

OCT. 18 SERMON THEME



HEADS OR TAILS?

Twentieth Sunday in Pentecost

Contemporary Worship 11:00 am October 18, 2020



—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/ecumenfoodpantryhba
- 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.

<u>Do you listen to Podcasts?</u> 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/a07ehcf4x3gkfzhz0xb/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.

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: Presiding Minister 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.

Gathering Music: "Above All"

FaithX Band (pre-recorded)

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Welcome

Song: "Refiner's Fire"

FaithX Ensemble

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(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.

Greeting

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, 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 God's people.

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, ⁴so 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 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:

Sermon title: "Heads or Tails?"

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Pastor Jack Horner

Pastor John Brock

Song: "I Will Follow"

Children's Message

FaithX Ensemble

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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: "Lord, in your mercy,"

Please respond with: "... hear our prayer."

+ 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.

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

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.

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: 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.

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

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.

+ Sending +

We have heard the Word of God, offered our gifts, and we will be 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, 4 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 usher, come forward and receive the bread, and then exit the worship space by the side aisle through the rear parking lot side angled door. Communion distribution will begin with the front right section, kitchen side, then the left, window side, section will be invited to commune.

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 receive a blessing.

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Join us next week

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October 24, 25

Reformation Sunday

Sermon Theme:

"The Heart of the Matter"

Preaching: Pastor Jack Horner

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Sunday's Music offerings:

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Worship notes

Copies of last week's sermons are available on our website (<u>www.trinitycamphill.org</u>). 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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