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**Sunday, September 29, 2024  
Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost**

**Service of Word and Prayer**

***Gathering***

*The Holy Spirit gathers us into a community of prayer.*

***Prelude***

## Welcome and Announcements

*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 forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,  
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us  
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first**

**we make distinctions among ourselves.**

**We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.**

**In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.**

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,**

**and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,**

**our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity

and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ,

the source of eternal healing,

your sins are forgiven.

**Amen.**

**Opening Hymn: Gather Us In**

**No. 532**

## Gather Us In

532



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the  
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

## 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.**

You are the treasured people of the Lord,  
**a people holy to the Lord our God.**

Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

**Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

One does not live by bread alone,  
**but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**

## Prayer of the Day

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**Hymn of the Month: There is a Longing in Our Hearts**

**No. 1078**



# *There Is a Longing In Our Hearts*

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# There Is a Longing in Our Hearts

*Refrain — All*

There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re -

veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our

hearts for love we on - ly find in you, our God.

*Leader or All*

1 For jus - tice,	for free - dom,	for mer - cy:
2 For wis - dom,	for cour - age,	for com - fort:
3 For heal - ing,	for whole - ness,	for new life:
4 Lord, save us,	take pit - y,	light in our

hear our prayer.	In sor - row,	in grief:
hear our prayer.	In weak - ness,	in fear:
hear our prayer.	In sick - ness,	in death:
deep - est night.	We call you;	we wait:

*Refrain*

be near; hear our prayer, O God.

Text: Anne Quigley, b. 1955

Music: LONGING, Anne Quigley

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## **Word**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, silence, reflection, and song.*

### **First Reading: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29**

<sup>4</sup>The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; <sup>6</sup>but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>So Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors’? <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

<sup>16</sup>So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent.

<sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

<sup>26</sup>Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.”

<sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 19:7-14

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

<sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one's own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>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.

<sup>14</sup>**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: James 5:13-20

<sup>13</sup>Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They  
should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Are any among you sick? They should call for the  
elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the  
name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise  
them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore  
confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be  
healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a  
human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three  
years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and the  
heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

<sup>19</sup>My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is  
brought back by another, <sup>20</sup>you should know that whoever brings back a sinner  
from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude  
of sins

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

The holy gospel according to Mark,  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus], “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup>“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup>“For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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

## Children’s Message



Hymn of the Day: Bring Forth the Kingdom

No. 22

22

Bring forth the kingdom

Leader  
D G/D D D/F# All G D/F# A D

1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the king-dom of God!  
 2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the cit - y of God!  
 3 You are a seed of the word, O peo-ple: bring forth the king-dom of God!  
 4 We are a blest and a pil - grim peo-ple: bound for the king-dom of God!

Leader G D/F# G A D All G D/F# A D

Share the fla - vor of life, O peo - ple: life in the king-dom of God!  
 Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple: shine for the king-dom of God!  
 Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of jus - tice, grow in the king-dom of God!  
 Love our jour - ney and love our home - land: love is the king-dom of God!

Refrain  
G D/F# Em A D G D/F#

Bring forth the king - dom of mer - cy, bring forth the

Em A D G D/F# G A D

king - dom of peace; bring forth the king - dom of jus - tice,

G D/F# Em/G A D G D/F# A D

bring forth the cit - y of God!

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## Thanksgiving for the Word:

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**Amen.**

**Offertory** (Usher please bring the offering to the altar)

## Offertory Song – Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

**No. 227**

Helen Lemmel

F C Dm F7  
Turn your eyes up - on Je - sus, Look

Bb Gm G9/B C F  
full in His won - der - ful face, And the

C7/G F/A C#dim7 Dm F7/C Bb  
things of earth will grow strange - ly dim In the

F/C Bb/C C7 F  
light of His glo - ry and grace.

