

September 15, 2024

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity



*Weeping may linger for
the night, but joy comes
with the morning.*

Psalm 30:5, NRSV

Trinity Orthodox Lutheran Church

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"Forward With the Cross"

<http://www.tolcaz.com>

Welcome to Trinity

† “ORTHODOX” describes our doctrine and practice best and takes the least amount of explanation to others. “Orthodox” means “correct, straight, true, pure, containing no false doctrine.”

† TO RESPECT our Lord and those gathered here to worship Him, please cell phones and electronic devices off or to silent as you enter church.

† SEATING - The last two pews on the pulpit side of the church are for families with small children. Ushers are available to assist.

† AVAILABLE – The church has a voice prompted AED with trained and certified CPR/AED personnel. There is a wheelchair, walker, and cane in the ladies room for use. Hearing assist devices may be obtained from Jesse Haakenson at the computer center at the rear of the church.

† FELLOWSHIP HALL – ***NOTICE - All diapers must be changed at diaper changing station in the Ladies Restroom! Please follow these instructions when changing diapers.*** Water dispenser is in the entrance hall. Hymnals, service bulletins, and a monitor are in the classroom area. *Please pick up after your children when leaving the sanctuary or fellowship hall.*

† OFFICE INFORMATION - Should you need to contact Pastor Spencer after office hours, please call his cell...858-214-9879. During the day messages may be left on the office phone – it is checked frequently when he’s out of the office.

† The service is video streamed in real time on the church website www.tolcaz.com. Sunday worship folders are on the same page.

SEPTEMBER SERVERS

Deacons Jesse Haakenson
Steve Quast
Tony Waalkens
Altar Lora Hartwig
Counter Betsy Hermes

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES – 9:00

WORSHIP – 10:25

Tuesday – 10:00 – Bible Break

2nd & 4th Saturdays – 1:00 - Bible Basics

Church Officers:

President: Steve Quast;

Board of Elders: vacant;

Deacons: Jesse Haakenson, Steve Quast, Tony Waalkens;

Board of Finance: Jesse Haakenson (Chairman, Treasurer), Tony Waalkens;

Betsy Hermes, (Financial Secretary);

Board of Trustees: Tony Waalkens (Chairman).

Meetings: Church council – 2nd Sunday morning, each month

Voters Meeting in May – Date TBA

Congregational Open Forum/Voters Meeting in November – Date TBA

Ladies Guild Officers:

President: Eva Snell

Vice President: Susan Jamka

Secretary – Carolyn Uhlig

Treasurer – Cheryl Nickels

Meetings: 2nd Sunday morning, September-May

Preparation for Worship

P: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1) Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

The Call to Worship will begin with the ringing of the church bells at 10:25 AM for one minute. During this time all worshipers should be seated and refrain from all conversation.

At the end of the bells Pastor Spencer will address the congregation briefly, after which there should be SILENCE until the opening hymn.

May God accept and bless our worship together

Please use this time to direct your thoughts toward God: pray for His blessing on your worship. Some meditation choices in the Hymnal:

Prayers for Worship – inside front page;

Prayers, Intercessions, and Thanksgiving – Pages 305-318;

Psalms – pages 1-150 in the Hymnal;

Read through the bulletin and meditate on this morning's lessons;



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The cares and worries of this life, the lack of complete trust in the Father's love, will gradually grow into a deliberate and endless giving in to our flesh and completely wreck our faith in God!

The only sure and certain cure for all anxiety and the encouragement to rise above this fear is in the blessed assurance that the Father cares for us. Thus, we can serve Him with that same kind of trust – however imperfect.

This Sunday's teaching is that we are to seek God's comfort and consolation in our troubles, in persecution, and in all our inner battles. Surely, the agonies of the human heart caused by sorrow, separation, loss, may cause doubts and loss of faith. In short, the lesson of this Sunday is simply: Patience in Tribulation!

TODAY'S DIVINE SERVICE

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OPENING HYMN #752 (1-4) "Be Still My Soul"

1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2 Be still, my soul; your God will undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

3 Be still, my soul, though dearest friends depart
And all is darkened in the vale of tears;
Then you will better know His love, His heart,
Who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears.
Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay
From His own fulness all He takes away.

4 Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(Spoken)* Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: *(Spoken)* Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: *(Spoken)* And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal

and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(Spoken)* Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

P: Be merciful unto us, O LORD, for we cry out unto You daily. For You, O LORD, are always good and ready to forgive, and plenteous in mercy unto all those who call upon You.

C: Bow down Your ear, O LORD, hear us, for we are poor and needy.

P: Praise the Lord!

C: *(Sing)* Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

KYRIE

P: Having obtained pardon for all our sins and thus peace with God, we now come before Him in prayer and praise.

O LORD God the Father in heaven, You abound in grace and love, as the Maker of all things continue to preserve them for our use.

