

# Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 17<sup>th</sup> & October 18<sup>th</sup> 2021

Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church

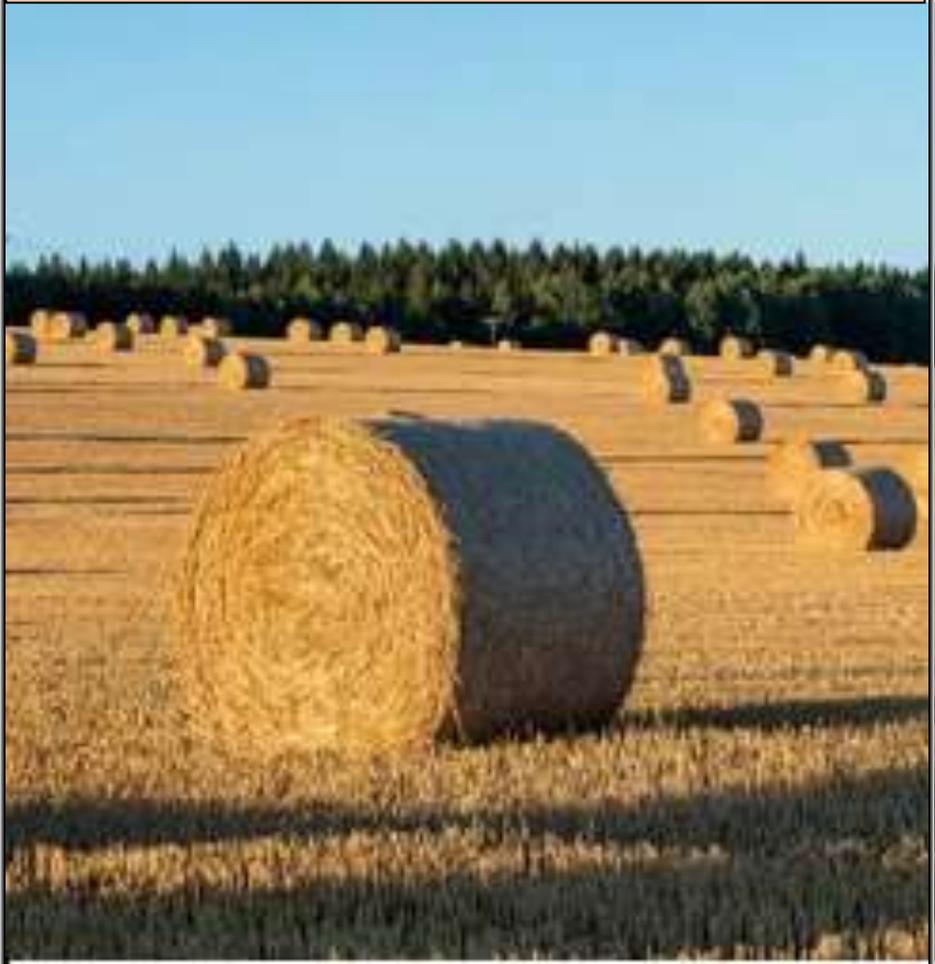
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The Earth is full of  
*the goodness*  
of the LORD



♪ Opening Hymn 735 ~ *Speak, O Lord*

*Please rise*

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P: Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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

*Martin Luther once said that people go through three conversions: the conversion of their head, their heart, and their pocketbook. Unfortunately, not all at the same time.*

*The allure of wealth is a powerful force. It's easy to think that money will take care of us, even to the point of trusting money more than we trust God. God shows us the dangers of greed in our Old Testament lesson.*

*It started with a man named Naaman, who was so thankful for God's healing that he wanted to give Elisha a gift in return. Elisha said no. He didn't want Naaman to see this as a business transaction, as though Naaman could buy God's blessings. Elisha wanted Naaman to experience God's free grace and to give his thanks and devotion to God.*

*But Gehazi, Elisha's servant, had other ideas. He wanted some of the wealth that Naaman had. Gehazi had a problem with greed. Just like Judas in the New Testament, his love of money eclipsed his trust in God and his devotion to God's work. It was his downfall.*

*We, too, need to check our hearts to see if greed is lurking there. Leprosy in the soul kills just as surely as leprosy in the body. God's forgiveness and cleansing is the only cure.*

### 2 Kings 5:14-27 (EHV)

<sup>14</sup>So he went down and dipped in the Jordan seven times, just as the man of God had said. Then his flesh was restored like the flesh of a small child, and he was clean. <sup>15</sup>Then he and his whole escort went back to the man of God. He stood in front of Elisha and said, "To be sure, now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now accept a gift from your servant."

