



May the sun

in his course visit no land

more *free*,

more *happy*,

more *lovely*,

than this *our own country!*

The truth shall make you free. JOHN 8:32

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Welcome to Trinity!

We're glad you're here to worship!

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Hymn: 573

(Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying)

Confessions of Sins

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

Assurance of Forgiveness

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray

O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for

us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Old Testament Lesson

How do you keep your family safe? We live in a dangerous world. There is so much that can hurt people. We naturally want to help the people we love navigate the dangerous shoals of a sinful world. But we're not the only voice that's trying to get their attention. We are competing with voices of friends, voices on the news, on Facebook and other media. There are voices in our neighborhoods and in the entertainment, we choose.

Not all of those voices are good or right. How can we choose the right voice?

Moses was worried about his people, too. He was afraid that when he was gone, his people would be like sheep without a shepherd. The Israelites had a habit of wandering away from God and getting themselves into trouble. Moses wanted them to be safe. So, he asked God to send them someone who could lead them when he was gone.

The only true safety available in this sinful world is to stay with our Good Shepherd. Every generation needs to pass the Gospel on to the next. We need Christian leaders to step up to make sure the Gospel is shared and that people can hear God's voice.

After Moses, God chose Joshua. After Joshua, he called prophets and judges. After the judges, he called prophets and kings. Now, after hundreds of generations, God is calling us. He calls us to share the Gospel with the next generation and with our own.

People are hurting and people are lost. There are so many who are like sheep without a shepherd. Let's lead them to a Good One.

Numbers 27:15-23 (EHV)

¹⁵Moses spoke to the LORD, ¹⁶“May the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the community, ¹⁷who will go out before them and come in before them, who will lead them out and bring them in, so that the community of the LORD will not be like sheep without a shepherd.”

¹⁸The LORD said to Moses, “Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and place your hand on him. ¹⁹Have him stand in front of Eleazar the priest and the entire community. You will commission him in their sight. ²⁰You will give some of your authority to him so that the entire Israelite community will listen to him. ²¹He will stand before Eleazar the priest, who will inquire for him before the LORD with the decision of the Urim. He and all the Israelites with him, the entire community, will go out at his command and come in at his command.”

²²Moses did just as the LORD commanded him. He took Joshua and had him stand in front of Eleazar the priest and the entire community. ²³He placed his hands on him and commissioned him, just as the LORD spoke through Moses.

Epistle Lesson

The apostle Paul must have been a brave man. He was told that he would be imprisoned if he went to Jerusalem (Acts 21:10-13). He went anyway. He knew that he would be in danger whenever he went to preach the Gospel (1 Corinthians 15:30-31). He went anyway.

Why would he do that? For the same reason a parent would jump in front of a car to rescue a child. Or someone would run to a burning car. Or a soldier would throw himself onto a grenade.

To save life. It's a special kind of love. It's the kind of love that moves people sacrifice without a second thought.

That's the love that Jesus displayed when he entered this world to be our Savior. That's why he was willing to suffer rejection, abuse, and crucifixion. That's why he died under God's judgment.

It's the love that motivated all of the apostles put risk imprisonment and death to share the Gospel. It's why Paul asked the Thessalonians to pray for the word of the Lord to spread and to pray that he would be rescued from evil and wicked people.

That's why we pray that God would help us overcome our fear of sharing our faith. That he would remove the obstacles that Satan throws into our path.

To save life. Because God loves people. Because we love people. That kind of love moved Paul to bravery and to sacrifice. It's the same love that moves us to sacrifice for God's kingdom. Our love for people reflects Jesus' love. We want to save life for eternity.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5 (EHV)

¹⁶May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and in his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope,

¹⁷encourage your hearts and establish you in every good work and word.

^{3:1}Finally, brothers, pray for us so that the word of the Lord may spread quickly and be glorified just as it was among you. ²Pray also that we may be rescued from evil and wicked people. For not everyone has faith.

³Still, the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and protect you from the Evil One. ⁴We also have confidence in the Lord concerning you, that you are doing and will continue to do what we are telling you. ⁵May the Lord continue to direct your hearts to God's love and Christ's patient endurance.

Gospel Lesson/Sermon

When Jesus saw the crowds, his heart broke. He saw people who were troubled and downcast. He saw people who were looking for help, but didn't know where to turn.

So, he did something about it. He told us to do something about it, too.

First, he provided a solution to the problem. It was expensive; it cost him everything. It wasn't easy to get; he literally had to go to hell and back. But it worked. Jesus sacrifice on the cross paid the penalty of sin, conquered death, and condemned Satan eternally.

Then, he told his disciples (and us) to do two things.

1. Pray. Pray that God would send workers to bring the Good News to hurting people.

2. Go. Jesus knew some people who could help. He sent all of his disciples (even Judas Iscariot) to share the message of God's forgiveness and healing.

Now he is sending us. We all know people who are hurting, people who are lost, people who need the love of God. We can help. God loves everybody. Sometimes people just need to hear it.

Think about how freely God has forgiven you. How freely he gave you faith. How lovingly he adopted you into his family. People need that. We have it. Let's share.

