



LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN

come to me.

MARK 10:14

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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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

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 3, 2021 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 during the service.
 - The Worship Service will be available on You Tube, Facebook and the Website after the service. It is being recorded through Facebook Live.
 - Congregational responses are in bold.
- * *Please stand*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Brief Order of Confession

We call upon God's mercy and forgiveness and confess our sins.

Almighty and loving God, at our best we seek to be upright and blameless, people of integrity who live with unwavering trust in God. We desire to live as brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, faithful and responsive. But, in truth we forget You in our hectic busyness, and we turn from the way of love in our relationships with others. We fail to realize that judging – feeling better than others – breaks faith with You. We avoid serious wrongdoing, yet we would still like to have advantages for ourselves over others. We are not blood thirsty, but we have not yet adopted the way of peace. We humbly seek forgiveness as little children in need of your welcoming love.

When we come as children, acknowledging our dependence on God for life and all that sustains it, we recognize that loving arms surround us and hands of blessing rest on our lives. Jesus claims us and walks with us through life. Thanks be to God who loves and forgives us, guiding our hearts and helping us to grow.

*Gathering Hymn of Praise

How Majestic Is Your Name (CCLI#2823825)

Oh Lord, our Lord, how majestic is
Your name in all the earth
Oh Lord, our Lord, how majestic is
Your name in all the earth
Oh Lord, we praise Your name
Oh Lord, we magnify Your name
Prince of Peace, Mighty God
Oh Lord God Almighty

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*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: **God of love, we thank you for receiving us as your children, for melting the hardness of heart that locks us into our own narrow point of view, and keeps us from sharing our lives fully with people who are different from us. We ask you now to touch us in ways that heal, address our fears, awaken hope in us, and open us to self-giving love. We long to live in a world refreshed by mutual caring and honest commitment. Teach us, that we might reflect your love to the people around us.**

WORD

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the tenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel – Mark 10:2-16

² Some Pharisees came, and to test him 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.'

¹⁰ Then 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.'

¹³ People 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Questions to Ponder:

- *How does your experience of divorce shape how you hear today's gospel? Where do you find Good News in Jesus' teaching today?*
- *What is Jesus saying to you when he tells you to receive the kingdom as a little child? Why do you think the image of Jesus welcoming the children comes right after his teaching about divorce?*
- *It is important we take seriously sharing our God moments. Doing so not only encourages each of us to see God, but also trains the eyes of our hearts as well. Please fill out the forms in your bulletin or comment on Facebook*

***Hymn**

Jesus, Come For We Invite You (WOV 648) vs. 2&4

2 Jesus, come! transform our pleasures,
guide us into paths unknown;
bring your gifts, command your servants,
let us trust in you alone:
though your hand may work in secret,
all shall see what you have done.

4 Jesus, come! surprise our dullness,
make us willing to receive
more than we can yet imagine,
all the best you have to give:
let us find your hidden riches,
taste your love, believe, and live!

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

Time of Silence: *At our best Trinity is passionate about God. We respond to God's love becoming still, closing our eyes and opening our heart spaces to God's presence.*

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. Contributions may be placed in the collection plate, mailed or there is a donation button on the website. We pray - offering ourselves and our contributions to the glory of God.

O God, the giver of life and of every good gift, you have poured out your grace and blessings upon us. **Your generosity is lavish, your love unconditional, your joy overflowing. You have withheld nothing from us, claiming us as your own children. Receive these gifts and offerings of time, talent, money and our hearts, as a token of love and gratitude from your children. May we, along with our gifts, be useful in reaching out to others who are in need. 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**

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, Jesus 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**

Come to Jesus, present in the bread and cup of Holy Communion. He blesses you with unconditional love and forgiveness. Be comforted with peace.

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**

We give you thanks, almighty God. **You have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life, Jesus present in the bread and cup of Holy Communion. We pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Sign of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.** *(If you are joining us on Facebook, please share Christ's peace with one another in the comments.)*

SENDING

***Benediction**

Let your lives witness to Christ's love. Let your words bring reconciliation. Let your thoughts be of peace. Let your touch bring healing. Let your actions count for justice. Be a sign of hope and a beacon of joy. May God's blessing go with you in the name of the Father, the Son (+) and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds (ELW 656) vs. 1,2,3

- 1 Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above.
- 2 Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.
- 3 We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.

***Sending for Service**

Go in peace, secure in God's blessing and love, to share God's love to everyone you meet. **Thanks be to God. We will!**

SERVING TRINITY TODAY

Director of Music – Sandra Wingert

Assisting Minister – Scott Valentine

Singer – Matt Cessna

Usher – Charlie Ford

IT Ministry – Darrell Swart

Communion Preparer – Sue Wunderlich