<sup>16</sup>But Elisha said, "As surely as the LORD lives, in whose presence I stand, I will not take anything." Even though Na'aman urged him to accept something, he refused.

<sup>17</sup>Then Na'aman said, "If you do not want anything, please give me, your servant, as much dirt as two donkeys can carry, for your servant will never again burn incense or sacrifice to other gods, but only to the LORD.

<sup>18</sup>But may the LORD forgive your servant this one thing: When my master goes into the house of Rimmon to bow down there and he supports himself on my arm, then I too have to bow down in the house of Rimmon. When I bow down in the house of Rimmon, may the LORD forgive your servant this one thing."

<sup>19</sup>Then Elisha said to him, "Go in peace."

When Na'aman had gone some distance from him, <sup>20</sup>Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, "My master was too easy on this Aramean, Na'aman, when he did not accept anything that he brought. As surely as the LORD lives, I will run after him and get something from him."

<sup>21</sup>So Gehazi chased after Na'aman. When Na'aman saw him running after him, he got down from his chariot to meet him. He said, "Is everything all right?"

<sup>22</sup>Then Gehazi said, "Yes, everything is all right. My master sent me to say, 'Look, just now two young men from the hill country of Ephraim, from the sons of the prophets, have come to me. Please give them a talent of silver and two sets of clothing.'"

<sup>23</sup>Na'aman said, "Certainly! Take two talents!" He urged Gehazi and tied up the two talents of silver in two bags with the two sets of clothing. Then Na'aman gave them to his two servants, and they carried them ahead of Gehazi. <sup>24</sup>When he came to the hill, he took the gifts from them. Then he hid them in the house and sent the men back, so they left. <sup>25</sup>Then he went in and attended his master.

Elisha said to him, "Where were you, Gehazi?"

Gehazi said, "Your servant didn't go anywhere."

<sup>26</sup>Then Elisha said to him, "Didn't my heart go along when the man got down from his chariot to meet you? Is this the time to take silver, or to accept clothes or olive groves or vineyards or sheep or cattle or male and female servants? <sup>27</sup>Na'aman's leprosy will cling to you and to your descendants forever." Then Gehazi went out from his presence, leprous like snow.

**Psalm 90**.....Hymnal pg. 99

*Please be seated*

### **Epistle Lesson**

*In our Epistle lesson God teaches us love for our neighbor, our family, and ourselves.*

*It starts with trust in God and his presence in our lives. This keeps our priorities straight. Number one is God and his Word. From there, God teaches*

*us loving service to our family and our neighbors, even sending an occasional angel to us. Then, we learn to honor marriage. When we honor God's design we find the relationship and the purity that eludes our increasingly immoral culture.*

*Finally, with our eyes firmly fixed on our God, we recognize God's unfailing love and faithfulness and we learn contentment, peace, and security for ourselves.*

### **Hebrews 13:1-6 (EHV)**

<sup>1</sup>Continue to show brotherly love. <sup>2</sup>Do not fail to show love to strangers, for by doing this some have welcomed angels without realizing it.

<sup>3</sup>Remember those in prison, as if you were fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated, as if you yourselves were also suffering bodily.

<sup>4</sup>Marriage is to be held in honor by all, and the marriage bed is to be kept undefiled, for God will judge sexually immoral people and adulterers.

<sup>5</sup>Keep your life free from the love of money, and be content with what you have. For God has said:

I will never leave you,  
and I will never forsake you.

<sup>6</sup>So then we say with confidence:

The Lord is my helper, and I will not be afraid.  
What will man do to me?

### **Verse of the Day**

**Pg. 40**

Alleluia. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation. Alleluia.

