

# WORSHIP @ HOME



Trinity Lutheran Church

Spooner, WI

A Worship Service for Your Household

Sunday, October 18, 2020 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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+ Reformation Sunday is on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. We will also be Confirming Frank Killinger as he Affirms his Baptism into Jesus Christ. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.



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### INTRODUCTION TO "STEWARDS OF THE STORY"

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Stories are powerful! As disciples of Jesus, we experience Go alive in God's story, the Bible. God's gospel story is written on our hearts and alive in us. How might we be good stewards of God's story and our own stories of God's work in our lives? Similarly, how might our congregation together share the gospel?

God has called us to serve our neighbors, both near and far. How is God calling us, as individuals and as a congregation, to use the resources that God has entrusted to our care to love God and our neighbors both locally and globally?

## Worship

+ PRELUDE +

+ GATHERING +

Together with God the creator, Jesus our Redeemer, and the fire of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

+ GATHERING SONG+

*"God is here!" (vs. 1, 2, 4)*

ELW 526

+ CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS +

We do not stop enough to listen to the still-speaking God. And like the people of Jerusalem long ago, we often misunderstand the Spirit's movement among us. In the silence and stillness of this moment, let us draw near to God and listen.

We confess to you, Renewing Spirit, that we confuse unity with uniformity, and diversity with divisiveness. We speak and behave as if being a part of your family means assimilating others to our way of living. We deny and destroy the beauty you created in each person. We long to change these patterns, O Creator, but we do not know how. Teach us to value challenge. Help us to see strength in difference. And empower us to build your kingdom in creativity and love. Amen.

Hear the good news!

God's Spirit has been poured out upon all people, and we have been made one. By your grace, we are no longer scattered or divided. By your grace, we are gathered together to build up the kingdom on this earth. By your grace, we all have a story to share. Thanks be to God! **Amen.**

**+ PRAYER +**

Let us pray.

**Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost; to share and not to seek return; to labor and not to ask for reward; for we are vessels of your grace and goodness. Help us to reflect your love in our lives; knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our gracious and loving Savior. Amen.**

**+ STEWARDSHIP SHARING +**

*"Service" with Wendy Riber*

**+ SCRIPTURE +**

+ Proverbs 3:27-28

+ 1 Corinthians 4:1-2

+ Mark 16:15

+ Matthew 25:31-46

**+ REFLECTION ON GOD'S WORD +**

Pastor Heather Kistner

**+ REFLECTION SONG +**

*"I Love to Tell the Story"*

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**+ 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 +**

With all the people of God, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

+ We pray for our congregation, council, planning teams, and members – as we continue to connect through adaptive faith practices, make careful and thoughtful decisions about ministry, and celebrate the body of Christ at work in the world. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

+ For medical professionals, emergency service workers, mental health professionals, and educators that they be given endurance for their important work, continued wisdom to make important decisions, and the support they need to care for themselves and their families. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

+ Expansive God, you bring diverse voices together to form your church. Open our hearts and ears to learn from one another, that differences might not overshadow our baptismal unity. Call many voices to come together in understanding and common purpose, we pray for all those who find themselves on the fringes, hungry, homeless, facing injustice, violence, or abuse, and those who simply struggle to find safety and inclusion, and we look to the love of Christ to guide our faith to serve these neighbors so that everyone can know the compassion of God. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

+ Holy One, you care for those who are harassed and helpless. Protect and defend those who are abused. Heal those who are sick. Feed all who hunger. Empower all whose voices go unheard, and help us respond to the pressing needs of our neighbors. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**



+ God of care, you created us in your image. Help us see your likeness in one another. Open our eyes to see and attend to all who face oppression and suffering. Console, heal, and nourish all in need in mind, body or spirit. We lift those names to you now aloud and silently in our heart (*pause as names are shared*). Come to the aid of all your people. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

+ God of companionship, you accompany this body of faith. As the rhythms of fall continue, protect us with health, renew those who grow weary, and shelter all who long for wholeness and peace. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

+ This day we also pray for some special Trinity Lutheran families: Evelyn Rezarch, Ed and Karen Slaminski, Allyn Graap and Milda Brainerd and Jim and Teresa Anderson. We lift before you families of every kind. That we may reflect your love. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray...

+ LORD'S PRAYER +

+ OFFERING +

*As people of faith we are called to continue strengthening the ministry of the church, even when we are physically distant. We invite you to prayerfully consider a gift to your congregation or serving arm of the church – as the body of Christ we work together to serve our neighbors.*

+ OFFERING SONG +

*"We give thee but thine own" (vs. 1)*

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+ BLESSING EACH OTHER +

*Using your pointer finger, make the sign of the cross on another's forehead or the back of their hand saying, "You are a beloved child of God." Take turns until all in the household have been blessed.*

God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. **Amen.**

+ SENDING SONG +

*"Lift Every Voice and Sing"*

ELW 841

+ DISMISSAL+

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

+ POSTLUDE +

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP MINISTERS

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Scripture Readers

Musicians

Videographer & Editing

PowerPoint

Stewardship Sharing

Reflection

Andy, Georgie, Luke and Grace Gothblad

Tam Smith, Steve Clay, Mary Hemshrot

Bill Callander

Julie Rankila

Wendy Riber

Pastor Heather Kistner