October 18, 2020

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



"Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." Matthew 22:21b

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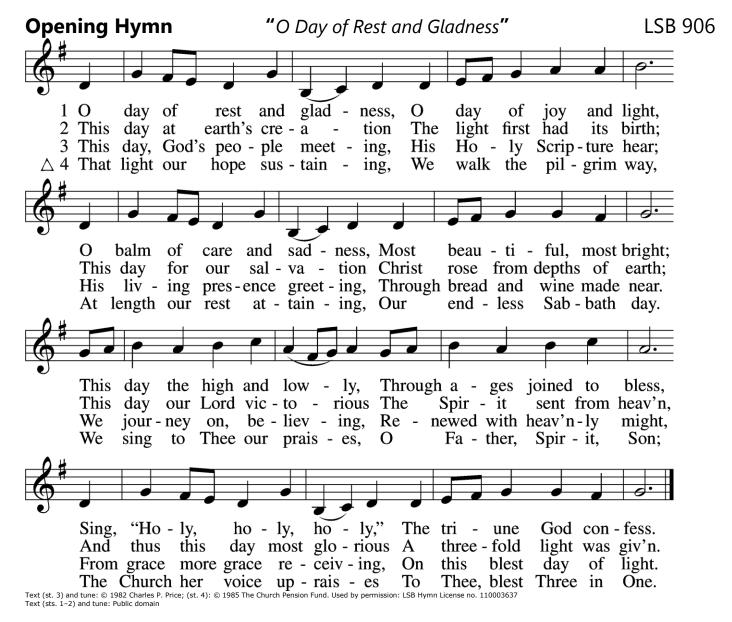
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Our mission is sharing the saving love of Jesus



DIVINE SETTING 4

Seeing God's Work



Confession and Absolution

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **©** who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **■** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

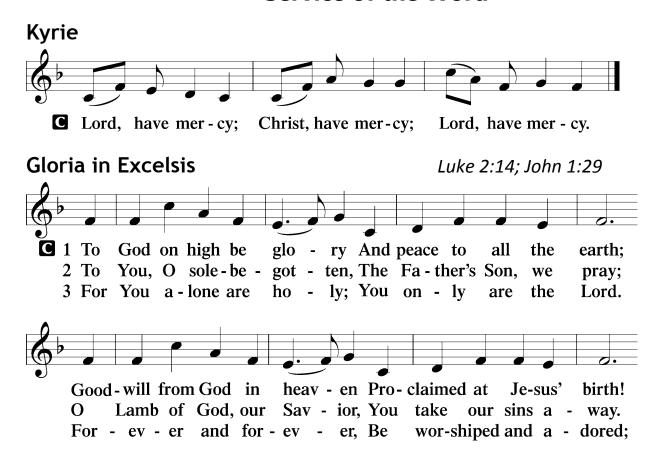
P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and 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.

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

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word





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.
- O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 45:1-7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: ²"I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, ⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ¹I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things."

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We give thanks to God always for all of you,

constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes

to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" ²¹They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed LSB 206

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.

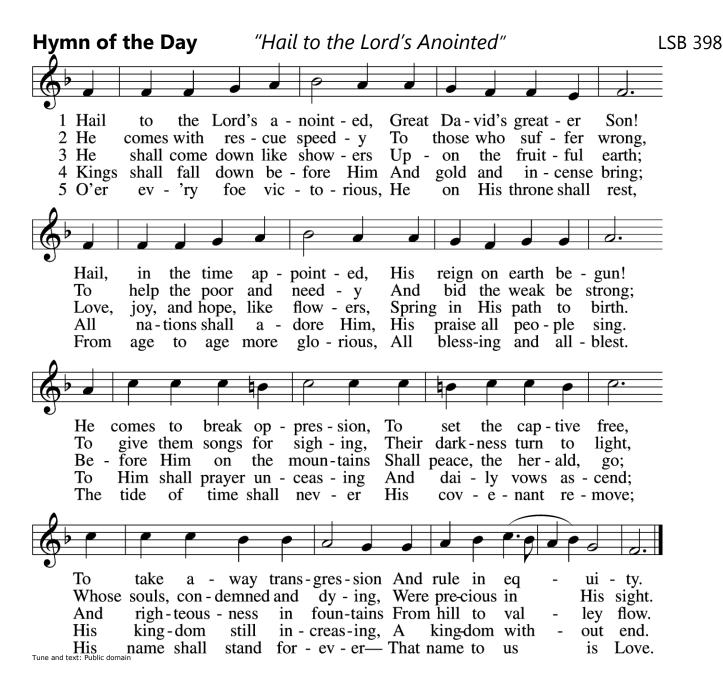
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