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## **Prayer:**

*The Holy Spirit prays with us and through us.*

## **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 was descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and dead.**

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

In Christ Jesus we meet the God who knows our weakness  
and bears the wounds of the world.

Therefore, let us be bold as we pray,  
trusting that God draws near to those in any kind of need.

## **Silent Prayer**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the  
church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the people of God in all places. Shape our witness to the good news  
of Jesus that we joyfully share your transforming love with all whom we  
encounter. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the healing of the earth. Renew oceans and seas, marshes and  
estuaries. Uphold the work of conservationists, oceanographers, and all who  
care for fragile ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for peace and cooperation among local and global communities. Bless  
the efforts of community organizers, international aid workers, and all those who  
work for justice and peace around the world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is  
great.**

We pray for all who are in any need. To all who grieve, bring consolation; to all who are weary or lonely, bring solace. By your grace, make your presence known among all who call to you for healing (*especially*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for caregivers: doctors and nurses, home health aides and counselors, and those who care for loved ones (*other caregivers or individuals may be named*). Sustain them in their work and help us to build a health care system that supports all. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We give thanks for the saints who now rest in your eternal presence. In thanksgiving for their lives of faithful service and witness, we commend them to your loving care. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

### **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.**

### ***Sending***

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### **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.**

**Closing Hymn: Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing**

**No. 545**

# 545 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.  
 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,

let us each, your love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace.  
 May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
 let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.

Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
 Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
 May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.  
 Music: Sicilian, 18th cent.

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## Dismissal.

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit:  
**Thanks Be to God**

## AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00...

Pastor:	Pastor Jen Herrmann
Lectors:	Joyce Patterson
Usher:	Justin Stierhoff & Rex Stierhoff
Acolyte:	Drew Killingsworth

At 10:30...

Pastor:	Pastor Jen Herrmann
Lectors:	Candy Beatty
Usher:	Charles Howard & Gary Lieb
Acolyte:	Eli Conner

September Altar Care:	Sally Warner & Bonnie Lieb
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## PRAYER CONCERNS

To all affected by the war in Israel and Ukraine; for all directly or indirectly effected by tornadoes, and flooding, mass shootings happening nationwide;  
FAITH members, including, Judy Welser;  
the people of Grace, Catalia, and their interim pastor;  
personnel of the Sandusky Post of the Ohio Highway Patrol.

**Pastor Jen can be contacted at 419-822-7630 or [jen.herrmann@gmail.com](mailto:jen.herrmann@gmail.com)**

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Sessler's heavenly birthday on October 4 and in celebration of Nancy Sessler's 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday on October 5 from Tom & Peggy Kingsborough.

**THE MEMORIAL FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by Todd & Ann Streaan in loving memory of Ann's mom, Marilyn Vassar's birthday.

**DONATIONS TO OUR "PENNY JUG"** support the global relief and habilitation efforts of ELCA World Hunger, a mission of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

**THIS MORNING'S LOOSE CASH OFFERING** (money not in an envelope or given without other designation) benefits Current Expenses Fund. **LOOSE CHECKS** will support our Current Expenses Fund unless designated otherwise on the check memo line.

### **ATTENDANCE**

September 22: 56 + 26 = 82

### **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS**

September 22:

General Fund - \$ 2,776.00

Building Improvements - \$320.00

### **This Week at Trinity**

TODAY	Service of Word & Prayer Sunday School	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:15 am
MONDAY	Carol on Vacation	Office Closed
WEDNESDAY	Women's NA Group "We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	9:00 am 7:00 pm
SATURDAY	Stewardship & Finance Mtg "We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	12:30 pm 11:00 am
SUNDAY	Communion Service Sunday School	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:15 am

**IT'S THE TIME OF YEAR** when the schedules for Communion assistants, Lectors, Acolytes, and Ushers need to be completed. If you would like to change your status or serve in one of these areas, please call the church office to let us know. Thank you.

