



*“Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”
St. Matthew 14:27*

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 9, 2020 — 10:00 a.m.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

8271 Whispering Pines Road

Daphne, Alabama 36526

251-621-2968

E-mail: htlcdaphne8271@gmail.com

Website: holytrinitydaphne.org

Rev. Richard H. Mueller

Pastor

Joy M. Sullivan

Parish Musician

Steve Horlebein

Parish Administrator

“Come, Celebrate with Us”

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

WELCOME, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ! To assist the office staff in serving you, **please sign the yellow Attendance & Communion Registration sheet included in the bulletin.** We also ask first time worshippers to sign the guest book on the table near the doors.

Please direct all pastoral care concerns to Pastor, Rich Mueller at 914-388-2240.



Gathering

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We face the font, remembering God's promise of forgiveness in baptism.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

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

Silence for reflection

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

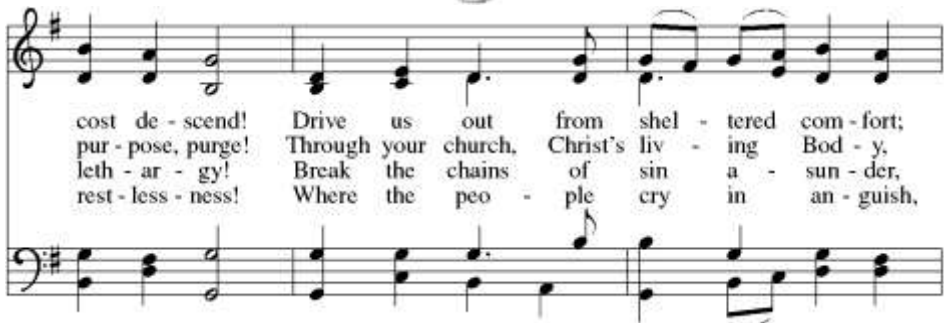
P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN [400, "God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"](#)



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl-wind, as on Pen - te -
 2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
 3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
 4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
 pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
 leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
 let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
 for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
 may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;

there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
 kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
 make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
 claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873-1932
 Text © 2000 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638, www.giamusic.com, 800.442.3358.
 All rights reserved. Used by permission.

GREETING

P: 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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs with an - gels round the throne;
 2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex - alt - ed thus!"
 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive hon - or and pow'r di - vine;
 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name

ten thou - sand thou - sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
 "Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "for he was slain for us!"
 and bless - ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
 of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Word

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:9-18

On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in "sheer silence." God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.

⁹At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

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

PSALM (Spoken in unison)

Psalm 85:8-13

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying. (Ps. 85:8)

⁸I will listen to what the LORD | God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn
their | hearts to you.

⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell | in our land. R**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**

¹²The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,
and our land will | yield its increase.

¹³**Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD
and shall prepare for | God a pathway. R**

SECOND READING

Romans 10:5-15

A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

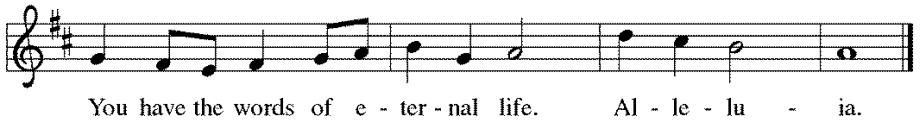
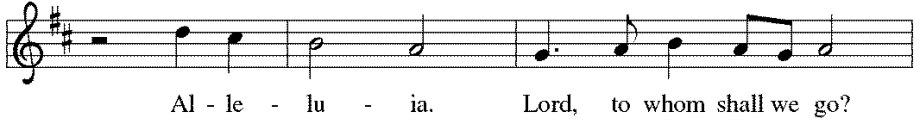
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to

proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Spoken in unison*)



GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 14:22-33

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

²²[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds.²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

N/A

SERMON

Rev. Richard H. Mueller

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - lers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

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 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 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.

