

Words of Encouragement:

Salvation
and
Perfection

Twentieth Sunday
after Pentecost

Contemporary Worship
11:00 am
Oct 6, 2024



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

What's Happening

Trinity Concert Series: "Films and Tangos" with Karolina & Ivo

Join us in FH this Sun., Oct. 6, at 3 pm for the first FREE concert of the 2024-2025 Concert Series.

Sponsored in part by the Gordon Fry Trinity Arts ministry, as part of the Greater Harrisburg Community Foundation, and the Foundation for Enhancing Communities.



Trunk-or-Treat: Oct. 12 (Dillsburg) & Oct. 19 (Camp Hill)

Bring your candy and non-candy donations to the bin in the Gathering Space. Are you interested in decorating your trunk? Sign up online today. We are so excited for these two events!

Thank you, Kay Range and Terry Powell!

Last week, we celebrated Kay and Terry's retirement from our Prayer Shawl Ministry. Through their leadership, they have created countless gifts of comfort and hope for Trinity members and members of our community. Kay and Terry's service leaves a legacy of love and serves as a testimony of their faith.



Staff updates: Welcome, Kelsey and Sebastian

Please join us in welcoming Kelsey Stock and Sebastian Renault to our staff. Kelsey has become our new Facility Use Coordinator and will handle event scheduling. Sebastian has become our new Grounds & Maintenance Coordinator and works on our Camp Hill and Dillsburg properties.

Senior Connect: "Up Close and Personal: Which Pastor Is It?" Oct. 16 at 11:30 am in FH

Come for lunch and an interactive program. Hear interesting tidbits about Trinity pastors and figure out which one it applies to! Sign up in the Gathering Space.

Trinity Hospitality Team is hosting a Potluck! Sun., Oct. 13, after 11 am worship

Please sign up in the Gathering Space to let us know if you will bring a main dish, side dish, or dessert!

Lutherans of the Lost Ark (Oct. 27) tickets are available in the Gathering Space for \$10/person!

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church! We're so glad you're here. Hearing assistance devices and 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/check-in.



about today's service

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

P: Pastor L: Lector C: Congregation

‡ Gathering ‡

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

Song: "How Great You Are"

Verse

I will rejoice for You are my Savior,
The One that I love, there is no other.
And I rest assured in the strength of Your kingdom,
Your promise of hope, of life and of freedom.
How great You are.

Chorus

Great are Your way, Lord, righteous and true.
Rich is Your mercy, there is no one like You.
Your loving kindness shines like the stars.
Over all of creation, how great You are.

Verse

Chorus (2x)

Instrumentalist

Chorus

Tag

Over all of creation, how great You are.
Over all of creation, how great You are.

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Welcome

(Please stand as you are able)

Song: "Salvation Belongs to Our God"

Verse 1

Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne. And unto the Lamb
Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, honor and power and strength.

Chorus

Be to our God forever and ever.

Be to our God forever and ever.

Be to our God forever and ever. Amen.

Verse 2

And we the redeemed shall be strong in purpose and unity.

Declaring aloud praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, honor and power and strength.

Chorus

Bridge: Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, honor and power and strength.

Chorus

Tag (2X): Amen.

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Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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 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.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

[Please be seated]

+ Word +

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

Reading:

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? ⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, ⁸subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them

brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So, they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."
¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."
¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon: " Words of Encouragement: Salvation and Perfection"

Pastor Liz Frey

Children's Message

Pastor John Brock

Song: "Beautiful Things"

Verse 1

All this pain,
I wonder if I'll ever find my way;
I wonder if my life could really change
At all.

Verse 2

All this earth,
Could all that is lost ever be found?
Could a garden come up from this ground
At all?

Chorus

You make beautiful things,
You make beautiful things out of the dust.
You make beautiful things,
You make beautiful things out of us.

Verse 3

All around,
Hope is springing up from this old ground;
Out of chaos life is being found
In You.

Chorus (2x)

You make beautiful things,
You make beautiful things out of the dust.
You make beautiful things,
You make beautiful things out of us.