O Christ our king, You bring salvation for all, as God's own Son and our mediator at the heavenly throne, hear us and grant our supplications.

O LORD God the Holy Ghost, You create and guard our faith, the gift we need the most, bless our life's last hour that we leave this sinful world with gladness and peace.

C: *(Sing)* Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord,

have mercy upon us.

P: Let us give glory to our God!

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

C: *(Sing)* Glory be to God on high; And on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *(Sing)* And with thy spirit.

P: LORD, we ask that Your grace lead and guide us and direct us constantly toward all manner of good works for the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever,

C: *(Sing)* Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

FIRST KINGS 17:17-24. ¹⁷ Now it came about after these things that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became sick; and his sickness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸ So she said to Elijah, "What do I have to do with you, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my iniquity to remembrance and to put my son to death!" ¹⁹ He said to her, "Give me your son." Then he took him from her bosom and carried him up to

the upper room where he was living, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰ He called to the Lord and said, "O Lord my God, have You also brought calamity to the widow with whom I am staying, by causing her son to die?" ²¹ Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and called to the Lord and said, "O Lord my God, I pray You, let this child's life return to him." ²² The Lord heard the voice of Elijah, and the life of the child returned to him and he revived. ²³ Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper room into the house and gave him to his mother; and Elijah said, "See, your son is alive."²⁴ Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: *(Spoken)* Thanks be to God.

PSALM 30:2-5

P: O Lord my God, I cried to You for help,

C: **And You healed me.**

P: O Lord, You have brought up my soul from Sheol;

C: **You have kept me alive, that I would not go down to the pit.**

P: Sing praise to the Lord, you His godly ones,

C: **And give thanks to His holy name.**

P: For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for a lifetime; Weeping may last for the night,

C: **But a shout of joy comes in the morning.**

EPISTLE

EPHESIANS 3:13-21. ¹³ Therefore I ask you not to lose heart at my tribulations on your behalf, for they are your glory. ¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, ¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, ¹⁷ so that

Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, ²¹ to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

P: This too is the Word of the LORD.

C: *(Spoken)* Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

P: The heathen shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth His glory.

C: **When the LORD shall build up Zion, He shall appear in His glory.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

P: All you who fear the LORD, trust also in the LORD; He is your Help and your Shield. Hallelujah!

C: *(Sing)* **Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, Seventh Chapter, Vs. 11-17.

C: *(Sing)* **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

LUKE 7:11-17. ¹¹ Soon afterwards Jesus went to a city called Nain; and His disciples were going along with Him, accompanied by a large crowd. ¹² Now as He approached the gate of the city, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a sizeable crowd from the city was with her. ¹³ When the Lord saw her, He felt compassion for her, and said to her, "Do not weep." ¹⁴ And He came up and touched the coffin; and the bearers came to a halt. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise!" ¹⁵ The dead man sat up and began to speak. And Jesus gave him back

to his mother. ¹⁶ Fear gripped them all, and they began glorifying God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and, "God has visited His people!" ¹⁷ This report concerning Him went out all over Judea and in all the surrounding district. (*Bible readings are courtesy of Bible Gateway, NASB 95*)

C: (*Sing*) Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

BLESSING OF FIRST COMMUNION – *Sofia Haakenson*

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen."

HYMN OF THE DAY #697 (1-4) "Awake, O Sleeper from Death"

1. Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,
And Christ shall give you light;
So learn His love, it's length and breadth,
Its fullness, depth and height.

2. To us on earth He came to bring
From sin and fear release,
To give the Spirit's unity,
The very bond of peace.

3. Then walk in love as Christ has loved,
Who died that He might save;
With kind and gentle heart forgive
As God in Christ forgave.

4. For us Christ lived, for us He died,
And conquered in the strife;
Awake, arise, go forth in faith,
And Christ shall give you life.

The Historic Lectionary as we know it today originated with St. Jerome, who, at the request of Pope Damasus (died in AD 384) prepared the first common Christian Lectionary, which he called the "Liber Comitis" or Companion Book. Thus, the Historic Lectionary of Scripture Readings for Sunday worship is at least one-thousand- six-hundred years old! It is this schedule of Bible readings we will be using during this 2023-2024 Church Year. In addition, the Gospel selections will form the basis for each Sunday sermon.

SERMON

"Yes, God Visits His People!" *Luke 7:16*

P: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in true faith through Christ Jesus our Lord.

C: *(Spoken)* Amen.

OFFERTORY

C: *(Sing)* Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(A version of an English translation of the original German prayer used by American Lutheran churches of the General Council in 1868. It was also the basis for the General Prayer of the "Page 5" service of TLH, 1941.)

