

*September 27, 2020*  
*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*



Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me  
Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me,  
for You are the God of my salvation;  
For You I wait all the day long.

*Psalm 25:4–5*

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Our mission is sharing the saving love of Jesus



# DIVINE SETTING 4

## "God's Attitude Toward Sin & Sinners"

### Hymn of Invocation

*"As Surely as I Live," God Said"*

LSB 614



1 "As sure - ly as I live," God said, "I would not  
2 And so our Lord gave this com - mand: "Go forth and  
3 "All those whose sins you thus re - mit I tru - ly  
4 "What you will bind, that bound shall be; What you will



see the sin - ner dead. I want him turned from  
preach in ev - 'ry land; Be - stow on all My  
par - don and ac - quit, And those whose sins you  
loose, that shall be free; To My dear Church the



er - ror's ways, Re - pen - tant, liv - ing end - less days."  
par - d'ning grace Who will re - pent and mend their ways.  
will re - tain Con - demned and guilt - y shall re - main.  
keys are giv'n To o - pen, close the gates of heav'n."

5 The words which absolution give  
Are His who died that we might live;  
The minister whom Christ has sent  
Is but His humble instrument.

7 All praise to You, O Christ, shall be  
For absolution full and free,  
In which You show Your richest grace;  
From false indulgence guard our race.

6 When ministers lay on their hands,  
Absolved by Christ the sinner stands;  
He who by grace the Word believes  
The purchase of His blood receives.

△8 Praise God the Father and the Son  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,  
As was, is now, and so shall be  
World without end, eternally!

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## Confession and Absolution

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

**C** Amen.

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

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

### Gloria in Excelsis

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

**P** Let us pray together the Collect of the Day.

**C** Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority.

Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32*

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>"What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? <sup>3</sup>As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . . <sup>25</sup>"Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? <sup>26</sup>When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. <sup>28</sup>Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? <sup>30</sup>"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## Epistle Reading

*Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18*

<sup>1</sup>If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . . <sup>14</sup>Do all things without grumbling or questioning, <sup>15</sup>that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup>holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup>Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. <sup>18</sup>Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia and Verse



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☐ These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.

☐ Glory to You, O Lord.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 18:21–35*

*Matthew 21:23–27*

<sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” <sup>24</sup>Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if

you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things.<sup>25</sup> The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'"<sup>26</sup> But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet."<sup>27</sup> So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

## APOSTLES' CREED

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**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

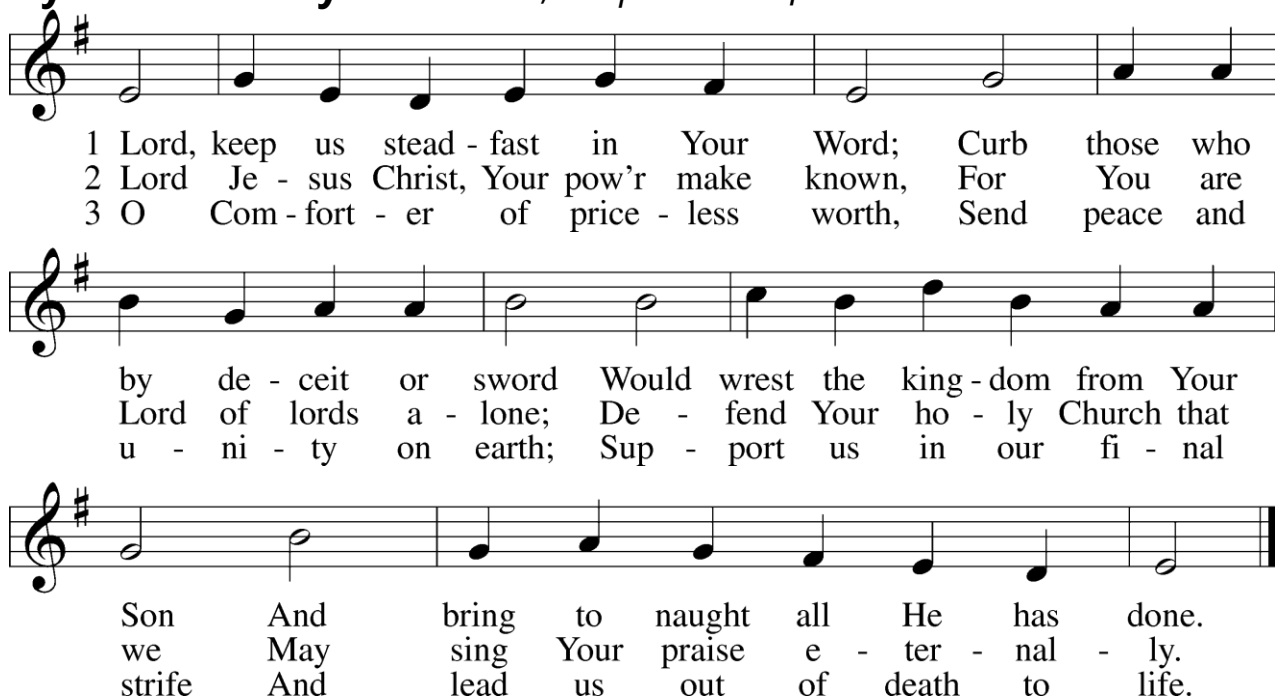
**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Hymn of the Day