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.



Sermon

"Seeing God's Work"

(Isaiah 45:1-7)

Prayer of the Church

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)

Service of the Sacrament

Guests and Members please read—What we believe about the Sacrament of the Altar

LORD'S SUPPER: God's Word teaches the Real Presence of Christ's body and blood invisibly in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. We take seriously the spiritual care of those who commune at our altar. The Word of God states that no one offend against Christ and His Word by denying His true presence and its promise and seal of forgiveness. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (see 1 Cor. 11:27-29) and because Holy Communion is a confession of what is taught and believed at this altar (1 Cor. 11:26), any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession (beliefs) differing from that of this congregation (that is, belong to another church body or denomination) and yet desire to receive the sacrament, will want to first speak with the pastor before communing. As a courtesy, guests from sister congregations of The LCMS or from congregations of the American Association of Lutheran Churches (AALC) are also asked to introduce themselves to the pastor before communing.

Other communion information:

- O **Baptismal blessing:** If you are **not** a communicant member of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) or The American Association of Lutheran Churches (AALC) (that is, one who has been instructed in the faith, confirmed and is currently in good standing) but have been baptized, we invite you to come forward during Communion to receive a Baptismal blessing from the pastor. We simply ask you to indicate such by crossing your arms over your chest as you kneel/stand at the Communion rail.
- o **Communion in the pews:** If you are unable to walk to the communion rail, please contact an elder so that communion may be brought to you in the pew.
- o **Gluten-Free Communion wafers** are available during the Lord's Supper if you have a dietary intolerance to gluten, wheat, dairy, yeast, egg, soy, nut or corn. If you desire a gluten-free host during Communion, please notify Pastor or the head elder before the service and you will be served that in place of the regular communion wafer.
- o **For anyone who is not able to drink alcohol**, near the middle of each tray, three individual cups will be located that have one drop of wine diluted with water. They will be recognized by their lighter color. If you have questions, please see pastor.

Communion Statement

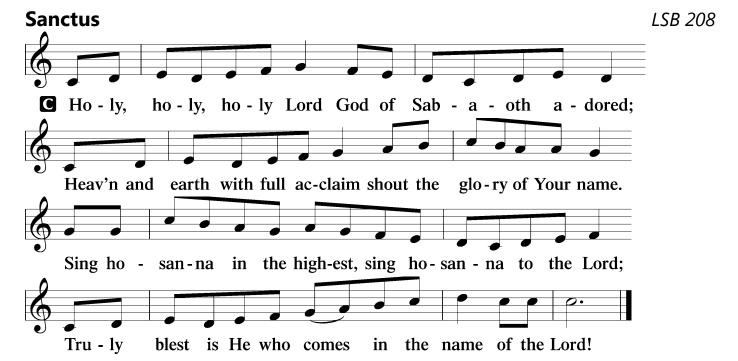
Please read/review what we believe about the Sacrament of the Altar as printed in the bulletin. **In registering for communion today, I agree with the following statements.**

- + I am a sinner by nature and by what I say, do, and think.
- + I am truly sorry for my sins—the ways that I have disobeyed God and hurt others.
- + **I want** the Holy Spirit to enable me to turn away from my sinful ways, to follow Jesus in faith more consistently and to grow in loving and forgiving others as the Lord has first loved and forgiven me.
- + **I truly believe** that Jesus is my Savior—the only One who can rescue me from the eternal punishment I deserve because of my sin.
- + **I truly believe** Jesus' words, "This is my body...This is my blood..."—that He is bodily present in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Sacrament giving Himself to me to eat and to drink to assure me that God fully forgives my sins.
- + I agree with what Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod believes, teaches and confesses.

