

Sermon series through Oct. 11

# Official Guide for a Joy-Filled Life!

Eighteenth Sunday  
in Pentecost

Traditional Worship  
11:00 am  
October 4, 2020



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# ==Weekly News & Announcements==

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

See these and more at [www.trinitycamphill.org/faithconnections/](http://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.

## **Bring your pet for a blessing**

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

## **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/](http://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](http://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](mailto: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.

## **Donate toward worship elements: flowers, communion, sanctuary candle**

\$40 minimum. [www.trinitycamphill.org/donate](http://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](http://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](http://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. Hearing assistance devices and large print bulletins are available from an usher.

## about today's service

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as 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 so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

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

**P: Presiding Minister   A: Assisting Minister   L: Lector   C: Congregation**

## ✠ Gathering ✠

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

Prelude: "Sinfonia"

Joh. Seb. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

[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. *How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word! What more can he say than to you he has said who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?*
2. *"Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed, for I am your God and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."*
3. *"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply. The flames shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine."*
4. *"Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love; and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."*

*Text: J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, 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. 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.**

## ± Word ±

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

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 80:7-15

*Sung responsively by Cantors*



- <sup>7</sup>Restore us, O | God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.
- <sup>8</sup>You have brought a vine | out of Egypt;  
you cast out the nations and | planted it.
- <sup>9</sup>You cleared the | ground for it;  
it took root and | filled the land.
- <sup>10</sup>The mountains were covered | by its shadow  
and the towering cedar trees | by its boughs.
- <sup>11</sup>You stretched out its tendrils | to the sea  
and its branches | to the river.
- <sup>12</sup>Why have you broken | down its wall,  
so that all who pass by pluck | off its grapes?
- <sup>13</sup>The wild boar of the forest has | ravaged it,  
and the beasts of the field have | grazed upon it.
- <sup>14</sup>Turn now, O | God of hosts,  
look | down from heaven;
- <sup>15</sup>behold and | tend this vine;  
preserve what your right | hand has planted.

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:] <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised 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; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had; these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More 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 <sup>9</sup>and 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. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow, I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup>Not 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. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, 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, <sup>14</sup>I 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.**

Anthem: "Praise We Sing to Thee"

Franz Haydn

Chancel Choir Ensemble

Children's Message

Pastor John Brock

[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  $\dagger$  resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

Each portion of the prayer 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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Gospel Acclamation

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading

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:] <sup>33</sup>“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. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come; he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup>Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup>They 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.” <sup>42</sup>Jesus 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’? <sup>43</sup>Therefore 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. <sup>44</sup>The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” <sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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: “*Train for Life*”

Solo: “Cry No More”

Dan Forrest

Marianne Brock, soloist

## ✝ 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.**

Offering

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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: It is our duty and our joy to thank and praise you, God of mercies, because when the gift of your grace is rejected you offered it once more in your Son. When your Son was rejected and crucified you came not in wrath but in the power of your Holy Spirit to spread the good news of restoration, reconciliation, and resurrection. And so, we stand before you not in fear of your judgment but rejoicing in your abundant mercy, joining with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, to sing 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: You give us so much, gracious God, but everything we have is loss compared to the wondrous love we see in your Son, Jesus Christ. On the night before your Son died, we took away everything you gave us in him, and yet you gave us a meal. Now in this wonderful sacrament, we give you everything we know how to give, praying that you will give us Christ in the form of this meal. Send down your Holy Spirit upon us now that we might become the body of Christ. 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 the Alpha and Omega, you are the wisdom from which we come, and you are the destiny to which we are going. You abide among us, between us, and within us. Where your servants are rejected, sustain them. Where your messengers are beaten, renew them. Where your children are cast out, give them hope of justice and vindication. Where your vineyard is in the hands of headstrong tenants, bring your righteousness, until the day comes when we and your suffering people see you face to face, ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

## 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 ushers, please come forward by the middle aisle, receive the bread, and then exit the worship space by the side aisles through the side or rear side doors.*

*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: "Here is Bread"

Marianne Brock, soloist

G. Kendrick

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**United and empowered to worship, connect, serve.**

## Join us next week

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**October 3, 4**

**Series Theme:**

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

**Sermon Theme:**

"Don't Worry, Be Happy"

Preaching: Pastor Jack Horner

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Sunday's Musical offerings:

Chancel Choir Ensemble;

Kati Gulde, flute;

Julie Stambaugh, cantor

### **Worship notes**

Copies of last week's sermons are available on our website ([www.trinitycamphill.org](http://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'.

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