



**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1186 Jason Drive, Greencastle, PA**

**TLC Renewals**



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

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
November 15, 2020 10:00 AM**

**Pastor – Rev. Barbara Barry**  
**Ministers to the World – Congregation of Trinity Lutheran**  
**Mission – *To Share Christ in Word and Deed***  
**Office Phone – 717-597-9348**

## 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.
- Please sit in the blank spots on the pews. The tape is placed where you should NOT sit. Families may sit on the tape together.
- 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 Sing the Mighty Power of God*

### Welcome and Announcements

## GATHERING

**Hymn**                      *Of the Father's Love Begotten* (ELW 295) vs.1 & 5

1 Of the Father's love begotten  
ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega,  
he the source, the ending he,  
of the things that are, that have  
been,  
and that future years shall see,  
evermore and evermore.

5 Christ, to thee, with God the  
Father,  
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
hymn and chant and high  
thanksgiving  
and unwearied praises be:  
honor, glory, and dominion,  
and eternal victory  
evermore and evermore! Amen.

Text: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413; tr. composite

## **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: **Persistent and loving God, you are forever seeking for your will to be done on Earth. You yearn for all creation to live in harmony. Forgive us for growing weary or complacent in the struggle for peace and justice. Sustain us with spiritual friends and a strong trust in you. Give us the willingness to do the loving thing and to be faithful in the small acts of caring. Work your surprising and amazing grace in our lives and in our broken world preparing us for the joy of the day of Your coming. Amen**

## **WORD**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*Gospel – Matthew 25:14-30**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>14</sup>“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup>But his master replied, ‘You wicked and

lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Sermon**

*Questions to ponder:*

- *The parable of the talents is a story of someone who buries money entrusted to his care to avoid criticism. Life comes abundantly from God yet fear or complacency can paralyze us into neglecting Jesus' command to love. What is Jesus asking you to do differently this week in order to grow spiritually?*
- *How do you experience being fully alive in Christ? What can you let go of this week that blocks that experience?*
- *Please use the enclosed slip to share a God moment from this week. It helps encourage all of us to look for God active in our lives.*

### **Hymn**

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (ELW 674) vs. 1 & 2*

1 Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

2 Christ is able to make us one,  
at the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express.  
Jesus comes again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!  
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Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

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**Prayers of the Church** - *(Each petition ends with "Hear us, O God,". The Congregation responds "your mercy is great.")*

### **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.

O God, these gifts we offer were never ours to begin with. You are the giver of all good gifts — our talents, our treasure, our very lives. **Accept these gifts we offer, as evidence of our love for you and our desire to serve you. In our giving, we make a declaration: our lives are in your hands. We affirm our desire to be bold in our discipleship — not hiding our talents in the ground, afraid to risk; but daring to be children of light, ministering in your name to the poor and broken of this world. 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**

Let go of your fear. Shake off your complacency! Receive the very real presence of Jesus in this meal of 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**

God of all creation, not only have you given us life and everything we need, you have also claimed us as your children. **Renewed by this holy meal of Jesus' presence and filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, give us the strength and courage to go out into the world boldly sharing Christ in word and**

**deed. May our minds be set on your ways and our souls strengthened to truly give up our lives for you as a living witness to your glory. Amen**

## **SENDING**

### **\*Benediction**

Loving and Gracious God. Being together today has brought us renewal. This time together with you has given us the strength to move into our week with courage and boldness. We walk out into a world that seems to be overrun with sin and hate. But, we are your image-bearers, and we will live as light in the darkness. We will be Jesus to all we encounter. As we go forth, we thank you that your Spirit goes with us. God: Father, Son (+) and Holy Spirit please bless us now and always. **Amen**

### **\*Sending Hymn**

*Soon and Very Soon* (ELW 439) vs.1 & 2

1 Soon and very soon  
We are goin' to see the King  
Soon and very soon  
We are goin' to see the King  
Soon and very soon  
We are goin' to see the King  
Hallelujah hallelujah  
We're goin' to see the King

2 No more cryin' there  
We are goin' to see the King  
No more cryin' there  
We are goin' to see the King  
No more cryin' there  
We are goin' to see the King  
Hallelujah, hallelujah  
We're goin' to see the King  
Hallelujah, hallelujah

Hallelujah, hallelujah  
Hallelujah, hallelujah

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### **\*Sending for Mission**

Go with joy and confidence to love and serve God and each other knowing that the presence of God goes with you. **Thanks be to God. We will!**

**SERVING TRINITY TODAY**

Musician – Sandra Wingert

Assisting Minister – Dave Wolfe

Acolyte – Ella Swart

Ushers – Don Swart and Darrell Swart

Singer – Scott Valentine



The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God by Charlie and Beth Ford and Hannah Ruffner in honor of Rob and Alice Marsh's wedding anniversary.