Preface LSB 208

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **©** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **G** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life....

Hear us as we pray in His name as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer LSB 209

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.

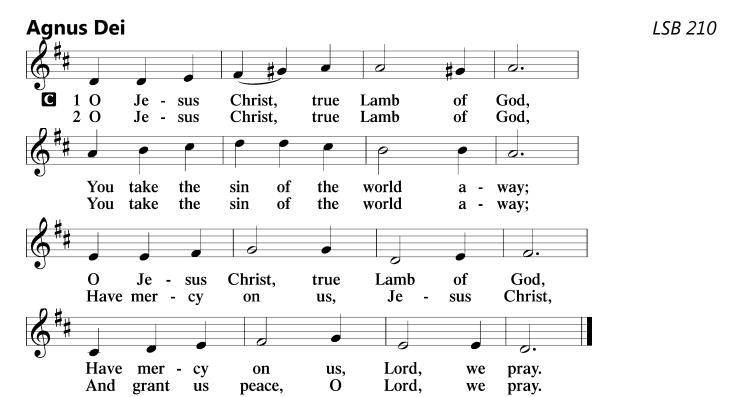
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My → body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My → blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini LSB 209

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

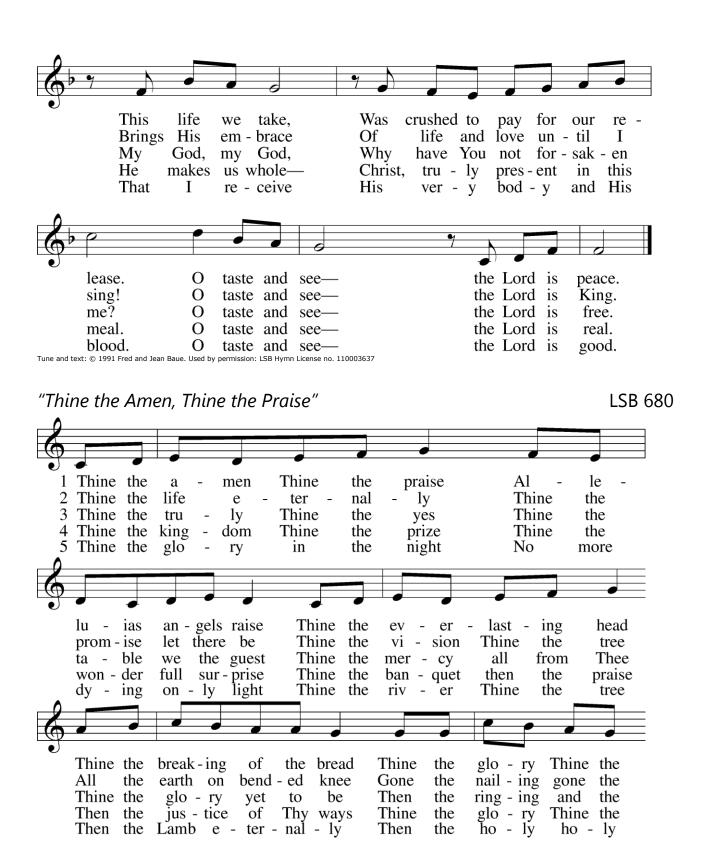
Amen.