Matthew 9:35-10:8 (EHV) – Workers in God's Kingdom

³⁵ Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness.

³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he was moved with compassion for them, because they were troubled and downcast, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. ³⁸ Therefore pray that the Lord of the harvest will send out workers into his harvest."

10 Jesus called his twelve disciples to himself and gave them authority to drive out unclean spirits and to heal every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

⁵ Jesus sent these twelve out and commanded them, "Do not go among the Gentiles, and do not enter any town of the Samaritans. ⁶ Go instead to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near!' ⁸ Heal the sick. Raise the dead. Cleanse lepers. Drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

Special Prayer regarding Coronavirus

Jesus Christ, our Great Physician,

We come before you in great need. We ask that you would end this plague on our world. We do not ask because we are worthy, but because you are gracious and merciful. If it is your will, heal those who are afflicted.

Comfort those who are suffering. Grant wisdom and success to those who are treating and researching this disease.

Teach us to celebrate your blessings and your love. Help us not to take for granted our health or the connections we have among family and friends.

In your name we come to you. Amen.

Special Prayers

Happy Anniversary! Pastor and Barb celebrated 35 years of marriage last Tuesday, June 23. In gratitude for God's love and in celebration of theirs, Pastor and Barb are offering a special gift of \$350.00 to go towards organ accessories.

Prayers for Our family and Friends

Milferd Behnke, Ashleigh Bourdelais, Gladys Constine, Geri Garbrecht, Dorothy Johnson, Helen Johnson, Rose Karr and Lisa Schmitt.

Prayers for those called to protect

Military: Jesse Adams (Sue Connor's son), **Greg Carow** (Dennis Carow's godson/nephew), **Aeron Forsberg** (Linda and Gene Erickson's grandson), **Dayton Godfrey** (Dave & Cindy Schacht's great-nephew), **Joshua Jansen** (Isaac Jansen's cousin), **Jesse Johnston** (Jim & Laurie Johnston's son), **Patrick Noppenberg** (Denis & Deb Vieth's son), **Aaron Stocker Jr.** (Martina (Dura) Stocker's husband), **Dylan Vanko**, (Roy and Grace Chmela's grandson), and **Thomas Weirich** (Mary Bush's nephew).
Firefighter: Steve Campbell.

Police: Greg Haemker, Raymond Cashaw (Pastor Sonnemann's niece's husband) and **David Peterson** (Jamie Tesch's uncle). Ask the Lord to bless them, strengthen them, and keep them safe.

The Lord's Prayer:

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 Sacrament of Holy Communion:

P: We who trust in Jesus Christ for our full and free salvation can give no higher honor to our Lord than to believe and to do what He has commanded us. For that reason we have come here to obey Jesus' gracious invitation, partaking in His Holy Supper according to His words and commands.

P: Consider carefully the words of the Lord and diligently examine your heart's condition in view of His Word. Jesus said, *"This is My body, which is given for you...this cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins."*

P: Jesus is telling us that this supper is for sinners. It is for sinners who grieve over their sin, its offense to God and its sentence to death. It is for sinners who long for the forgiveness of sins. It is for sinners who believe Jesus died the death our sins deserve. Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe this.

P: Jesus' clear and simple words also reveal a great mystery. In this Supper of bread and wine Jesus actually gives every communicant just what His words say: His body and blood that was crucified for you. Jesus' gifts of His body and blood are God's official seal that God Himself makes a covenant with each one who eats this bread and drinks this wine.

P: In this covenant God promises each communicant that his sins are forgiven and that he is God's child. The Bible states this truth also with warning. Anyone who comes to the Lord's Supper, but *"eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself"* for he is *"guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord."* Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe this.

P: Jesus said: *"Take and eat...this do in remembrance of Me."* And, *"all of you drink of the cup...do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me."* Here Jesus invites us and commands everyone who calls Him Lord to come to this blessed Supper frequently. He also instructs us to do it while remembering and celebrating the central truth of our faith – Christ Crucified!

P: Every time you commune you declare that Christ is your greatest treasure. That Jesus is your life. This confession by your actions encourages your fellow believers, proclaims the Gospel to a dying world and praises Jesus who commanded you to do this in memory of His death. Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe this.

P: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of all compassion and the God of all comfort. For all this was not revealed to you by man, but by our Father in heaven. You are blessed to believe this.

P: In this Supper Jesus will forgive your sins, strengthen your faith, draw you into close communion with the Living God and His holy people, fill your heart with thankful joy, and renew your zeal to walk as a child of Light, loving each other as Christ loved you.

Words of Institution

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.”

P: 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 sin. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The Lord’s Supper

We now have the incredible privilege of approaching the Lord’s altar at his invitation to receive His body and blood in the sacrament. We come, not because we are worthy, but because He invites us.

Come, for all things are now ready:

The Benediction:

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn: 559 vv.1&3

(Lord of the Living Harvest)

WELS Connection

Verse of the Week:

“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.

*Therefore, pray that the Lord of the harvest
will send out workers into his harvest.”*

Matthew 9:38 (EHV)

TRINITY’S CORE MISSION

Shining the Light of the Gospel in our community.

John 8:12 - *“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”*

Matthew 5:16 - *“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*