



Mission Statement ~ Our Church Exists To:

Welcome all people into relationship with Jesus Christ
Equip people with a vital, living faith, and
Send us into the world to serve in Jesus' name

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Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost +++ Sunday, September 19, 2021 10:30 a.m.

Introduction to the Day

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.



PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG "All Are Welcome" ELW #641

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS ELW Page 94

GREETING, KYRIE, CANTICLE OF PRAISE ELW Pages 184-185

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 11:18-20

Brenda Hove, reader

Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,
"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,

Welcome to Worship at Trinity Lutheran

Whether this is your first time worshipping with us, or if you regularly attend, we are very glad we are that you are with us! Today, we gather to worship God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Worship is an act of surrender. It is an acknowledgement that we are creatures, not the creator. It is an admission that all we have is a gift given, not because we deserve it but because we are beloved. It is a time of praise – thanking God for being our God.

If you would like to grow deeper in your relationship with Jesus through Trinity Lutheran let us know – we would love to accompany you on your faith journey.

let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"
But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 54

Please read responsively.

Save me, O God, by your name;
in your might, defend my cause.

**Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words¹ of my mouth.**

For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life,
those who have no regard for God.

**Behold, God is my helper;
it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

Render evil to those who spy on me;
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice
and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

For you have rescued me from every trouble,
and my eye looks down on my enemies.

SECOND READING: JAMES 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: MARK 9:30-37

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

The holy gospel according to Mark, chapter 9, beginning with verse 30.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will

kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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

CHILDREN’S TIME

SERMON

Pastor Lee Herberg

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

ELW #659

APOSTLES’ CREED

ELW Pg. 105

PRAYERS OF THE INTERCESSION

Please pray for Adam, Barb, Bob, Bonnie, Brenda, Bruce, Cheryl, Don, Donna, Fran, Gary, Jon, Karen, Kim, Mary Ann, Mike, Rachel, Renae, Sylvia, Tom, Wayne, Mike and Cheryl.

OFFERING/OFFERING MUSIC

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/LORD’S PRAYER

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COMMUNION SONGS

“Jesus Loves Me”

ELW #595

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

ELW #781

“I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light”

ELW #815

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

<p>September 19, 2021 17th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Mark 9:30-37</p> <p><i>Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all.</i></p> <p>Instead of clamoring for more and more power, as followers of Jesus we happily share it.</p> <p>Source: <i>Faith Simonieg-Associate to the Bishop for Stewardship, Generosity and Ministerial Transition, Western North Dakota Synod.</i></p>
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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

ELW #712

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Trinity's Semi-Annual Rummage Sale!

It's Baaaaaaacckk!!

When: Friday, October 29th @ 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. &
Saturday, October 30th @ 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Where: In the Community Center at Trinity.

What we are NOT collecting:

- ❌ • Electronics, TVs
- ❌ • Opened Makeup
- ❌ • Sanitizer
- ❌ • Exercise Equipment
- ❌ • Food

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday
@ 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. &
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

When to drop off items: Thursday, October 21st - Friday, October 22nd &
Monday, October 25th - Wednesday, October 27th
during office hours.

When we need volunteers:

To help sort items: Monday, October 25th - Thursday, October 28th
during office hours.

To help run the sale: Friday, October 29th @ 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. &
Saturday, October 30th @ 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

To help with Clean Up: Saturday, October 30th @ 12:00 p.m.

**Funds raised go to Trinity's Youth Program.*

YOUR GIFTS

	Month	Year-to-date
<u>August 2021</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Income	\$ 57,757.30	\$485,066.32
Expenses	<u>\$ 63,869.80</u>	<u>\$520,117.29</u>
Income less expenses	<u>\$ (6,112.50)</u>	<u>\$ (35,050.97)</u>

Electronic Giving - Trinity offers the option of Electronic Giving as a simple way to contribute. This would allow you the freedom from worry or concern whether you are out of town, on vacation or wondering how to budget your contributions. Simply Giving forms are available in the office, at the Narthex desk or on Trinity's website. We have also updated and simplified our website www.trinitybismarck.com in aiding you to give towards Trinity's Capital Campaign. The DONATE button allows you to give a recurring or one-time donation using PayPal or credit card. If you have questions or need assistance with electronic giving, please feel free to call Julie Schaffner. Thank you again for your continued financial support.



NEW VANCO MOBILE APP

Another means of electronic giving is downloading Vanco's new Mobile App to your cell phone.

- Download **Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement** (in your Apple App Store or Google Play Store)
- Search **Bismarck**
- Select **Trinity Lutheran Church**
- Sign Up using your email address and create a password

You may choose to give using a credit card, debit card, or your bank account. If you have any questions, contact Julie Schaffner at 701-223-3560 or email schaffner@trinitybismarck.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

WE EXTEND OUR CONGREGATION'S SYMPATHY to the family of Mary Frank.

RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM is in memory of Julius & Alta Burzloff, given by family.

NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED - Our nursery will be opening during worship services starting in mid-September. We need Nursery Workers to work Sundays or Wednesdays. **This is a paid position.** Must be 18 years old to apply. For more information, see Gracia.

FALL CLEAN UP DAY - We will be holding our annual Fall Clean Up Day at the Church on Saturday, October 2nd @ 9 a.m. We will move it to Saturday, the 9th if there is inclement weather. Gloves, rakes and pruning shears are helpful items to bring. Coffee and snacks will be provided. Please join us!

LYO HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GATHERING - October 21-22 for youth in grades 9-12. It's a fun overnight event that starts Thursday afternoon and is done by noon on Friday! Join high schoolers from across Western ND as we learn more about our faith through speakers, music, meeting new friends, fun games and more. This takes place at the Ramada Hotel here in Bismarck. We have the option of staying at the hotel or going home for the night. See Gracia for more information. **Registration deadline is September 29.**

SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP - Starts Wednesday, September 22. We'll meet Wednesdays at 6:40 p.m. in the youth room at Trinity for fun & faith. For grades 9-12. For more information, see Gracia.

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING SUMMER 2022 - Trinity's youth plan to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN this summer. This is a nation-wide event where about 30,000 high school youth gather for nightly mass gatherings, interactive learning, worship, service, and fellowship. The trip is July 22-28, 2022 and open to youth currently in grades 8-12 (fall 2021). Watch the bulletin for an informational meeting date. Registration sheets are available on our youth board in the lobby. See Gracia with questions.

CONNECT GROUPS - Faith and Fellowship

Sundays

Fellowship, coffee, and scripture, Sundays following the 8:30 a.m. worship service. Scripture study begins promptly at 9:45 a.m. in the Community Center.

Mondays

Ladies' Study, 1st & 3rd Mondays, 2:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. (No study September 20.)

Lutherans in Leather, Final ride for this season will be September 20th, 6:00 p.m. in the parking lot.

Beer & Hymns, will not meet Monday, September 20th. Next meeting will be Monday, October 18th at the Bismarck Amvets @ 7-9 p.m.

Tuesdays

GIFTS Bible Study, the next study will be on the 4th Tuesday of September (9/28/21) at 6:30 p.m. Email Pastor Mark for the zoom link.

Thursdays

Thursday Morning Circle, is starting up again the 3rd Thursday of each month. (9/16/21 will be the first meeting back.) Meet at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room for study and fellowship.

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