*Please rise*

### **Gospel Lesson**

*In our Gospel lesson Jesus teaches us what a snare God's blessings, especially wealth, can become.*

*A man came to Jesus to find his way into God's good graces. Jesus' loved him so he opened the man's eyes with the Law. He taught him that he hadn't kept the First Commandment. The man loved his wealth more than he loved God. So, he could not save himself by the Law.*

*Then Jesus taught his disciples that wealth can distract us from God, too. Sometimes we treasure what we have too much or we covet what we don't have. How would we respond if God told us to sell everything we have and give it to the poor? Don't we, in our hearts, hope that he doesn't command that of us? We need to examine ourselves to see what things might make us go away sad from our Savior.*

*Salvation is truly by grace alone. We can only marvel at God's love and goodness to us.*

**Mark 10:17-27 (EHV)**

<sup>17</sup>As Jesus was setting out on a journey, one man ran up to him and knelt in front of him. He asked, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

<sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except one—God. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments. ‘You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.’”

<sup>20</sup>The man replied, “Teacher, I have kept all these since I was a child.”

<sup>21</sup>Jesus looked at him, loved him, and said to him, “One thing you lack. Go, sell whatever you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

<sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he looked sad and went away grieving, because he had great wealth. <sup>23</sup>Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!”

<sup>24</sup>The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus told them again, “Children, how hard it is for those who trust in their riches to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

<sup>26</sup>They were even more astonished and said to one another, “Who then can be saved?”

<sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, “For people, it is impossible, but not for God, because all things are possible for God.”

*Please be seated*

♪ Hymn 286 vv.1-3 ~ *The Law Commands and Makes Us Know*

## Sermon 2 Kings 5:14-27 (EHV)

Apostles' Creed.....pg. 41

### PRAYERS FOR HEALING OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

**John Allen, A.J. Betters, Ashleigh Bourdelais, Gladys Constine, Geri Garbrecht, Jean Harper, Anita Hemminger, Dorothy Johnson, Rose Karr, Angie Salewsky, Lisa Schmitt, Michael Stollenwerk, Shirley Truit, and Rosealie Wolff.**

### 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), **Dacien Konell** (Linda and Gene Erickson's grandson), **Brock Miller** (Jenna

Miller's brother), **Patrick Noppenberg** (Denis & Deb Vieth's son) **Thomas Weirich** (Mary Bush's nephew) **and Aaron Wood**(Hope Wood's brother).  
**Firefighter: Steve Campbell. Police: Greg Haemker and Raymond Cashaw** (Pastor Sonnemann's niece's husband).

**Lord's Prayer**.....pg. 43  
*Please be seated*

♪ Hymn 355 ~ *Take the World, But Give Me Jesus*

**Closing Prayer**.....pg. 43  
**The Benediction**.....pg. 44

♪ Closing Hymn 290 v.1 ~ *One Thing's Needful*

### TRINITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Small Group Bible Study** - Our Small Group Bible studies are starting again! We have four Bible studies ready to go.

1. **Reading through Genesis** ~ led by Pastor Sonnemann, begins Monday, October 18 at 6:00pm, at Donna Behnke's house (703 Elizabeth Ave., Marinette). God's very first book, teaching us the foundations of reality and life.

2. **Baptism**, led by Pastor Tesch, begins Thursday, November 4 at 6:00pm, at Joan Hetcher's house (N1833 Dahl Road, Marinette). Baptism is the first miracle that most of us experience. What a treasure Baptism is! We'll deepen our understanding of what Baptism is and learn to appreciate its many blessings.

3. **Ruth**, led and hosted by Liz Broring, will be at 6:00pm, it will be every other Wednesday in her home (1708 17th Ave, Menominee). This Bible study is focused for women and will help participants see her story of love in new ways.

4. **Our Christian Responses to Blessings and Challenges**, led and hosted by Nathan and Jenny Schmiede, will be at 6:00pm, it will be every other Wednesday in their home (N1166 Shore Dr. Marinette). We always need God's guidance and the reassurance that He loves us, especially when we face difficult challenges. We also need to remember that God uses even our most difficult challenges to bless us. But sometimes obvious blessings cause us to stumble just as much as the challenges do. This Bible study leads us to think about how redeemed children of God respond to blessings and challenges in a way that glorifies our Lord.

**The New Hymnals Are Here!** - Our new hymnals have arrived, but with the challenges that printers are facing, we don't have the organist's books yet. As soon as we have the hymnals' dedication plates and the organist's tools, we'll start introducing them into our worship!

