



Trinity Lutheran Church

Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost
October 4th, 2026

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304 E. Ferris Street
Galesburg, IL 61401

“the welcome place”

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+++GATHERING+++

In today’s gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets’ mission, and Christ’s death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God’s love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ’s sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

Prelude Music

Guide Me Ever,
Great Redeemer

Robert Hobby

Welcome - Please Sign Friendship Registry

The red ELW hymnal and the purple ACS hymnal are in the pew racks

(Stand)

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.
Creation groans from overuse.
Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.
Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.
Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.

Turn our hearts back to you.
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Hear this good news:
We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer,
ELW (red) #618

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

God of thunder and covenant,
you led your people out of slavery
and called them to build a community
grounded in love of you and care for one another.
Write your commandments upon our hearts,
that, freed by your grace,
we may seek justice, practice mercy,
and delight in the flourishing of our neighbors;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

(Sit)

+++WORD+++

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

¹ God spoke all these words,

² “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ “You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth.

⁷ “You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸ “Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

¹² “Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³ “You shall not murder.

¹⁴ “You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ “You shall not steal.

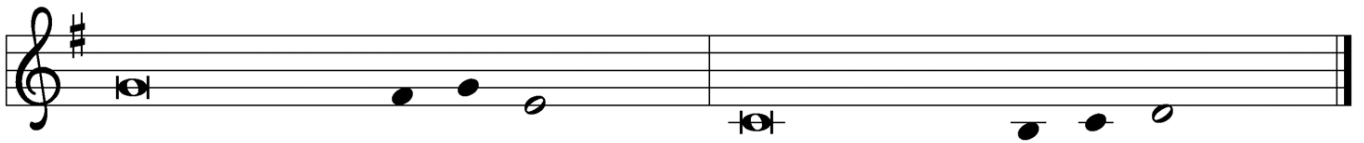
¹⁶ “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷ “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

¹⁸ When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance ¹⁹ and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen, but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.” ²⁰ Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



- ¹ The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,
and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.
- ² **One day tells its tale | to another,**
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.
- ³ Although they have no | words or language,
and their voices | are not heard,
- ⁴ **their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message**
to the ends | of the world,
where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.
- ⁵ It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.
- ⁶ It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs
about to the end of | it again;
nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.
- ⁷ The teaching of the Lord is perfect and re- | vives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to | the
simple.
- ⁸ **The statutes of the Lord are just and re- | joice the heart;**
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light |
to the eyes.
- ⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean and en- | dures forever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous | altogether.
- ¹⁰ **More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much**
fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.
- ¹¹ By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is | great reward.
- ¹² **Who can detect one's | own offenses?**
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.
- ¹³ Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them
not get dominion | over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great
offense.

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable [|] in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and [|] my redeemer.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

(Stand)



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

Repeat alleluia



Our hearts burn with - in us as you open to us the scriptures.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³³ “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’” ⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’?”

⁴³ “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

(Sit)

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes

(Stand)

Hymn of the Day

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Way,
ELW (red) #772

Poem

Love (III) by George Herbert

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin.

But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,

Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
If I lacked anything.

"A guest," I answered, "worthy to be here":
Love said, "You shall be he."

"I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,
I cannot look on thee."

Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
"Who made the eyes but I?"

"Truth, Lord; but I have marred them; let my shame
Go where it doth deserve."

"And know you not," says Love, "who bore the blame?"
"My dear, then I will serve."

"You must sit down," says Love, "and taste my meat."
So I did sit and eat.

(Sit)

Prayers of Intercession

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

God of every generation, we give thanks for all who have sought to renew and transform your holy church especially Theodor Fliedner, renewer of society. Inspire us to follow their example in our own day. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of every creature, bless and protect the earth and all those who dwell within it. We give thanks for those who have helped us to see your Spirit in creation especially Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of every tribe and nation, restore peace to the world's conflict zones, especially Sudan, the Middle East, and Ukraine, and shelter those who live within them. We pray especially for the safety of displaced people and refugees. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of every comfort, you made us in your own image. Grant healing and relief to all who are sick or suffering, especially Sean and Rosey. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of every truth, you draw us nearer to you through your holy word. We give thanks for teachers of the faith, especially youth group, and Sunday school teachers and volunteers. Fill their hearts with your Spirit, that they inspire others with your truth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of every soul, you are the one who calls us home. We give thanks for all the saints who have been restored to perfect unity with you, especially Carolyn & Beverly. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer to you these prayers as well as those we now name to you either aloud or in our hearts.

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(you may offer each other a sign of peace)

+++MEAL+++

Offertory Music

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring,
ELW (red) #691

(Stand)

Offering Prayer

Generous Lord,
you led your people out of slavery
and called them to build a community of mutual care.
Receive this bread and wine
and the offerings of our lives.
By your Spirit, open our hearts to your grace,
and make our ordinary gifts
extraordinary signs of your love for the world.
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
 that we should at all times and places
 give thanks and praise to you,
 Lord God, creator of heaven and earth.
 You formed us in your image
 and breathed into us the breath of life.
 When we turned away, and our love failed,
 your love remained steadfast.
 You delivered us from captivity,
 provided manna and water in the wilderness,
 gave us your commandments
 and made us your covenant people.
 You promised to go with us always.
 And so,
 with your people on earth
 and all the company of heaven,
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

ACS, Setting 12, pg. 36

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
 God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

We praise and glorify you, all-holy God,
for the universe beyond our knowing,
and for friends and strangers and family.
We praise you for your covenant people,
and for centuries of faithful Christians.