Omnipotent God, Who is worthy to be held in awe by all people, we give You most humble and hearty thanks for the many blessings, which, without any merit or worthiness on our part, You have bestowed upon us. We praise You especially that You have preserved Your saving Word and the Holy Sacraments in truth and purity. Continue to protect and extend Your kingdom throughout the world. Give Your Church faithful Pastors, and grant success to their preaching. Open the door of faith unto unbelievers everywhere, including all the children of Abraham. In mercy remember the enemies of Your Church, and grant unto them repentance unto eternal life. Be the Protector and Defender of Your people in all times of tribulation and danger. Cause all those in Your Church to fight the good fight of faith, and in the end receive the salvation of our souls. Bestow Your grace upon all the nations of the earth. Bless our land and all its inhabitants, and all who are in authority. Cause Your Word to be proclaimed openly throughout our country, so that truth and righteousness would grow among us. Defend us from all calamities by fire, water, plague, war, and famine. Prosper everyone in their calling and cause all useful arts to flourish. Be the Protector of the widow and orphan, the Helper of the sick and the needy, and the Comforter of the distressed. As

we are but pilgrims on this earth, help us by true faith and godly life to prepare for the world to come; doing the work You have given us; before the End comes when we can work no longer. And when our last hour comes, receive us into Your everlasting kingdom; only through the merits of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

VISITORS PLEASE READ THIS! *Trinity practices the Biblical teaching of "Closed Communion," meaning that only members of our congregation or those in doctrinal fellowship with us have the privilege of joining us in the celebration of our Lord's Supper. If you desire to commune with us today, please obtain a questionnaire from the Pastor or an Elder and follow the instructions printed there. Thank you!* **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

NOTES. *After the Pastor announces, "The congregation may now come forward for the Lord's Supper": Communicants on BOTH sides of pews will come to the center aisle at the same time and line up right next to their respective pews; Come forward 4 or 5 at a time, again at the same time, each to the side of the communion rail directly in front of them; Communicants may receive the Host (wafer) in their hand or mouth as they desire and receive either individual or common cup (Chalice). When the rail in front of each side is empty another group will come forward.*

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *(Sing)* **And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: *(Sing)* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: *(Sing)* **It is meet and right so to do.**

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O LORD, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God: Who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Ghost are one God, one Lord. And in the confession of the only true God we worship the Trinity in Person and the Unity in Substance, of Majesty coequal. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and singing:

SANCTUS

C: *(Sing)* Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh, in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: 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.

C: *(Sing)* For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: **Our Lord Jesus Christ**, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

PAX DOMINI

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

C: *(Sing)* Amen.

P: Behold the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the World.

C: *(Sing)* O Christ, thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

LUTHER'S EXHORTATIONS TO HOLY COMMUNION

From his Large Catechism, A.D. 1529

P: We have the clear text in the very words of Christ: Do this in remembrance of Me. These are bidding and commanding words by which all who would be Christians are enjoined to partake of this Sacrament. Therefore, whoever would be a disciple of Christ, with whom He here speaks, must also consider and observe this,

C: Not from compulsion, as being forced by men,

P: But in obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ, and to please Him.

DISTRIBUTION

NUNC DIMITTIS

C: *(Sing)* Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which thou has prepared before the face of all people: a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C: *(Sing)* And His mercy endureth forever

THANKSGIVING

P: "We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever."

C: *(Sing)* Amen.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *(Sing)* And with thy spirit.

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: *(Sing)* Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

C: *(Sing)* Amen, Amen, Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #742 (1-6) "For Me to Live Is Jesus"

1 For me to live is Jesus,
To die is gain for me;
So when my Savior pleases,
I meet death willingly.

2 For Christ, my Lord, my brother,
I leave this world so dim
And gladly seek another,
Where I shall be with Him.

3 My woes are nearly over,
Though long and dark the road;
My sin His merits cover,
And I have peace with God.

4 Lord, when my pow'rs are failing,
My breath comes heavily,
And words are unavailing.
O hear my sighs to Thee.

5 In my last hour, O grant me
A slumber soft and still,
No doubts to vex or haunt me,
Safe anchored in Thy will;

6 And so to Thee still cleaving
When death shall come to me,
I fall asleep believing
And wake in heav'n with Thee!

NEXT SUNDAY: Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Sermon: "The Amazing Arrogance of Self!" Luke 14:5

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this morning are given by the Haakenson family in celebration of their daughter Sofia's First Communion.

TODAY it is our privilege to welcome Sofia Haakenson to share in our Lord's Table. May God continue to bless her saving faith! Please join the family for snacks and cake during fellowship.

CHURCH COUNCIL AND LADIES GUILD will hold their meetings this morning. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend the Guild meeting.

WELCOME BACK:

<i>Tuesday, September 17</i>	<i>10:00</i>	<i>Weekly Bible Break</i>
<i>Saturday, September 28</i>	<i>1:00</i>	<i>Bible Basics</i>

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS Wednesday to Matt Spencer and Maci Baerman; Thursday to Erin Nickels and Penny Cook.