**Sunday Morning Bible Study:** God's people want to tell others about the peace, joy and forgiveness they have in Jesus. But many Christians are unsure how to do this. Join us as we learn some simple, practical ways to Join us today after worship. *No morning bible study today.*

**This We Believe: Thursdays, at 6:00pm,** we'll hold a basic course on the teachings of the Lutheran Church. It would be great for our school parents to meet you and make a Christian friend at Trinity.

**Trunk or Treat** Join us for free food & fun! *Oct 31st from 4 PM – 6 PM* At Trinity Lutheran School at 1216 Colfax St Marinette. Opportunities to Participate - Donate Candy - Serve hot dogs and hot chocolate or Host a trunk (decorated or undecorated) Sign up in the back of church or Contact Kelly Danell with questions

**PTO:** The Trinity Lutheran School PTO will be fundraising on *October 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.* by serving brats and hamburgers at the Charapata Seed Sales store grand opening located at 731 French Street, Peshtigo. Come join in the fun!

**The Lake Superior Circuit Fall Rally:** will be held in person this year on Sat. Nov. 6th at St. John Florence, WI. We will be holding a special offering for LWMS on today & Sunday, October 17th. The monies will go for one foreign mission and one home mission.

**Reformation Festival:** We'll gather with our brothers and sisters from our area WELS congregations to celebrate the Reformation of the Church on October 31 at St. John, Grover at 1:30pm. If you'd like to be part of the choir, please contact Pastor. We'll practice on Mondays at 7:00pm after church. Come and join us!

**FVL Theatre** is performing the comedy, "Play On!" on Friday, 10/22 at 7 PM, Sat. 10/23 at 4 PM & Sun. 10/24 at 2 PM. Tickets are available online at [fvls.org/playon](http://fvls.org/playon). 8th graders and their parents are invited to FVL's 8th Grade Student/Parent Welcome Night on Monday, 10/25 from 4-8 PM. Join us for food, fellowship, and fun. Parents have the option to attend virtually. While students enjoy games and socializing, parents can attend 20-minute info sessions on important topics! All interested families should register online at [fvls.org/8GWN](http://fvls.org/8GWN).

**Giving Day Thanks** - Thanks be to God and our supporters! With over \$150,000 received, we have surpassed our \$475,000 mortgage payment goal for the year and will be applying the surplus to the 2022 mortgage payment.

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**Quarterly Voters' Meeting after Worship Service Today**

† Next week at a glance †

**Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

- Worship Service.....6:00pm
- Small Group Bible Study at Donna Behnke's.....6:00pm
- Choir Practice.....7:00pm

**Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

- Food Pantry.....10:00am – 12:00pm
- New Membership Class.....2:00pm
- Praise Team Practice.....6:00pm

**Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

- Public School Catechism Class.....3:30pm
- Telling the Next Generation.....6:00pm

**Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**

- Food Pantry.....1:00pm – 3:00pm
- This We Believe.....6:00pm

**Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**

- Worship Service – Usher Team 5.....9:00am

**Those serving in our Lord's house**

Pastor Jon Tesch

THIS WEEKEND October 17<sup>th</sup>

Altar Guild: Lyla Koeffler  
 Lector: Jerry Kamps  
 Music: Josh Ehlers  
 Camera:  
 Projector Operator: Emalyn Ehlers  
 Usher Team: 4 Denis Vieth, Craig  
 Vieth, Kris Charapata, Jonathan  
 Ehlers and Dominic Nelson

NEXT WEEKEND October 24<sup>th</sup>

Altar Guild: Emalyn Ehlers  
 Lector: Nathan Schmiede  
 Music: Anne Krzoska  
 Camera: Ben Brattain  
 Projector Operator: Dominic Nelson  
 Usher Team: 5 Brian Visintin  
 Paul Kamin, Josh Danell, Al  
 Walker and John Brattain

**Cleaning the Lord's House**

WEEKEND of Oct, 16 2021

Dan & Mary Bush  
 Henry Green Sr.  
 Denise Popour

WEEKEND of Oct, 23 2021

Al & Cynthia Walker  
 Janelle Peters  
 Jim Maxwell