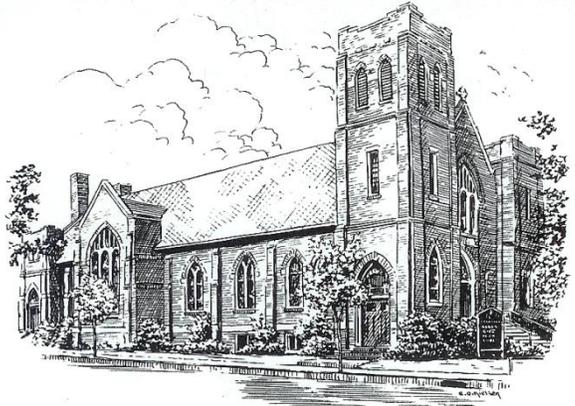


**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, New Castle**



**Trinity Lutheran Church, Ellwood City**

**Sunday, September 20, 2020 –Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
10:30 a.m.**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

**Confession and Forgiveness**

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

C: Faithful God... have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.  
We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways.

We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

L: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of ☩ Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. **Amen.**

1 God of grace and God of glory,  
on your people pour your pow’r;  
crown your ancient church’s story;  
bring its bud to glorious flow’r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! The hosts of evil round us  
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days,

3 Cure your children’s warring madness;  
bend our pride to your control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss your kingdom’s goal,  
let us miss your kingdom’s goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of your salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving you whom we adore,  
serving you whom we adore.

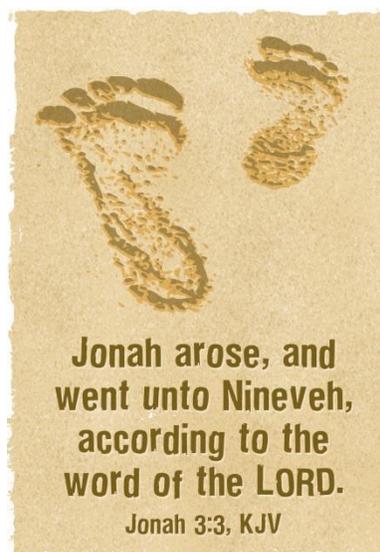
Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

L. Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**



## The Lessons

First Reading.....Jonah 3:10-4:11

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what the people of Ninevah did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. <sup>4:1</sup>But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup>And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” <sup>5</sup>Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. <sup>6</sup>The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.” <sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” <sup>10</sup>Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup>And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

The Psalm.....Psalm 145:1-8

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, my God and king, and bless your name forever and ever.

<sup>2</sup>**Every day will I bless you and praise your name forever and ever.**

<sup>3</sup>Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised! There is no end to your greatness.

<sup>4</sup>**One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.**

<sup>5</sup>I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.

<sup>6</sup>**They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will recount your greatness.**

<sup>7</sup>They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Second Reading.....Philippians 1:21-30

<sup>21</sup>For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup>Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup>so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. <sup>27</sup>Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God’s doing. <sup>29</sup>For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—<sup>30</sup>since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Gospel Acclamation

L: Alleluia. In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. Alleluia.

Gospel..... Matthew 20:1-16

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 20<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**C. Glory to You, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples: <sup>1</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

S: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Sermon.....Seminarian Chris Combs

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The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in one 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 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 again to judge the living and the 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.**

Offering

Offertory Hymn.....(ELW) #692  
“We Are an Offering”

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.

Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

Prayers of Intercession

L: Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

L: Generous God, you make the last first, and the first last. Where this gospel challenges the church, equip it for its works of service. Strengthen those who suffer for Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

L: Sun and wind, bushes and worms, cattle and great cities—nothing in creation is outside your concern, mighty God. In your mercy, tend to it all. Give us a spirit of generosity toward all you have made. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

L: Where we find envy and create enemies, you provide enough for all. Bring peace to places of conflict and violence. Inspire leaders with creativity and wisdom. Bless the work of negotiators, peacekeepers, and development workers. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

L: Reveal yourself to all in need as you are gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, ready to relent from punishing. Accompany judges and lawyers, victims of crime and those serving sentences. Give fruitful labor and a livelihood to those seeking work. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

L: Even beyond our expectations, you choose to give generously. Grant life, health, and courage to all who are in need, especially those we now name before you either silently or out loud.. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

L: Guiding God, give strength and perseverance for your church and its leaders as we do what Jesus commanded us to do – baptize and teach your Word to all. We especially this day pray for various congregations and pastors within our Conference One of the Southwestern Pa Synod. Today we pray for Grace Lutheran, Rochester and for their pastor, Pastor Gregg Clagg and Vicar Tricia Christman. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

L: We praise you for the generations that have declared your power to us. Give us faithfulness to follow them, living for Christ, until you call us to join them in the joyful song around his throne. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

L: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

L: Lord, Remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray...