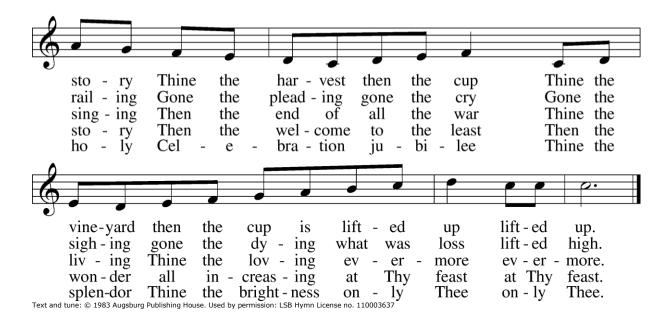
Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

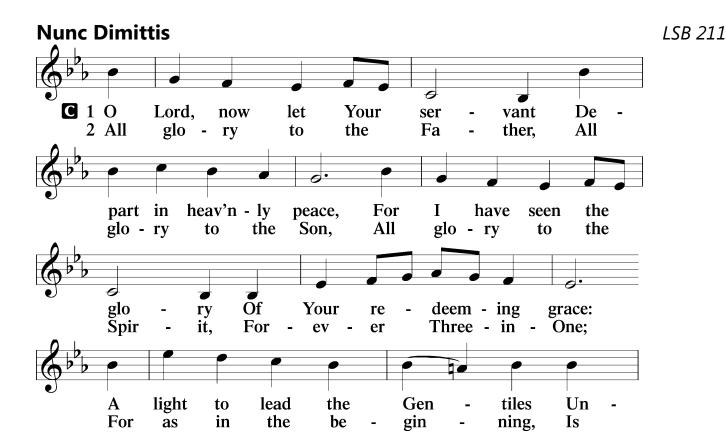
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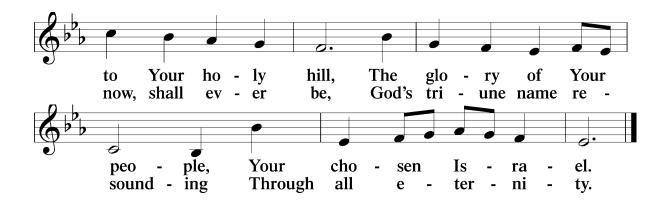






In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:





Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray. 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 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.

G Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

- **A** Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.
- C Amen.

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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: Jack Humphrey, Jami Klingelhoefer (Pastor's cousin), and all those in special need.
- On-Going Prayers: Amelia Becker, Nate Becker (Tim Becker's brother), Jill Bloss (friend the Ackermans), Greg Brandt (Brother-in-law of Pam Tetrick), Aaron Clark (son of former members),

Marshall Clark (Jim & Sharon Clark's grandson), Susan George (Vicki Ackerman's sister), Monique Grotrian (friend of the Lueders' family), Sue Harris (Paula Martin's friend), Gale Haun (Kamtz family friend), Donna Hoadley (Merri Johnson's sister), Sara Hohnstein (friend of the Kamtz family), Connie Humm (Elaina Riley's grandmother), Maryann Kalkwarf (friend of Lori Parrish), Patty Mason (Linda Schultz's sister), Pam Meyers (Paula Martin's sister), Jean Obermeier (Karen Kamtz's friend), Elaine Riley (Ken's sister), Hank Schaart (friend of Trinity members), Richard Schultz (Linda's brother), Pam Tetrick.

- The Friendly Face Program: Pray that the Holy Spirit will bless this effort by volunteers from Trinity to build caring relationships with the families who bring their children to Kids of HIS Kingdom daycare, and use it to nurture a growing faith-connection with Jesus, their loving Savior.
- Those in the armed forces: Alex Chase (son of Becky Lueders' friend, Tammy Chase), Aaron Fisk, Luke Gifford (son of Rev. Dan & Katy Gifford), Trey Hightower (friend of Trinity members), Joshua Llewellyn (Pastor Tim & Keri Llewellyn's son), Rev. Matt Mortenson, Alicia Moyer (relative of Harold Moyer), Chris Pelchat, Austin Penfield, Tyler Penfield, Scott Rathke (Becky Lueders' cousin), Ben Riley (Ken's nephew), Chris Riley (Ken's nephew), Drew Riley (Ken's nephew), Matt Riley (Ken's nephew) and Ted Stutheit.
- Thank the Lord for Bob Bogle's retirement from serving in the military. (Bob is Randy & Kay's son.) Praise the Lord for keeping him safe as he served! Pray that the Lord will bless his family and keep him safe as he travels for work.