*"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"*

LSB 655



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who  
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are  
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and

by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your  
 Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that  
 u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal

Son And bring to naught all He has done.  
 we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
 strife And lead us out of death to life.

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## Sermon

*"God's Attitude Toward Sin & Sinners"* (Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32)

**Offering** *(The offering plate and generic offering envelopes are available on the table in the narthex. For electronic giving, please see "Resources" tab at the top of the home page on Trinity's website - - [www.trinityaubne.org](http://www.trinityaubne.org) )*

## Prayer of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

LSB 209

**C** 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.

### Benedicamus and Benediction

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

### Closing Hymn

"Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go"

LSB 920



1	Forth	in	the	peace	of	Christ	we	go;
2	King	of	our	hearts,	Christ	makes	us	kings;
3	Priests	of	the	world,	Christ	sends	us	forth
4	Christ's	are	our	lips,	His	Word	we	speak;
5	We	are	the	Church;	Christ	bids	us	show



Christ	to	the	world	with	joy	we	bring;
King -	ship	with	Him	His	ser -	vants	gain;
This	world	of	time	to	con -	se -	crate,
Proph -	ets	are	we	whose	deeds	pro -	claim
That	in	His	Church	all	na -	tions	find



Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,  
With Christ the Ser- vant - Lord of all,  
This world of sin by grace to heal,  
Christ's truth in love that we may be  
Their hearth and home where Christ re - stores



Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.  
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.  
Christ's world in Christ to re - cre - ate.  
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.  
True peace, true love to all man - kind.

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**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**, we pray to our merciful Heavenly Father for:

- ✚ **Healing and strengthened faith in Christ for those who are ill:** Devona Burklund (Amber Meyer's mom), Jack Humphrey, Ed Johnston, and all those in special need.
- ✚ **Seminary students we support or who have connections with our congregation:** Rev. Tim Prince as he works on his doctoral dissertation and serves as a Pastor of a congregation in Wisconsin.
- ✚ **Trinity Lutheran Preschool** that the Lord will bless the staff at the preschool with all that they need as they care for the children and teach them about Jesus.
- ✚ **Our college students** – Joshua Barker, Tyler Barker, Sydni Billesbach, Zachary Becker, Amelia Becker, Rachel Bohling, Danielle Gauchat, Heidi Rathjen, Hannah Rathjen, Elaina Riley, Krista Riley, and Kassidy Zaruba — that God would bless their studies and other activities especially with the modifications being made to their classes due to the corona virus. Pray also that they take time during the school year to feed their faith by listening to God's Word in personal devotions and in attending worship services so that by the Holy Spirit's work they will continue to trustfully follow Jesus and be comforted by the Good News of His ongoing love, care and forgiveness for them.
- ✚ **The Family of Darlene Volker.** Please pray for Darlene's family, as they grieve her death. Pray that the Holy Spirit will use the Good News about Jesus to comfort them at this time of sadness.