**P. JEN INVITES YOU TO A CAMPFIRE** at the parsonage (weather permitting) this Sunday evening from 7:00 pm to 9ish. Bring your own chair and come enjoy the fall season with her and Malachi.

**THE TOWNSEND RURITAN CLUB** will have their Pancake & Sausage brunch on October 27 from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm at the Vickery Fire Station.

## **TIME TO CONSIDER WHERE MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND AND CHARITY FUND PROCEEDS SHOULD GO**

We'll soon have a second-quarter report on the status of Trinity's Mission Endowment and Charity Funds. And, next month, our Stewardship and Finance Team will begin to consider possible destinations for the money the funds have earned through investment.

The Stewardship and Finance Team will make a recommendation to the Congregation Council, and, in turn, the Council will place its recommendation before the congregation at its annual meeting in October.

Now is the time for you to consider making a recommendation as to where some of our proceeds should go for the sake of our Lord's mission to our area and beyond. Is there work being done for the good of others that would be an appropriate destination for some of our fund earnings?

Think on it; talk with others. And, communicate your idea to president Carrie Wiedenheft, Jim Bertsch, or the church office. Thanks!

Here are some past recipients of these proceeds:

- Support Annual Thanksgiving Meal at Holy Angels Church
- Special gift to Care and Share
- Support Meals on Wheels Program
- ELCA Leader's for Seminary Students
- Second Harvest
- Cancer Services towards fuel for travel

**THE STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE COMMITTEE** will be meeting on October 5 at 12:30 pm to plan the 2025 budget and decide where to disperse the Mission Endowment and Charity fund proceeds will go.

**FALL CLEAN UP AT THE MARGARETTA TWP. CEMETERIES** including Castalia, Graves, Venice and Sand Hill will begin shortly so please remove all summer flowers by October 1st. All floral items left after October 1st will be disposed of – including those on top of the monuments.

Winter arrangements may be placed after November 1st. However, please keep in mind that only two florals and/or personal items per plot are allowed unless they are placed on the foundation and they're off the ground. More than two items on the ground are at risk of being removed.



# ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Sunday, October 20 at  
9:15 am between services**

This year's Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, October 20 at 9:15 am between services. Please plan on attending as your participation is essential to keeping Trinity a functioning congregation to its members and its community. As stated in Trinity's Constitution there needs to be 25 members present to constitute a quorum. So please show your support for your church.

Trinity will also be in need of new Council Chairs for several positions. Please see a member of council if you would be interested in any of these positions. Council meetings run about an hour to an hour and a half long and are currently scheduled for the third Thursday of each month. This is your chance to get new faces and ideas into your church activities and council.

President, currently held by Carrie Wiedenheft (this is a two-year term)

Congregational Life, currently held by Kathy Bango (this is a two-year term)

Faith Builders, currently held by Pat Wiedenheft (this is a two-year term)

If you would like further information on these positions, please see any council member. Again, your participation is what keeps Trinity going so please take some time to think these positions over and listen to God's call for your time and commitment to your church.

**TRUNKS FOR TREATS** - The annual event of Trunks for Treats will happen this year on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 during the Sunday school hour. Everyone is invited to bring in treats to give to our Sunday school kids. Weather permitting, this will happen outside, and the children will go around the parking lot from car to car and receive a treat. We hope you will be involved in this and help our kids fill their bags with lots of goodies!

**WE ARE IN NEED OF EMPTY CANDLE JARS** that you no longer need for a project the Sunday school kids will be doing in November. If you have any, please put them in the box on the table in the corner of the upstairs fellowship area. We will be collecting these thru the end of October

Welcome  
**OCTOBER**

October

**B**e present.

**L**et the day flow with grace.

**E**xpect nothing. Give thanks.

**S**urrender. Be open.

**S**peak only kindness.

**I**mpart only love.

**N**ever forget you're not alone.

**G**ive so you may receive.

**S**ee goodness in others.

mary  
davis

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