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The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

“Hey, God! What about CHRISTIAN FAMILIES”

FATHER’S DAY

Pastor Scott Gustafson will be sharing the message with us today Eileen Hass will be leading us in music on the piano.

AS WE GATHER: Polls tell us that many of us live in fear and struggle with depression. Jesus calls us not to be afraid—not because we have no enemies but because He is stronger than them all. God knows the score—from every bird that falls from the sky to every hair on our head. He has invested His love and mercy in us in Christ and will not turn away from us. This promise is sure. Because of this, we can surrender our fears of being known as His children. Everyone who confesses Him on earth, Christ will confess him before His Father in heaven. From this promise comes the strength to live the new life given to us in our Baptism and to make known what Christ has done by His death and resurrection—for us and for all the world. We are called to judge not by the times but by the promises of God. Neither will He disappoint us nor will He forsake us.

WELCOME & GREETING

OPENING SONG

“Great Is The Lord”

Vs.1 *Great is the Lord
He is holy and just
By His power we trust in His love
Great is the Lord
He is faithful and true
By His mercy He proves He is love*

Vs.2 *Great is the Lord
He is holy and just
By His power we trust in His love
Great is the Lord
He is faithful and true
By His mercy He proves He is love*

Chorus 1 *Great is the Lord
And worthy of glory
Great is the Lord
And worthy of praise
Great is the Lord
Now lift up your voice
Now lift up your voice
Great is the Lord*

Chorus 2 *Great are You Lord
And worthy of glory
Great are You Lord
And worthy of praise
Great are You Lord
I lift up my voice
I lift up my voice
Great are You Lord*

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION Psalm 25:7, 18

Pastor: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord!

People: Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

Pastor: Holy and gracious God,

People: I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver according to Your mercy and grant peace to my heart so that I may serve You with all my mind, body, and soul.

Pastor: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you. Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

MONTHLY VERSE (Matthew 4:19)

"And [Jesus] said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.'"

SONG

"Fishers of Men"

Vs.1 *I will make you fishers of men
Fishers of men fishers of men
I will make you fishers of men
If you follow Me
If you follow Me if you follow Me
I will make you fishers of men
If you follow Me*

Vs.2 *Hear Christ calling come unto Me
Come unto Me come unto Me
Hear Christ calling come unto Me
I will give you rest
I will give you rest I will give you rest
Hear Christ calling come unto Me
I will give you rest*

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APOSTLES' CREED

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 20:7-13

O Lord, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. ⁸ For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹ If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰ For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! "Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" say all my close friends, watching for my fall. "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him." ¹¹ But the Lord is with me as a dread warrior; therefore, my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹² O Lord of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. ¹³ Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND READING Romans 6:12-23

¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸ and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans,

²¹ Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²² and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³ When they persecute you in one

town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

²⁴ “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵ It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

²⁶ “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸ And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³² So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

SONG OF THE DAY **“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”**

Vs.1 *O soul are you weary and troubled
No light in the darkness you see
There's light for a look at the Savior
And life more abundant and free*

Vs.2 *Through death into life everlasting
He passed and we follow Him there
Over us sin no more hath dominion
For more than conquerors we are
(Chorus)*

Chorus ***Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth
Will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace***

Vs.3 *His Word shall not fail you He promised
Believe Him and all will be well
Then go to a world that is dying
His perfect salvation to tell
(Chorus)*

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MESSAGE **“Hey, God! What about CHRISTIAN FAMILIES”**

ATTENDANCE /CONNECT TIME / OFFERING (Instrumental)

*During this time, please sign the attendance book found in the pew or use your mobile device to fill out the Connect Card or submit prayer requests on our app or online at www.trinitymerrill.com/live. You can also visit our app or www.trinitymerrill.com/give to learn more about other ways to support the ministries at Trinity. **(When filling out the attendance book, please include your last names and list the names of everyone in attendance in your family)***

PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE & 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

1. *You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge,
My rock in whom I trust!" (Refrain)*

Refrain *And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.*

2. *The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield. (Refrain)*
3. *You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come. (Refrain)*
4. *For to His angels He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. (Refrain)*

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The flowers on the altar are sponsored by Deb Stadler-Gapko in memory of Don Stadler & Walter Zahn and all other father's in heaven on this Father's Day.