THE PRAYERS *(Stand or kneel)*

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

For your whole church throughout the world. Give courage in the midst of storms, so that we see and hear Jesus calling: "Take heart, it is I: do not be afraid." May we follow Christ wherever he leads. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the well-being of your creation. Protect waterways, forests, lands, and wildlife from exploitation and abuse. Help the human family endeavor to sustain and be sustained by the resources of your hand. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the nations and their leaders. In you, steadfast love and faithfulness meet, and righteousness and peace kiss. May nations in conflict know the peace that is the fruit of justice, and the justice that is the path to peace. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For those in need. Everyone who calls upon your name will be saved. Accompany all who are lonely, hear the voices of those who cry out in anguish, and support those who are frustrated in their search for an affordable place to live. We pray for those suffering this day (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For our congregation. You have gathered us here today as your people and we thank you for this gift. We pray for those who are new to this community, for students and teachers preparing for a new school year, and for those struggling with unexpected hardship. Supply us generously with your grace for our life together. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give you thanks, O God, for the saints of the whole church from all times and places, and for the saints in our lives and in our community whom you have gathered to yourself (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

P: In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

We greet one another with a gesture of peace.

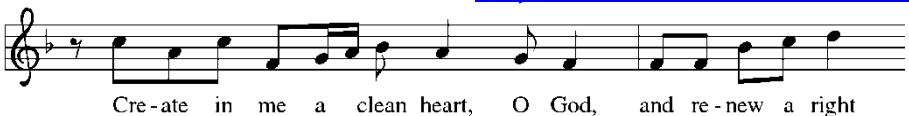
Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

Meal

OFFERING *An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Your offering can be left in the baskets provided near the entrance of the sanctuary.*

OFFERTORY HYMN

186, "Create in Me a Clean Heart"



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
 not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
 your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

C: Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Spoken in unison)*



The Lord be with you. And al-so 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.

The presiding minister continues:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...*Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



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

The minister continues with the Words of Institution

Continue with the Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

COMMUNION

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Christ is truly present in this sacrament. We trust the Word, "The body and blood of Christ given and shed for you." By Christ's invitation, all baptized people of God are welcome to receive Christ's gift of love and mercy. Cups are available to receive wine from the Worship Assistant's pouring chalice. If grape juice is preferable, it is available in the tray the Acolyte carries.

Those not wishing to participate in Holy Communion may come forward and receive a blessing. Please notify the usher if you are unable to come forward, but wish to commune in your seat. Approach the altar from the center aisle and return to your seat by a side aisle.

1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMN

773, "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Capo 1: G
A \flat *G 7* *C*
A \flat 7 *D \flat*

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
 2 When my way grows . . drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,

G *Em* *D 7*
A \flat *Fm* *E \flat 7*

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
 and the day is . . . past and . . gone,

G *G 7* *C*
A \flat *A \flat 7* *D \flat*

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
 at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.

G/D *D 7* *G*
A \flat E \flat *E \flat 7* *A \flat*

Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993
 Music: George N. Allen, 1812-1877, adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey
 Text and music © 1998, 1999 United Synagogue Music Inc., admin. Hal Leonard Corp.

PRECIOUS LORD
 Irregular

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The presiding minister may say a table blessing.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life.

C: Amen

The assisting minister leads the prayer after communion.

A: God of the welcome table, in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.

C: Amen.

Sending

Blessing

P: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, ✚ Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

C: Amen.

Announcements

SENDING HYMN

[755, "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"](#)

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. There are three verses of lyrics printed below the treble staff. A triplet of eighth notes is marked with a '3' and a bracket above it in both the treble and bass staves.

1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me o - ver
2 As a moth - er, stills her child, thou canst
3 When at last I near the shore, and the

life's tem - pes - tuous sea; un - known waves be - fore me
hush the o - cean wild; bois - t'rous waves o - bey thy
fear - ful break - ers roar twixt me and the peace - ful

roll, hid - ing rock and treach - 'rous shoal; chart and
will when thou say'st to them: "Be still." Won - drous
rest, then, while lean - ing on thy breast. may I

com - pass come from thee. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
sov - 'reign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
hear thee say to me: "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee."