THOSE CELEBRATING SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK:

Baptisms: 10/19: Judith Ruskamp

SUN –	MON –	TUE –	WED –	THU –	FRI –	SAT –	SUN - 10/25
10/18	10/19	10/20	10/21	10/22	10/23	10/24	
9:00 AM	8:15 -	8:15 -	8:15 - 11:45	8:15 -			9:00 AM
Worship with	11:45 AM	11:45 AM	AM Preschool	11:45 AM			Outdoor
Holy	Preschool	Preschool		Preschool			Worship
Communion							40-45 454
	7:00 PM		6:30 PM				10:15 AM Sunday School
10:15 AM	Board of		Confirmation				& Adult Bible
Sunday	Directors						Study
School &							Juan
Adult Bible							
Study							

THE GOSPEL AT WORK

Christ's Servants Today:	Our Thankful Response to Christ's Love:				
ElderMike Zaruba	Worship attendance40				
Asst Elder Doug Lueders	Sunday School attendance3				
Organist Sandy Wilson	Offering(10/11)NA				
Acolyte	(Weekly Budget\$4434.00)				

Lessons for next Sunday: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18; 1Th. 2:1-13; Matthew 22: 34-46

Re-Vitality Bible Study: If you haven't already done so, please remember to watch or listen to the sessions of the Re-Vitality Bible Study that are posted on the congregation's website - www.trinityaubne.org. Doing that will help you get ready to participate in the "Serving in God's Mission" strategic planning process that we'll begin later this fall.

Adult Bible Study: Today we will watch a video presentation by Rev. Dr. Robert Roegner and his wife, Kristi, who will inform us about their work with Apple of His Eye Ministries as they share Jesus' love with the Jewish communities in Israel. Pastor Bob has been to over 90 countries and Kristi has been to over 25 countries. The Roegners spoke at the recent LWML NE South Convention. Please join us!



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

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. 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.

A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org "The Church has confessed from the beginning that each life is created by God, that human life is the supreme gift of the Creator. Human life is not given unconditionally but is given under the condition that we will be responsible for preserving it. The testimony that God respects life above all else is contained in the words of the Gospel: 'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life' (John 3:16)." Abbot Tryphon, Vashon Island, Washington

Announcements October 18, 2020 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Thank you to:

- **RichTanderup** for his work as Treasurer.
- **Ken Riley** for purchasing some night lights for the Fellowship Hall.

Mark Your Calendar:

- **⅓** Auburn Fire Dept. Annual Soup Day, TODAY, October 18, 11:00 AM 7:00 PM, Fire Hall 17th & P St.: chicken noodle, beef & noodle, chili, firehouse chili, Grandma Wenzl cheesy potato & hearty vegetable served with your choice of dessert. Free will donation. Masks not required but recommended due to difficulty social distancing.
- □ Pancake Feed, Saturday, November 14, 8:00AM 1:00PM, 4-H Bldg.: pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, milk, coffee for free will donation to benefit Project Purple & Nemaha County Gives Back cancer funds.

Next Sunday, October 25, Outdoor Worship Celebration: We will observe Reformation Sunday with God's fall colors by meeting outside on the west side of the church. Please

bring your lawn chairs. Social distancing will be observed. If you prefer, you will also be able to tune in to the service on your car radio in the church parking lot We hope to see you!

Preschool Life-Learning Project – <u>You Can Help!</u>: Just like our Preschoolers see their families save earnings to make purchases, our Preschoolers will be working hard to earn "tickets" as their currency to spend on 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. More variety means more 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!*

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 **TODAY, October 18**. Thanks!

"The Lord is My Refuge" Bible Verse of the Week:

Matthew 22:21, *ESV*: "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."