We praise you for your Son Jesus Christ,
who on the night before he died took bread, and gave thanks,
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

And so we proclaim the mystery of our faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for your Holy Spirit,
nourish us with the body and blood of Christ,
and renew the world with your mercy.
We praise you, all-holy God,
today, tomorrow, and forever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time
of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Christ invites you to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

All are welcome to receive communion at Trinity Lutheran Church. If you wish to receive you may come forward as dismissed by the usher and will be given bread in the center aisle. Then you may take a small cup from the tray. Red wine is along the outside, and white grape juice is located in the center of the tray. Gluten free bread is also available. Place empty cups in the bowls located at the side aisle as you return to your pew. If you prefer to receive a blessing rather than communion, you may indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest as you come forward.

(Sit)

Distribution of Communion

ACS, Setting 12, pg. 40



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



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



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



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

Communion Music

The Quiet Heart

Thomas Keesecker

(Stand)

Prayer After Communion

God of abundance,
at this table you feed us with Christ
and call us each by name.
Lead us from this meal with your promise:
“My presence will go with you,
and I will give you rest.”
Send us forth in mutual care
for the flourishing of all creation.
Amen.

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Blessing

The God whose glory fills creation,
Christ who makes grace known among us,
and the Spirit who opens our hearts to love,
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Hymn Take My Life, That I May Be, ELW (red) #685

Dismissal

May the Lord's presence go with you and give you rest.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude Music Prelude "The New R. Vaughn Williams
Commonwealth"

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As you leave, please take a moment to greet one another.

Today's radio broadcast was sponsored by Carol & Dave Simpson
in honor of Trinity's outstanding musicians

Worship Participants

Audio: Sarah Brakenbury
Video: Sarah Brakenbury
Ushers: Roger & Melissa Williamson
Communion Setup: Jennifer Holmes
Assisting Minister: Nick Elders
Reader: Janet Page
Wine Servers: Janet Page (tower), Sandra Gray, Jennifer Robinson
Coffee Fellowship: Marianne Hemphill
Acolytes: Emma Helvey, Penelope Wiegand
Closing Duties: Sarah Brakenbury
Organist: Bette Mohr
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes

Announcements

Coffee Fellowship will be held immediately after service.

Sunday School will be held after service, at 10:45 am. Please join us after service. **Youth Group will be held at 5:00 pm.**

The 2027 Stewardship Campaign is here! This year's theme is "More Than Meets the Eye: Finding God's Grace In Ordinary Things" in which we'll explore God's grace through the Exodus journey, discovering how ordinary things can become signs of God's presence and instruments of God's love for the world.

Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church, died 1226

Francis was the son of a wealthy cloth merchant. In a public confrontation with his father, he renounced his wealth and future inheritance and devoted himself to serving the poor. Francis described this act as being "wedded to Lady Poverty." Under his leadership the Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans) was formed, and they took literally Jesus' words to his disciples that they should take nothing on their journey and receive no payment for their work. Their task in preaching was to "use words if necessary." Francis had a spirit of gladness and gratitude for all of God's creation. This commemoration has been a traditional time to bless pets and animals, creatures Francis called his brothers and sisters. A prayer and a hymn attributed to St. Francis are included in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (p. 87, #835).

Theodor Fliedner, renewer of society, died 1864

Fliedner's (flee-d-ner) work was instrumental in the revival of the ministry of deaconesses among Lutherans. While a pastor in Kaiserswerth, Germany, he also ministered to prisoners in Düsseldorf. Through his ministry to prisoners, he came in contact with Moravian deaconesses, and it was through this Moravian influence that he was convinced that the ministry of deaconesses had a place among Lutherans. His work and writing encouraged women to care for those who were sick, poor, or imprisoned. Fliedner's deaconess motherhouse in Kaiserswerth inspired Lutherans all over the world to commission deaconesses to serve in parishes, schools, prisons, and hospitals. Deaconesses sent from this motherhouse were some of the forerunners of the Deaconess Community of the ELCA and the Lutheran Diaconal Association.

Prayer List: If you or loved ones need prayers, please fill out the salmon-colored form located on the bulletin table in the Narthex, and return it to the Office mailbox or drop it in the offering plate.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Prayers for...</u>
The family & friends of Carolyn Davis	Peace
The family & friends of Beverly Powell	Peace
Sean Patrick	Healing
Rosey Miyler and family	Healing & strength

This Week at Trinity

Sun, Oct. 4 th	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	5:00 pm	Youth Group
Wed, Oct. 7 th	11:00 am	Sack Lunch Program
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Sat, Oct. 10 th	5:00 pm	Grace evening service

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes, Pastor, Out-of-office: Friday
Cell phone: 618-803-8778
Church Office: Phone 309-343-4191
Hours 8:30 am – 12:30 pm, Monday-Friday
1st & 3rd Saturdays; Worship 5:00 pm; Holy Communion
Sunday Worship at 9:30 am; Holy Communion
Sunday Radio Ministry at 9:30 am on WRAM – 1330 AM, Facebook

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Vision Statement

Developing Disciples – Connecting to Christ

Mission Statement

Led by the Spirit, we receive Christ's love, share God's forgiving grace, and reach out to welcome, encourage and serve all.

Welcome Statement

At Trinity Lutheran Church, we believe God's grace is extended to everyone. Members of Trinity Lutheran Church are freed by the Gospel to seek reconciliation and wholeness. We welcome people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, whether believer, doubter, or seeker. In Christ's love we invite you, so that led by the power of the Holy Spirit we will join together to strive for racial equity, justice, peace, and love in all the earth.

Our Guiding Principles

1. Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior.
2. We faithfully worship through Word and Sacrament.
3. We invite and welcome everyone.
4. We engage all generations in education and ministry.
5. We serve local and global communities.