

“Why are
you putting me
to the test?”



MATTHEW 22:18, NRSV

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 22, 2017
Service of the Word

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.

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

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

We are pleased to **welcome Seminarian Kristen Wall** as she leads our worship this morning. Kristen is a student at United Lutheran Seminary, Gettysburg Campus.

PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION

GATHERING

**Please stand as you are able.*

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

☞ Blessed be the ☩ holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

☞ Amen.

☞ 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 God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, † God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

*PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

*** GATHERING SONG *We Praise You, O God* (ELW 870)**

*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 *Awesome God

Our God is an awesome God,
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power and love
Our God is an awesome God!
(repeat)

Our God is an awesome God!
Our God is an awesome God!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the Lord has anointed to end Israel's exile. The Lord makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this Lord as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the Lord claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

L A reading from Isaiah.

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
²I will go before you
and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know me.
⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun

and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

☒ Word of God, word of life.

☑ Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 96:1-13

¹Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
²**Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**
³Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.
⁴**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.**
⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.
⁶**Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**
⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
⁸**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**
⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.
¹⁰**Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be
moved will judge the peoples with equity."**
¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and
all that is therein.
¹²**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your
coming, O LORD,
for you come to judge the earth.**
¹³You will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with your truth.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul is giving pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic pagan environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

☒ A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in
our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father
your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our
Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by
God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel
came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy
Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons
we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became
imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you
received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you
became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.
⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in
Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has
become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the
people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we
had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a
living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he
raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is
coming.

☒ Word of God, word of life.

☑ Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*Please stand.*)



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



* GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

☞ The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

☞ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

☞ The gospel of the Lord.

☞ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *We Give Thee but Thine Own* (ELW 686)

* APOSTLES' CREED

☞ 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:

☞ **hear our prayer.**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

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

THANK AND TELL

OFFERTORY



SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

P 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,

C Amen.

* **SENDING SONG** *God of Grace and God of Glory* (ELW 705)

*DISMISSAL

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

C We will. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Worship is ended: our service begins.

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The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are placed by Teresa Papoutsis in honor of her granddaughter, Chloe Paddock, on her birthday.

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.

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.

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*OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

*LORD'S PRAYER

A Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

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 Sherman, Taylor Sherman, Kellan Stevens, Taylor Kuhs, and Darius Kuhs

– UPCOMING EVENTS –

COFFEE & CONVERSATION is on hold until the kitchen renovation is completed! Consider going out with the **Lunch Bunch** today!!

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



Trunk or Treat!!! Come out on October 26 and bring all your **Boos and Ghouls!** How will you decorate your trunk this year? We are ready to accept donations of candy and non-candy treats like individually bagged pretzels or chips. No peanuts please!! Sign up is posted on the Trinity News Bulletin Board!

LUTHER ROSE LECTURE on November 5 at Palm Lutheran Church in Palmyra, PA! Come to hear Dr. Maria Erling from the seminary in Gettysburg speak about the Reformation and Martin Luther. Sign up on the Synod News Bulletin Board for carpooling! We will leave immediately following worship, so pack a sack lunch or snack to eat on the way. After the lecture we will stop along the way for dinner.

If you want to attend the production entitled "**A TIME FOR CHRISTMAS**" at Christian Life Assembly in Camp Hill, please contact Judi Rice by **October 22**. The show will be December 9 at 3 p.m. and the cost of a Ticket is \$15.00.. She will get the tickets which go on sale starting October 21. We will car pool from the church and stop for supper on the way home. Judi's phone number is 717-387-5437 or send her an email her at jarice13413@comcast.net. For a review of the story you can go on line at www.claproductions.com.

– TELC MISSION WORK FOR NEAR AND FAR –

MEANDERING MARTIN has been on his first adventure and is more than ready to travel again. Are you planning to go somewhere you think Martin would enjoy? He is waiting patiently in the narthex. Choose either the paper Martin or the wooden Martin, follow the simple instructions, take along a Martin Luther biography to get to know him better, and show our monk the beauties of God's world. He will not protest.

"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 –

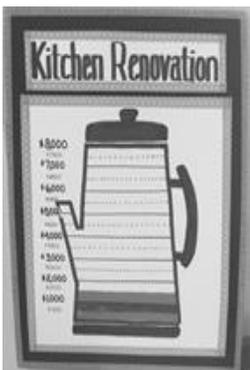
ADULT FORUM Join us in our study of **MOSES** *In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet*, by Adam Hamilton. It is not too late to join in!!! Grab your coffee or tea and come on Sunday morning at 9:30.

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.

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!!

- 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 22-28 -

- Sunday12:15 p.m. - Lunch Bunch at Applebee's
- Monday.....9:00 p.m. - November Newsletter Items Due
- Wednesday .. 1:00-3:00 p.m. - Wednesday in the Subway
- Wednesday 7:00 p.m. - Creative Christian Ladies
- Thursday 6:00-8:00 p.m. - Trunk or Treat

- October 29–November 4 -

- Sunday 9:30 a.m. - Youth Class & Adult Forum
- Sunday 10:45 a.m. - Holy Communion
- Sunday 12:15 p.m. - Lunch Bunch at Café del Sol
- Monday.....6:30 p.m. - Redevelopment Team
- Wednesday .. 1:00-3:00 p.m. - Wednesday in the Subway
- Wednesday 7:00 p.m. - Creative Christian Ladies



- Our Stewardship -

	Current Fund
Last Week	\$257
Year to Date	\$32,687
Attendance Last Sunday - 27	
Does Not Include E-Giving Offerings	

- Current Income/Expenses - To September 30

Income	\$144,006
Expenses	\$94,227
Above reflects \$100,000 bequest and e-giving offerings.	

Next week we will celebrate **Reformation Sunday**. We urge all to wear red, the color of the day.

- SERVING THIS MORNING -

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

Pastor Pam Illick Presiding Minister
Charles Strausbaugh Assisting Minister
Eric Leaper Lector
Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice Musicians
Sherri Kayhoe Usher
Carol Snyder Usher
Donna Swauger Usher
Carolyn and Earl Duffey Altar Care
Jon Fleagle After Church Lock-up
Richard Berklite & Donna Swauger Offering Tellers

- OCTOBER 29 -

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June Ecker Lector
Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice Musicians
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Amy Dennis & Linda Fleagle Offering Tellers

Six Marks of Discipleship

- Daily Prayer
- Weekly Worship
- Bible Reading
- Service
- Spiritual Friendships
- Giving

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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.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.