## THOSE CELEBRATING SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK:

**Birthdays:** 9/28: Drew Clarke; 9/29: Diane Johnson; 10/3: Steven Jobe

**Baptisms:** 9/29: Diane Johnson; 10/1: Wyatt Gauchat, Allie Graf, Paul Tetrick;  
10/2: Michael Zaruba

**Anniversaries:** none this week

SUN – 9/27	MON – 9/28	TUE – 9/29	WED – 9/30	THU – 10/1	FRI – 10/2	SAT – 10/3	SUN – 10/4
9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	8:15 - 11:45 AM Preschool	8:15 - 11:45 AM Preschool	8:15 - 11:45 AM Preschool  6:30 PM Confirmation	8:15 - 11:45 AM Preschool			9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion 10:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

## THE GOSPEL AT WORK

### Christ's Servants Today:

Elder ..... Doug Lueders  
Asst Elder ..... Jim Parrish  
Organist ..... Sandy Wilson  
Acolyte ..... Justin Meyer  
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### Our Thankful Response to Christ's Love:

Worship attendance ..... 47  
Sunday School attendance ..... 6  
Offering(9/20) ..... \$2119.00  
(Weekly Budget.....\$4434.00)  
Preschool ..... \$125.00  
Reimbursement..... \$60.42  
Give Thanks/Give Back ..... 50.00

**Lessons for next Sunday:** Isaiah 5:1-7; Php. 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

**Re-Vitality Bible Study:** We have finished the ReVitality Bible Study.

If you weren't able to join us in person for the study on Sunday mornings, video and audio recordings of each session are posted on the church website—[www.trinityaubne.org](http://www.trinityaubne.org). A file with the Bible study itself is also posted on the website. At your convenience, please go through those resources if you haven't already done so, so that you also are ready to participate in the ***"Serving in God's Mission"*** module when we begin later this fall.

**Adult Bible Study:** Today we will again watch and discuss a video from our circuit forum back in February. The title is "Discipleship in Everyday Life - - the Vocation of Christian Caregiving." Rev. Dr. Justin Hannemann was the presenter. Please join us for this helpful topic!



**Sunday School 2020-2021: Sunday School classes are in session! Join us after worship!**

*A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org) “As Christians, we understand better than most that life is weighted with profound suffering and buoyed by eternal hope. As such, it’s time to raise our children to appreciate what a big, beautiful struggle parenthood is and that it simply cannot happen without offering compassion, love, and grace to children still in the womb and to the mothers and fathers who view the scales more filled with suffering than hope.” Tawnia Hoehne, Frazee, Minnesota*

## *Announcements September 27, 2020* *The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

### **Thank you to:**

- ✂ **The Trustees** for their work on various projects around the church.
- ✂ **All the Voters who participated** in the meeting last Monday.

### **Mark Your Calendar:**

- ✂ **National Life Chain Sunday, October 4, 1:30 – 2:30 PM, Hwy 75 & Hwy 136 Intersection:** pick up signs with pro-life messages at the southeast corner at 1:15 and then spend an hour in prayer while holding the signs in witness. Social distancing planned, and masks are welcome.

**Preschool Life-Learning Project – You Can Help!:** Just like our Preschoolers see their families save earnings to make purchases, this school year the students will be working hard to earn “tickets” which will be their currency to spend on their own shopping spree - a one-day event at the end of the school year. Small toys, books, and fun trinkets will be collected until that time to set up a ‘store’ in the preschool. *As you and/or family members identify gently used small toys (they need to fit easily in a shopping bag), books or fun items that you no longer need, please direct them to the Preschool donation box on the table in the Fellowship Hall.* A good variety of things for sale will increase the fun – so anything you can donate would help! (Everything will be sanitized as the store is organized and set-up!) Thank you for all your support of our little ones in the Trinity Preschool family!

**This week on KFuo.org**, continue studying the book of Proverbs on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), continue in the book of 1 Samuel on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and spend a moment with KFuo Radio on topics in faith, family, scripture, creation, and a little fun on KFuo Midday Moments at 12:00 p.m. CT. Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or wherever you get your podcasts.

**Wanted: Lay Person** (man or woman) who is willing to serve as a delegate to the circuit forum on Sunday, November 8, 2:00 PM at Faith Humboldt. Please speak to Pastor or John Ackerman by Sunday, October 18. Thanks!

**Check it Out!** Links for the YouTube video and the audio recording of our weekly worship services are posted on Trinity Lutheran’s website—[www.trinityaubne.org](http://www.trinityaubne.org). The links are posted on the website as soon as possible after the service, but there will be some delay for data transmission and processing.



### **“The Lord is My Refuge” Bible Verse of the Week:**

Philippians 2:1–2, *ESV*: So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.