Text: Edward Hopper, 1818-1888
Music: PILOT, John Edgar Gould, 1822-1875

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

*From SundaysandSeasons.com. Copyright 2020 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.
Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #27115.*

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Announcements for Sunday, August 9, 2020

TO KEEP IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS: Those worshipping for the first time at Holy Trinity. Cancer/Illness: **Joyce Dyas, Danny Inlow, Bruce Peterson, Dot Peterson and Wade Winslow;** Those serving in military, firefighters & law enforcement including: **Marc Alverson, Daryl Bogle, Adam and Cathryn Cormier, Steve Duke, Shawn Ethington, Brent Massey, Jordan Miller, Christopher Mueller, Rich Peacock, Derrick Thorsrud and Dylan Winslow;** Holy Trinity's Mission Partner: **Grace Lutheran Church – Long Beach, MS & Pastor Dave Parr;** ELCA Leaders: **SE Synod Bishop Rev. Kevin Strickland, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Pastor Rich Mueller.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our stewardship last week: Attendance – 42 Offerings - \$4,150.00.

SCRIPTURE AUGUST 16: *Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11:1-2, 29-32; Matthew 15:10-28*

Our Parish Administrator, Steve Horlebein, will be away on vacation August 6th – 17th and be out of the Church Office August 11th – 13th. If you need anything from the Office, Pastor Mueller will be available on these days and can be reached on his cell phone at 914-388-2240 if no one answers the Church Office phone. We pray for safe and pleasant travels for Steve and Debi as they visit with family in Pennsylvania.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- Today** 9:00am **Cancelled:** Sunday School
10:00am Service of Holy Communion
- Tues., Aug. 11** 9:00am – 2:00pm Office Hours
2:00pm – 5:30pm Musical Beginnings: Piano Lessons
5:30pm Congregation Council Meeting
- Wed., Aug. 12** 9:00am – 2:00pm Office Hours
- Thurs., Aug. 13** 9:00am – 2:00pm Office Hours
1:00pm – 3:30pm Musical Beginnings: Piano Lessons
- Sat., Aug. 15** 8:00am Yoga Class
- Sun., Aug. 16** 9:00am **Cancelled:** Sunday School
9:00am **Cancelled:** Choir Practice
10:00am Service of Holy Communion

Birthdays:

Tiffany Bogle (8/12)

Anniversaries:

Emily & Mike Cormier(8/9 40 yrs) Gary & Anke Lee (8/13 53 yrs)

Assisting in Worship

Presiding Minister	Rev. Richard H. Mueller
Musician	Joy M. Sullivan: Piano
Assisting Minister	Toni Fassbender
Acolyte	Mena Teal
Lector	Ginny Peterson
Cantor	N/A
Children's Sermon	N/A
Altar Guild	Elsie Lamb
Greeters	Franklin & Elsie Lamb
Ushers	Fred Fassbender, Sam Oldham & Bob Patterson
Tellers	Diane MacShane & Jeff Ramsland
Flower Pickup (<i>Saturday, August 15</i>)	Fuller

The flowers at the Altar today are given to the Glory of God with Great Thanksgiving by Betty Madison and in honor of all affected by the pandemic.

AUGUST 9, 2020
TENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Beautiful are those who bring good news!

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 14:22-33	Jesus walks on water
Monday	1 Kings 19:9-18	The Lord appears to Elijah
Tuesday	Romans 10:5-15	Anyone can be saved
Wednesday	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28	Joseph is sold by his brothers
Thursday	Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b	God's faithfulness to Israel
Friday	1 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Timothy brings good news
Saturday	Psalms 85:8-13	Restoration of God's favor
Sunday	Matthew 15:21-28	A woman's faith

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written,
"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Romans 10:15 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, just as you saved Peter from the stormy waves, we praise you for saving us from the things that overwhelm us. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

You who walked upon the sea, come and join our meal, we plea. Thank you for your care this day; lead us, Jesus, in your way. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord give you what is good and make a path for your steps. (Psalm 85:12-13)



AUGUST 9, 2020

HYMN OF THE WEEK

We Are Marching in the Light



taking **+**
faith
home

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Would you use the word beautiful to describe feet? Why or why not?
- Describe something you think is beautiful. What makes it beautiful?
- The Apostle Paul quotes an Old Testament passage about someone who is beautiful because he or she brings good news. What is beautiful to you about the message of Christ?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Romans 10:5-15.