Bridge

You make me new, You are making me new.
You make me new, You are making me new. (Making me new.)
(Repeat)
You make beautiful things, You make beautiful things out of the dust.
You make beautiful things, You make beautiful things out of the dust.
(Repeat)

Ending

You make beautiful things,
You make beautiful things out of us.

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(Please stand as you are able)

Apostles' Creed

P: Let us profess our common faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: **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: "God of grace,"

*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.

Sharing of the Peace

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

C: **And also with you.**

[Please be seated]

Announcements

Offering

Optional giving methods: Use the 'Vanco Mobile' app on your device • Text an amount to 717-963- 2281 (be sure to use a "\$") • Use the "DONATE" button on our website and e-blasts or scan the QR to the right • Mail into the church office • Your offerings may also be placed in the white offering boxes at the entrance to the worship space as you exit.



[Please stand as you are able]

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God,

C: **source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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: Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance. You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven. You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

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: Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

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.

(Please be seated)

Sharing our Lord's Supper

All Christians are welcome to celebrate the real presence of Jesus Christ in our Lord's Supper. If you'd like to receive communion via intinction, please come forward by the middle aisle, receive the bread, dip it into the wine, and return by the side aisle. Communion may be received in bread only, if desired. Non-communing children and adults are invited to come forward for a blessing. In addition, we offer gluten-free wafers available upon request—please ask the pastor at the time of communion. Additionally, you may receive communion by prepackaged communion elements, which you can get from the baskets as you enter the worship space. Just remain at your seat and at the direction of the pastor, you will be invited to commune, at which time, you will open the individually wrapped, prepackaged communion elements. The bread is in the bottom and wine in the top. If you did not receive communion elements when you arrived, please see an usher.

The presiding minister will now invite those receiving communion, by prepackaged communion elements, to commune at your seat.

Open the bread:

P: The Body of Christ given for you.

Open the wine:

P: The Blood of Christ shed for you.

Those who wish to receive communion by intinction, please come forward at the direction of the usher.

(Please stand as you are able)

Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

+ 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.

Song: "Rock of My Salvation"

Verse 1

Though storms of strife assail me without warning,
And though they try to steal my joy away
I will find rest in knowing you have saved me, precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.

Verse 2

Though times I stumble and fall short of your standard
I'll rest assured there is love enough for me,
For I find strength in knowing you have saved me, precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.

Chorus

Oh my Jesus, Rock of my salvation
Who bore the weight of Calvary's wood and shame
And cleansed my sin in the crimson flow of mercy,
Precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.

Instrumental

Verse 2

Chorus (2X)

Tag 2X: Precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation.

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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21st Sunday after Pentecost

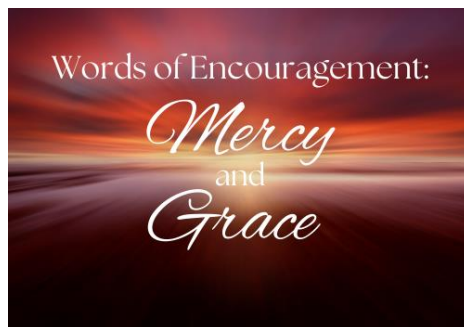
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Sermon theme:

"Words of Encouragement: Mercy & Grace"

Preaching:

Pastor Jack Horner



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Worship notes

Videos 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 we can mail one to you.

The flowers in the Nave and Fellowship Hall are presented to the glory of God and by The Phyllis Mowery family in loving memory of our parents, Harold & Mary Mowery and Harold "Whitey" & Averil Shearer; also, by their daughter Joan C. Enterline for the wedding anniversary of Dr. & Mrs. James F. Enterline; also, by Anne Greenlund in loving memory of her parents, John D. & Eleanor S. Mashburn and brother Jack Mashburn; Also, by parents, Ruth and John Brady, and sisters, Joan, Elizabeth and Miranda in loving memory of their son, John Joseph Brady III.

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