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM -Many children don't get lunches over the summer when school is not in session. Trinity volunteers will hand out bag lunches from 11:30-1:00 each Thursday in June, July and August at Christ United Methodist Church parking lot. If you are interested in helping, please call Julie Cordova 715-393-7814. **Monetary Donations and donations of food that can be packed in a sack would be greatly appreciated.**

Part-Time Office Coverage Opportunity

The Trinity Office is seeking a dependable individual to provide office coverage during Robin's absence. This position offers an opportunity to support the daily operations of Trinity Church. Training will be provided. Experience with computers is helpful. If you are interested in joining our team and serving in this important role, please call the church office or stop by to learn more. We look forward to hearing from you!

Trinity Lutheran Church – "Living River" Concert in the Park

Trinity Lutheran Church will be hosting the "Living River Quartet" on Saturday, August 8th at 6:00 PM at Normal Park, 500 N. Center Ave in Merrill. Bring your lawn Chairs and refreshments. Last year, two Trinity members sponsored the entire cost of this group. This year we would like to open this up to all members to help sponsor this city-wide event. Envelopes are available on the "Adopt a Bill" board. Living River's mission is to share the love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, with their music, and to proclaim His gift of salvation and eternal life. Volunteers from Aspirus Merrill Hospital will be selling hamburgers, brats, chips and soda from the concession stand. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors and enjoy this wonderful concert in the park with us.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Trinity is actively seeking someone to take over as Coordinator for our Scrip Program. Having some bookkeeping and computer knowledge would be very helpful. Please call the church office if this is something you would be willing to help with.

NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH? WE'RE HERE TO HELP! Getting to church shouldn't be a barrier to worship. Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, Trinity is pleased to offer **free taxi rides to and from worship services** through Blue Jay Taxi. If you or someone you know could benefit from transportation assistance, simply call **715-921-4110** by **Wednesday** before the weekend service you plan to attend.

When leaving your message, please include:

- Which worship service you will attend
- Your pick-up address
- How many people will need transportation to church

We are grateful for this opportunity to help connect people with God's Word, worship, and the fellowship of our church family. If transportation has been keeping you from attending worship, we encourage you to take advantage of this wonderful ministry. We look forward to welcoming you to Trinity!

St. Vincent de Paul is seeking volunteers St. Vincent is seeking volunteers to work at their charitable Thrift store in downtown Merrill. If you are able to volunteer or have any questions, please call Sue Norenberg at 715-539-2666.

DO YOU NEED OUR PRAYERS?

We have a very active prayer ministry here at Trinity that would love to pray for you or celebrate with you. If you or a loved one are in need of prayer, please don't hesitate to contact the church office or submit a prayer request through the Connect Card tab on the Trinity website so we can share your prayers over the altar. You might also notice the four (4) prayer boxes, located to the side of each exit door in the sanctuary, have been fitted with a supply of prayer cards. If you are carrying a heavy prayer burden but don't want it to be prayed from the altar: fill out the prayer card with the first name of the individual needing prayer, and the request of prayer for them. Drop it in the locked prayer box-. Please know that the request will be prayed for during the week, by Trinity's Prayer Warriors who will keep your request in complete Confidence.

* Altar Prayers are shared during worship so our congregation and those worshipping online and the radio, can pray with you.

* Prayer Ministry Prayers are kept confidential within our Prayer Warrior group.

Prayer is powerful! For more information, please contact the church office at 715-536-5482.

CIRCUIT 6 SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE - New Twin size bedding is needed! We've got the materials for building the bunk beds – Now we are asking for your help in supporting this project with donations of new twin sized bedding. Donations can be dropped off at Trinity Church. We are also accepting cash donations to purchase bedding if you would like to help with this remarkable project.

Trinity Community Meal – Faith, Fellowship, and Food

Trinity will host a **Community Meal on Wednesday, July 15, from 4:30–6:30 p.m.** Our goal is simple: to share **Faith, Fellowship, and Food** with our community. A dedicated group of Trinity volunteers has already begun planning this event, but we will need your help to make it a success. While serving a delicious meal is important, our greatest goal is to provide something even more meaningful—**friendship**. We invite members of our Trinity family to come, sit, visit, and build relationships with those who attend. A warm smile, a friendly conversation, and a welcoming spirit can make a lasting impact. Through these interactions, we hope to show our community the love of Christ and the welcoming nature of our congregation. The menu will feature **pulled pork with a variety of sides, and desserts graciously provided by the Dorcas Society**. Whether you can help prepare, serve, clean up, or simply spend time getting to know our guests, your presence can help make this event a blessing to many. We hope our Trinity families will come for dinner and help support this event.

