

## Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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# FATHER'S DAY

*\* I have no greater joy  
than when I hear that my children  
are walking in the truth*

*3 John 4*



**Welcome to Trinity!**

We're glad you're here to worship!

Please join us Sunday at 8:00am & 10:00am / Mondays at 6:00pm  
If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Tesch (715-587-8521)

1 Open now thy gates of beauty; Zion, let me enter there,  
 Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for him who answers prayer.  
 Oh, how blessed is this place, Filled with solace, light and grace!

3 Here thy praise is gladly chanted;  
 Here thy seed is duly sown. Let my soul, where it is planted,  
 Bring forth precious sheaves alone,  
 So that all I hear may be fruitful unto life in me.

**Please Rise**

4 Thou my faith increase and quicken;  
 Let me keep thy gift divine,  
 How so e'er temptations thicken;  
 May thy Word still o'er me shine  
 As my guiding star through life,  
 As my comfort in all strife.

**CONFESSiON OF SiNS**

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

*C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.*

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*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

Please be seated

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

*Another chance.*

*God gave Jonah another chance after he disobeyed God's command to preach to Nineveh. It took a miracle, but God brought Jonah to repentance and obedience.*

*Then, through Jonah's preaching, God gave Nineveh a chance, a chance to repent. It took a miracle, but the people of Nineveh repented and turned from their evil ways.*

*Now, God gives us and the people we know a chance. To this day, God creates faith and brings people to repentance. It takes a miracle, but God still works miracles through his Word, turning our hearts away from sin to repentance, forgiveness and life.*

### **Jonah 3:1-10 (EHV)**

<sup>1</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time:  
<sup>2</sup>“Get up, go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you.”

<sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh just as the word of the LORD had commanded. Now Nineveh was a great city to God. It required a three-day walk. <sup>4</sup>Jonah walked through the city for a day, and he called out, “Forty more days and Nineveh is going to be overthrown!”

<sup>5</sup>The men of Nineveh believed God. They proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least. <sup>6</sup>When word reached the king of Nineveh, he got up from his throne, took off his royal robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. <sup>7</sup>Then he issued a proclamation in Nineveh.

By the decree of the king and his leading officials:

Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything. Do not let them eat food or drink water.

<sup>8</sup>Instead let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call fervently to God. Let them turn from their evil way and from the violence that is in their hands. <sup>9</sup>Who knows? God may turn and relent. He may turn from his burning anger so that we will not perish.

<sup>10</sup>When God saw their actions, that they had turned from their evil way, God relented from the disaster which he said he would bring on them, and he did not carry it out.

#### EPISTLE LESSON

*You hear things about people. Sometimes it makes you shake your head and wonder. Sometimes it can make you cry. It's a sinful world filled with sinful people and there's no shortage of stupidity and even just plain evil.*

*But, every once in a while, you hear something wonderful, something that fills your heart and lifts your spirit. In the middle of this sinful world, we are not alone. God is here. God is working to change hearts, save souls and transform lives. When God rescues a life there is joy in the presence of the angels of God. And, every once in a while, we get to hear about it.*

*When we do, we cannot help but thank God for his grace.*

*When the apostle Paul and his coworkers heard about the faith of the Christians in Colossae, they thanked God because of what they heard.*

*What did they hear? They heard about faith showing itself – showing itself in love – love for God and love for people.*

*Faith shows itself when we love each other – when we spend time with each other, help each other, visit each other, pray for each other, and encourage each other. It shows itself when we are excited to worship the Lord our God. It shows itself when we serve together to glorify his holy name.*

*Thank God for bringing love into this world. Thank God for bringing faith to lost hearts. Thank God that we are not alone.*

## **Colossians 1:3–8 (EHV)**

<sup>3</sup>We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, <sup>4</sup>because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love that you have for all the saints <sup>5</sup>because of the hope that is stored up for you in heaven. You have already heard about this in the word of truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup>that is present with you now. The gospel is bearing fruit and growing in the entire world, just as it also has been doing among you from the day you heard it and came to know the grace of God in truth. <sup>7</sup>You learned this from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf. <sup>8</sup>He is the one who told us about your love in the Spirit.

Hymn 188 vv. 1-3.

Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid

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### 1. Creator Spirit, by whose aid

The world's foundations first were laid,  
Come, visit ev'ry humble mind;  
Come, pour your joys on humankind.  
From sin and sorrow set us free;  
May we your living temples be.

### 2. O source of light, our Counselor,

The Father's help to us assure.  
Come down, as promised, with your fire,  
And hearts with heav'nly love inspire.  
Your sacred, healing message bring  
To sanctify us when we sing.

### 3. Giver of grace, descend from high

In answer to our earnest cry.  
Help us eternal truths receive  
And practice all that we believe.  
Give us your wisdom that we see  
The glory of the Trinity.

## SERMON ~ GOSPEL LESSON

*Plants are amazing. They are beautiful, life-giving, oxygen-providing, works of God. They take dirt, sunshine, carbon dioxide and water and turn it into food and oxygen. That's amazing! Plants start from tiny seeds, from mustard seeds, celery seeds, acorns, and spores, and grow into plants much larger than the original seed. They provide shelter, nesting space, and a home for everything around them. Miraculous!*

*Jesus says that the kingdom of God is like that. He says we're like that. God gives us faith and he makes it grow. As we grow, we bring blessing to everyone around us. Within us, we have the power of God. Through our work, we exhale the ether of life, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The kingdom of God provides shelter from the storms of sin and a safe place for our families against the menace of Satan.*

*How faith is created and how it grows is a mystery to us. We know that God uses Word and Sacrament. We experience how faith grows. But we don't know how he does it. It's like plants growing. God is at work. From its smallest beginnings, faith is powerful and life-changing. God is creating life where there was none and a kingdom where we can find shelter, family, and a home.*

*Every time you see a plant growing, think about the miraculous, living faith that God has planted in you.*

### Mark 4:26–34 (EHV)

<sup>26</sup>He said, “The kingdom of God is like this: A man scatters seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup>and while he sleeps and rises, night and day, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The ground produces fruit on its own: first the blade, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>When the crop is ready, he swings the sickle without delay, because the harvest has come.”

<sup>30</sup>Then he said, “To what should we compare the kingdom of God? Or with what parable may we picture it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which when sown on the ground is one of the smallest of all the seeds planted in the ground. <sup>32</sup>Yet when it is planted, it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches so that the birds of the sky can nest under its shade.”

<sup>33</sup>With many similar parables he continued to speak the word to them, as much as they were able to hear. <sup>34</sup>He did not speak to them without a parable. But when he was alone with his disciples, he explained everything to them.

#### PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

**Melanie Bell, Ashleigh Bourdelais, Gladys Constine, Geri Garbrecht, Jean Harper, Anita Hemminger, Dorothy Johnson, Rose Karr, Angie Salewsky 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), **Patrick Noppenberg** (Denis & Deb Vieth's son 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.

#### BENEDICTION

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one other. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.

C: Amen.

1. Almighty God, your Word is cast  
Like seed into the ground;  
Now let the dew of heav'n descend  
And righteous fruits abound.
2. Let not the foe of Christ and man  
This holy seed remove,  
But give it root in ev'ry heart  
To bring forth fruits of love.
3. Let not the world's deceitful cares  
The rising plant destroy,  
But let it yield a hundredfold  
The fruits of peace and joy.
4. Whene'er the precious seed is sown,  
Life-giving grace bestow  
That all whose souls the truth receive  
Its saving pow'r may know.

### Join us for VBS



July 19<sup>th</sup> – July 23  
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

#### TRINITYS 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"*