



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
1186 Jason Drive, Greencastle, PA



TLC RENEWS

We want to be a congregation who continues:
Trusting God
Loving and Connecting with God and one another
Reaching out to all God's children

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 4, 2020 10:00 AM

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Mission – *To Share Christ in Word and Deed*
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WE WELCOME ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE THIS DAY!

- If you are visiting with us, we are honored by your presence. If you are seeking a church home, please contact the Pastor.
- Holy Communion is celebrated in this morning's worship. All are welcome to the table. Young children should follow the practice of their home congregation.
- Masks covering nose and mouth are required by all during the service and while in the building.
- The words to the hymns will be on the screen. Please hum along but do not sing the hymns.
- The Worship Service will be available on You Tube, Facebook and the Website. It is being recorded through Facebook Live.
- Congregational responses are in bold.

* *Please stand*

Prelude *I Go to the Rock* (CCLI License #2823825)
Christ Our Hope in Life and Death (CCLI License #2823825)
(words on screen)

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

***Hymn** *My Hope is Built* (ELW 596) vs. 1 & 3

1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and
righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
Refrain

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood
sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed
away,
he then is all my hope and stay.
Refrain

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On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
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Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.

***Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

***Prayer of the Day:** We pray together: **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. Amen.**

WORD

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel - Matthew 21: 33-46**

[Jesus said to the people:] ³³“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. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way.

³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They 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.”

⁴²Jesus 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’?

⁴³Therefore 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. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Questions to ponder:

- *How do you hear Jesus' parable today? Does the fact that he paints such an extreme picture make it easier or more difficult to apply to your life?*
- *It is a hard word that Jesus offers now. It is also meant to be a life-giving word. How does the understanding that it is all a gift from God bring you life?*
- *Where did you see God this week? Call the office and share your God moments so our family of faith might grow to see God active in our lives too.*

Hymn *Knowing You* (CCLI License #2823825)

1 All I once held dear built my life upon
All this world reveres and wars to own
All I once thought gain I have counted loss
Spent and worthless now compared to this

Chorus

Knowing You Jesus knowing You
There is no greater thing
You're my all You're the best
You're my joy my righteousness
And I love You Lord

2 Now my heart's desire is to know You more
To be found in You and known as Yours
To possess by faith what I could not earn
All surpassing gift of righteousness

Chorus

Graham Kendrick

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Prayers of the Church - *(Each petition ends with "Lord in your mercy,". The Congregation responds "hear our prayer.")*

MEAL

(To be safe, you received a pre-package Communion kit with a host and cup of juice. You will be instructed on when to open the kit and receive Jesus in the bread and cup.

Offertory

Everything we have, do and are is a gift from God. God invites us to use our gifts of time, talent, money, and other blessings to love others. We join God in the work of healing our broken world. We pray - offering ourselves and our contributions to the glory of God.

Gracious and Loving God, giver of life and source of freedom, we know that all we have received is from your hand. **You call us to be stewards of your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us to always use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. Send the Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing your message to those we serve. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. Amen.**

***Dialogue**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***Words of Institution**

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.

***Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray the prayer Our Savior taught us: **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.**

Invitation to Communion

God's presence gives hope to the dried-up, the burnt-out, the lifeless and the lost. Refresh your spirit with Jesus present in Holy Communion.

Communion

The body of Christ given for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

***Table Blessing**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

***Post Communion Prayer**

Thank You, Lord Jesus, for coming to us as we have shared this meal of Holy Communion. **May the love we find in Your Presence be reflected in our lives; May the power we receive make us peacemakers and healers; And may the Spirit who fills us again lead us to be those who proclaim God's Kingdom in every word we speak and in everything we do. Amen**

SENDING

***Benediction**

Go now, and do not be afraid. Love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and bear fruit in every good work, putting love and mercy into action for others just as you would for yourselves. And may God turn to you and cherish you; May Christ Jesus (+) surround you with the light of His presence; And may the Holy Spirit give you life and strength. **Amen**

***Sending Hymn** *How Firm a Foundation* (ELW 796) vs. 1 & 2

- 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."

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

***Sending for Mission**

As you leave into the neighborhood, give each person you meet the gifts of love and grace God first offers to You. **Thanks be to God. We will!**

SERVING TRINITY TODAY

Musician – Sandra Wingert
Assisting Minister – Dave Wolfe
Acolyte – Ella Swart
Ushers – Alan Shank and Charlie Ford
Singer – Hannah Ruffner



The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God by Rob and Alice Marsh in loving memory of their father Gordon L. Loucks and their sister Susan E. Freeman.