or camera on your mobile device, please scan this QR code to check you and your family into today's worship service. Or go to the following link: trinitycamphill.org/checkin



about today's service

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

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: "Spirit of joy"

Sally Drennan Mossing

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)

Hymn: O God of Every Nation

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

1. *O God of every nation, of every race and land, redeem your whole creation with your almighty hand; where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled, in love and mercy guide us and heal our strife-torn world.*
2. *From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right, from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night, from pride of race and station and blindness to your way, deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray.*
3. *Lord, strengthen all who labor that all may find release from fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase; when hope and courage falter, Lord, let your voice be heard; with faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.*
4. *Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease, when hatred and division give way to love and peace, till dawns the morning glorious when truth and love shall reign, and Christ shall rule victorious over all the world's domain.*

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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.

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the | earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that | is therein.

¹²**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your com- | ing, O LORD,
for you come to | judge the earth.**

¹³You will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peoples | with your truth.

Reading:

Isaiah 45:1-7

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the Lord has anointed to end Israel's exile. The Lord makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this Lord as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the Lord claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

¹Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him— and the gates shall not be closed: ²I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:15-22

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware

of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

[Sit]

Sermon:

Pastor John Brock

Sermon title: "Heads or Tails?"

Solo: "Lord of the Small"

Dan Forrest

Chris Mirocco, 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*)

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

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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 praise and thank you, God of Abraham and Moses, because you have made your creation out of nothing, you have come among us in liberation and covenant, and in your Son's dying and rising you have opened your life to share your holiness with us. In your tender mercy you have broken upon us the dawn from on high and shown us your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. You cover us with your loving hand that we may dare to stand in your presence, and you tell us your name that we may see into your heart. And so we come before you with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, In 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: Merciful God, you have given us the law as the covenant between your ways and ours, and in Jesus you have renewed that covenant by giving us the fulfillment of that law. In this meal you show us how much you long for us to be your companions. Send down your Holy Spirit upon us now, that we might become the body of Christ that you give us to eat. 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: God of inescapable love, you call upon us to give to you the things that are yours. As we realize with joy that all things are yours, turn every action of our lives into ways of worshiping you. Unite us with the communion of your saints, past, present, and eternal, turning all into alleluia, turning justice into kindness and trust, turning fear into hope, hunger into fulfillment, isolation into companionship, and suffering into love, until the day comes when we and all your people see you face to face, ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: 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-communing children and adults are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Solo: "I Am the Bread of Life"

S. Toolan

Chris Mirocco, soloist

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Musician:

Soloist/Cantor:

Lector:

The Rev. Dr. Jack M. Horner

The Rev. John H. Brock

H. Timothy Koch, piano

Chris Mirocco

Cynthia Tolsma

Join us next week

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Reformation Sunday

Sermon Theme:

"The Heart of the Matter"

Preaching: Pastor Jack Horner

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Musical offerings:

Ron Livingston, soloist/cantor

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 and in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Leslie L. Rhea by Lee Kunkle; James Denison by his wife, Terri. Their grandparents Brandt L. & Marguerite M. Nell and parents Robert & Louise Denison by the Denison family; Ken and Faye Bistline by the Bard Family; Janet L. Preble, by George Preble and family; Jack A. Vaira by his daughter Carol Crowe.

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