Paul continues an intricate dance of balancing the covenant given to Abraham, Moses, and the larger Jewish community with the new covenant given in Jesus. Finally, it is the same God and the same promise: salvation is meant for all (v. 10). Therefore, our job is not to judge (vv. 6-7) but to proclaim the good news that Christ is the fulfillment of the law. That message only helps if it is heard (vv. 8 and 14). What is so beautiful is not really people's feet—perhaps the least attractive part of a person's body—but the person him/herself. People cannot receive this message of salvation without hearing. We are those sent to share good news with others. We are the beautiful souls not because of feet or noses or eyes, but because of the good news of Christ told to others. Who in your life is beautiful because of his or her sharing Christ with you?

Pray: **Living God, may we see the beauty of the gospel and the beauty of those who share your saving message with others through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE



Serving others reminds us of the breadth of the Kingdom of God and that our faith is personal but not private. Faith motivates us to serve the world in love. In what ways do you serve in your home, your congregation, and in the community?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Jesus died for us. That is how much God loves us. This is good news! "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13). Trace your foot on a piece of paper. Write a list of ways you can use your feet to tell others about the good news of Jesus. On another piece of paper draw lips. Write a list of ways you can use your lips to tell others about the good news of Jesus. Keep your drawings as a visual reminder of the good news.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

PANDEMIC WORSHIP ADAPTATIONS

Thank you and God for being part of our worship together. To protect you and other worshippers Holy Trinity is following CDC, our synod and Alabama state recommendations as extra precautions. Here is a summary of our temporary worship adaptations that we ask everyone to respect and abide by while attending services. If you have any questions, simply ask one of our ushers.

1. Bringing and wearing a mask is strongly encouraged, especially if you cannot maintain six feet of separation from others. If you do not have a mask with you we have a small supply on hand. Hand sanitizer is plentiful.
2. It is imperative that everyone completes an attendance card. Please do so as this information would be critical if we ever need to complete contact tracing and stem a potential outbreak.
3. Please bring your own writing instrument for completing attendance cards, taking notes, etc. If you do not have one with you, ask an usher for a pen or pencil. We sanitize them before and after each service.
4. Maintain six feet separation between families for adequate social distancing once entering the building, while in the sanctuary, and until you leave the building.
5. Only the main entrance is being used. As you enter the building please pick up a bulletin in the Narthex and proceed directly to the sanctuary. The doors will remain open during worship services to optimize ventilation.
6. **Singing will be limited to only a soloist** for a while. Our usual musical accompaniment remains.
7. Passing of the Peace is curtailed for now. Opportunities always remain for a "stay in place" wave or some other safe gesture.
8. Restroom doors at the end of the hallway will remain open to minimize your physical contact with any other objects. Multiple anti-bacterial soap dispensers are inside. Since the narthex restroom does not afford adequate privacy, it is not available.
9. The offering and attendance cards will not be collected during the service but may be dropped in the labelled baskets on either side of the sanctuary. Please be sure to complete and place your attendance card in the basket before you leave.
10. Communion is being administered by family/seating unit at the front of sanctuary. This might take a little longer, but please maintain six feet from the worshipers around you. Follow the usher's guidance when it's your turn, approach from the center aisle, and exit to the left and return to your seats.
11. After the worship service please proceed to the building exit, taking with you as you leave all paper, writing instruments, bibles, precious stones, popcorn or any other items. Please be safe by being patient.
12. Temporarily, the narthex cabinets are locked and inaccessible. Hence, we do not have access to our mail folders and we are not wearing our name tags.
13. Following worship services we are not hosting any hospitality. Please avoid entering the Fellowship Hall or the classrooms.
14. The sanctuary and other common spaces are being cleaned and disinfected after each Sunday's worship.