



The Parable of the Two Sons
Matthew 21:28-32

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 1, 2017
Holy Communion

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Pam Illick, Pastor



Welcome to all – especially visitors!!! **It is no accident that you are here today!** You are an answer to our prayer. We have been praying for you, and believe that God has brought you here because God wants to touch your life.

If you need some help to make your worship with us more accessible, please see an usher for assistance. A transport chair and large print bulletins are available if you have need for them.

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God, such as prostitutes and tax collectors going before others into God's kingdom. In the reading from Ezekiel the people question whether the ways of the Lord are unfair; instead they are to repent and turn to the Lord. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, looking to the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

Lutherans believe that the bread and wine of Holy Communion are signs given by God that Christ is fully present among us. We invite you to participate in receiving this miraculous presence. If you are unable to receive either the bread or the wine, be assured that even in the words, Christ is present to you. You are welcome to come to the Table to be fed and nurtured with us.

(Communion record cards are available in the pew racks.)

GREETINGS - Take a moment to check in on Facebook! Feel free to share your worship experience via social media, too

PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION

GATHERING

**Please stand as you are able.*

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the † holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

(Time for silent confession and reflection)

Source of all life,

C we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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.

*PEACE

We greet one other with the peace of the risen Christ.

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

* GATHERING SONG *God Is Here!* (ELW 526)

*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 *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* (ELW 857)

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-9

¹To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the
day long.

⁶Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake
of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.

⁹You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

READING: Philippians 2:1-13

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

L A reading from Philippians.

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
 did not regard equality with God
 as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
 taking the form of a slave,
 being born in human likeness.
 And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
 and became obedient to the point of death—
 even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
 and gave him the name
 that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
 every knee should bend,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not
 only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out
 your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at
 work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good
 pleasure.

L Word of God, word of life.

G Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

*** GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32**

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

P The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

The Rev. Richard Jorgensen

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* (ELW 712)

*APOSTLES' CREED

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of the 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition the congregation will respond:

C hear our prayer.

MEAL


THANK AND TELL

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Amazing Grace" Soloist Rena Musser

***OFFERTORY** *(Please stand as you are able.)*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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*OFFERING PRAYER

A God of life,

C you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. Amen.

*DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

☐ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of
everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

☐ In the night in which he was handed over,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his life given for us
and his rising from the grave,
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting
feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

☑ Amen

*LORD'S PRAYER

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

☑ 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.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

☐ Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
Our Lord's body and blood let us take together.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

- **To receive communion**, come up the center aisle at the direction of the ushers. We offer both common cup and individual cups which are filled from the pouring chalice. Cups are available on the table at the head of the aisle. After receiving the bread, proceed to the pouring chalice or the common cup to receive the wine. Return to your seat by the side aisle.
- **If you prefer to receive a blessing**, come forward with your bulletin.
- **If you would like to have communion brought to your seat**, please indicate your wish to one of the ushers, and the pastor will come to you.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

COMMUNION SONG



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.

Please stand as you are able.

*TABLE BLESSING

- ☐ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve us in eternal life.

☑ Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- ☐ Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer and Lord.

☑ Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please be seated.)*

*BLESSING

- ☐ God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

☑ Amen.

*SENDING SONG *Sent Forth by God's Blessing (ELW 547)*

*DISMISSAL

- ☐ Go in peace. Share God's message of love through your words and actions with others

☑ We will. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Worship is ended: our service begins.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

– PRAYER AND SUPPORT –

Remember to write the name(s) of persons for whom prayer is needed on the pad in the rear of the church! The names will be included in the Intercessory Prayers this morning. If you forget to put someone's name on the list, there is an opportunity to say the name during the prayers.

Special prayers for: Fire Fighters, EMTs, and Paramedics

College Students: Remember Madi Kreitz in your prayers!

GenNow Disciples: Hailey, Taylor, and Kellan

– UPCOMING EVENTS –

Welcome to the Rev. Richard Jorgensen! Pastor Jorgensen is the Director of Evangelical Mission for the Lower Susquehanna Synod. We welcome him to our church today and give thanks to God for Pastor Jorgensen's prayers and support for our congregation.

SEPTEMBER WAS SOAP MONTH! Throughout the month of September TLC collected individually wrapped bars of soap! We appreciate your donation of soap that will be sent to Lutheran World Relief. October 8 is the last day to bring in your soap! We will have a blessing of the soap before it is sent to LWR. Thank you to Thrivent Financial for the \$250 Thrivent Action Team Grant we are using to cover shipping costs and purchase even more soap!!

LUNCH BUNCH goes out on Sundays after worship for lunch (except on Sundays when we have Coffee & Conversation). Join us on October 8 at Waynesboro Diner. You are invited to come! Let's get to know one another better!!



SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING: on October 15. Please stay for a special Congregational Meeting after worship. We have received an estimate for replacing the front doors and the parking lot doors that needs a congregational vote to approve the expense. Your voice counts, so please plan to be here!!