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.**



Blessing

S: May God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.  
**Amen.**

Sending Hymn.....(LBW) #557, (ELW) #881  
"Let All Things Now Living"

- 1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the creator triumphantly raise,  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.
  
- 2 God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses and sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration a song let us raise  
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: "To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

The Dismissal

S: Go in peace. Be at peace. Christ is with you.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**



The flowers are given by Ethan Hunter's family in honor of his 17<sup>th</sup> birthday on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Happy Birthday Ethan!

**After Worship:** We will be exiting the rear side red doors of the church. We will exit the people sitting in the back of the church first continuing to exit people back to front. Please remember to social distance and try to keep six feet apart. Those who are using the elevator proceed as usual, using the front right door to exit the sanctuary, take the elevator down and don't forget to close the elevator gate door! Be Safe.

## **PARISH NOTES**

### **Serving God's People at the Liturgy:**

Ministers	The Members of Trinity
Pastor	Pastor Peggy Suhr-Barkley
Music Director	David Spielvogel, II
Lector	Sherri Vassilaros

### **Next Week's Worship Leader (9/27/20)**

Lector	Denise Gerard
Altar Guild	Kim Hunter

Hebrews 10:25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Sunday, September 13, 2020      In-Person Worship Attendance: 42      Virtual Worship Attendance: 157

## Announcements

**Sunday School:** As schools are re-opening and we are still taking precautions, we'd like to announce that **Sunday School** will be re-opening virtually, with a date to be determined. Please look for further information in the next newsletter. We are super excited to start gathering again while enforcing the safety guidelines we have in place for the church. Stay safe, stay healthy and God Bless!

**Helping those in Need** – We have had several requests from people wanting to help those in need in our communities during this time. For those in the New Castle area the local food pantry is housed at the former **Epworth United Methodist Church**, 805 Washington St., New Castle, PA 16101 (724-979-2283). For those in the Ellwood City area the local food pantry is housed at **Holy Redeemer Ministerium Social Services**, 300 Crescent Avenue, Ellwood City, PA 16117 (724-758-3465). Your monetary donation can either be sent directly to the Food Pantry or sent to the church and the church will forward the money on to the respective Food Pantry. Please in the memo portion of your check write: **Food Pantry**.

**We welcome Seminarian Chris Combs** (Former Vicar Chris Combs) who will be leading us in worship today while Pastor Peggy is out of the office! Pastor will be back in the church office this Tuesday, September 22rd.

**Next Sunday Zoom Meetings, Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>** – “Trinity’s Youth, Grades 4-12 will gather at 6:00 for an hour to touch base and see how we can make youth group happen this year. We will catch up with one another and play some Zoom games. “Trinity’s College Students & Young Adults will gather at 7:15. We are hoping we can get several to Zoom with us this night and see what’s happening with the young adults in our congregation. We will also discuss how we can best stay connected with these important people in the life of the congregation.

**The Word In Season and Christ in Our Home** October, November and December 2020 devotional books are available by the bulletins.

**Bell Memorial Presbyterian Church** will be distributing **soup and a bag of cleaning products** to the community on Saturday, September 26 from 11:00 to 1:00.

### **Giving to the Congregations** -

If you are interested in contributing to the mission and ministry of either Good Shepherd or Trinity Lutheran Churches the links can be found below.

Good Shepherd - <https://gslcnewcastle.weebly.com/giving.html>

Trinity - [http://www.trinitylutheranellwoodcity.com/site/donate.asp?sec\\_id=180019417](http://www.trinitylutheranellwoodcity.com/site/donate.asp?sec_id=180019417)

### **This Week at Trinity:**

Sunday, September 20 <sup>th</sup>	8:00	AA Group
Wednesday, September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	5:45-7:30	Girl Scouts
Thursday, September 24 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	Women’s AA Group
Saturday, September 26 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	AA Group

**Invite your family, friends, and co-workers to worship with us,  
as we proclaim the Good News of Christ!**