NEW WORSHIP SERVICE TO BEGIN ON OCTOBER 15!!! God is doing something new!!! At 5 p.m. on October 15, we will have a worship service called: **All God's Creatures**. It is open to all pets who would like to bring their human families along. All God's Creatures worship will be held on the third Sunday of the month. Come see what it is all about! No pet? That's ok. Come anyway

SAVE THE DATE!!!! Ok all you **Boos and Ghouls!** Get ready for **Trunk and Treat!!!** Mark your calendar today for October 26!! Let's get ready for a "spook-tacular" time!!!!



Because of construction in the kitchen there will be **NO COFFEE & CONVERSATION** in October.

– TELC MISSION WORK FOR NEAR AND FAR –

"NEW NEIGHBOR BASKETS" are now available for pickup at the church any Sunday morning. All you need to do is pick up the basket, deliver it, and have good conversation with your new neighbor. God is sending us out to do a new thing—help us reach out to our community!

– FAITH FORMATION –

ADULT FORUM Join us in our study of **MOSES *In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet***, by Adam Hamilton. It is not too late to join in!!! Grab your coffee or tea and come on Sunday morning at 9:30.

GenNow DISCIPLES is a program for students in grades 6 and up. We have 3 young people from TLC who will begin this course of study and exploration of God’s story and our faith. I am going to be contacting individuals in the congregation to find a **mentor** for each of our students. Please prayerfully consider this important role in the lives of our youth as they learn what faith is and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. In addition, I am also going to ask folks in the congregation to volunteer to be a part of each student’s “Cloud of Witnesses.” In this role you will pray for one of our GenNow Disciples as (s)he begins their walk with Jesus. A sign up sheet will be on the Trinity News Bulletin Board for our Cloud of Witnesses. It is not too late for a young person to sign up for GenNow Disciples!!!! Contact Pastor Pam if you have any questions or know someone who is interested in participating!!

BIBLE SCHOLARS: Hey Kids! This is for you! How would you like to be a Bible Scholar (a person who knows a whole lot about the Bible)? Here’s how you can play. Every month there will be a challenge. When you can meet the challenge let Pastor Pam know and then show her. There will be prizes!! **The October Challenge: Learn the Lord’s Prayer!** You can say it, sing it, create a rap song for it, karate kick it, jump rope it, dance it, beat it out on your drum. Be creative.

- STEWARDSHIP -

Sharing the abundance of God’s gifts to us of time, talents and wealth with others



Kitchen Renovation Fund: Help us fill up the pot!! Our goal is \$8,000 for the renovation of the kitchen. Watch the progress on the “coffee pot chart” at the rear of the sanctuary. The current total is approximately \$3,000.

Building Fund envelopes are available on the windowsill near the sanctuary entrance. Please use them to make your [Kitchen Renovation Donation!](#) Mark your envelope for the **Kitchen**.



- October 1-6 -

- Today 2:00-5:00 p.m. - Pets & Blessings - Red Run Park
- Monday..... 6:30 p.m. - Evangelism Committee
- Wednesday .. 1:00-3:00 p.m. - Wednesday in the Subway
- Wednesday 7:00 p.m. - Creative Christian Ladies

- October 7-13 -

- Sunday 9:30 a.m. - Youth Class & Adult Forum
- Sunday 10:45 a.m. - Service of the Word
- Sunday 12:15 p.m.. - Lunch Bunch at Waynesboro Diner
- Wednesday .. 1:00-3:00 p.m. - Wednesday in the Subway
- Wednesday 7:00 p.m. - Creative Christian Ladies
- Thursday 6:30 p.m. - Congregation Council



- Our Stewardship -

	Current Fund
Last Week	\$414
Year to Date	\$30,961
Attendance Last Sunday - 28	
Does Not Include E-Giving Offerings	

**- Current Income/Expenses -
To August 31**

Income	\$139,697
Expenses	\$83,672
Above reflects \$100,000 bequest and e-giving offerings.	



The flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are placed by Beverley and Gordon Foose in celebration of the first anniversary of their daughter Sarah receiving a lifesaving lung transplant and in memory of the angel donor.

The sanctuary lamp candles for October are placed by Teresa Papoutsis to the glory of God and in honor of all her family members with birthdays in October.

- SERVING THIS MORNING -

Ministers The Disciples of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
(1 Peter 2:4-10)

Pastor Pam Illick Presiding Minister
Teresa Papoutsis Assisting Minister
Charles Strausbaugh Lector
Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice Musicians
Amy Dennis Usher
Linda Fleagle Usher
Judi Rice Usher
Carolyn and Earl Duffey Altar Care
Jon Fleagle After Church Lock-up
Marie Seidel & Linda Weddle Offering Tellers

- OCTOBER 8-

Pastor Pam Illick Presiding Minister
Earl Duffey Assisting Minister
Hailey Sherman Lector
Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice Musicians
Joanne Crider Usher
June Ecker Usher
Marie Seidel Usher
Linda Weddle Usher
Carolyn and Earl Duffey Altar Care
Jon Fleagle After Church Lock-up
Sally Berklite & June Ecker Offering Tellers

Seven Faith Practices

**Pray
Study
Worship
Invite
Encourage
Serve
Give**

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- Our Mission -

The mission of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Rouzerville, Pennsylvania is to build, strengthen, and increase our faith community to better love and serve God – and the world community – with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.



- Our Vision -

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is a flourishing, Spirit-filled, Christ-centered home for all.



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God's work. Our hands.