

Blessing

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Closing Hymn –

“Thy Word is a Lamp unto My Feet”

Refrain: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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1. When I feel afraid, Think I've lost my way,
Still you're there right beside me. And nothing will I fear,
As long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.

Refrain:

2. I will not forget Your love for me and yet,
My heart forever is wandering. Jesus be my guide,
And hold me to your side. I will love you to the end.

Refrain:

3. Nothing will I fear as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end.

Refrain:

Coda: ...And a light unto my path.
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Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

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9th Sunday after Pentecost

August 02, 2020

9:00am

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Psalm 119:33-40)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.
Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.
Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.

Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways.
Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.

Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.
See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life.

Opening Hymn – Red Folder,
“Giver of the Heartbeat”

Refrain: Giver of the heartbeat. Lover of the unclean.
Singer of freedom for the wounded you’re the song of all life.

1. We come blessed by your hand, tied to the pulse of the land.
For all the breath of creation, we give thanks to you.

Refrain:
2. We are longing for truth, courage to follow you.
All of our hurts and our failings we bring them to you.

Refrain:
3. Open our lives to hear the word to unwrap our fears.
Free us to love all our neighbors, we pray this to you.

Refrain:

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray: Almighty God, your Son, our Savior, called a despised collector of taxes to become one of his apostles. Help us, like Matthew, to respond to the transforming call of our Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Ephesians 2:4-10

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. ¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹²But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well

have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

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

Special Music – Page Moe

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – LBW #298
"One There Is, above All Others"

1. One there is, above all others,
Well deserves the name of friend;
His is love beyond a brother's,
Costly, free, and knows no end;
They who once his kindness prove
Find it everlasting love.

2. Which of all our friends, to save us,
Could or would have shed his blood?
But this Savior died to have us
Reconciled to him in God;
This was boundless love indeed;
Jesus is the friend we need.

3. When he lived on earth, they scorned
him,
“Friend of sinners” was his name.
Though the angels have adored him,
Still he answers to that claim;
Still he calls them dearest friends
And to all their needs attends.

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. He was conceived by the
power of the Holy Spirit and born of the
virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, died and was
buried. He descended into hell. On the
third day he rose again. He ascended
into heaven, and is seated at the right
hand of the Father. 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

*[Though there will be no offering
collected at this time, I ask that you take
out your checkbook, write a check and get
it ready to put in the mail; or, think about
what you will give and make a promise to
do so, when worship is completed...You
may also give electronically by
downloading the tithe.ly app on your
phone, by clicking the “Give” button on
our church website
(www.trinitybenson.org), or by clicking on
the link on our church Facebook page.
Search for us at “Trinity Lutheran Church
Tlc.”]*

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray: God of mercy and grace,
the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open
your hand in blessing. Fill us with good
things at your table, that we may come to
the help of all in need, through Jesus
Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

Amen.

Prayer of the Church

As God's people called to love one
another, let us pray for the needs of the
Church, the human family, and all the
world.
(Other petitions will be added, which end:
“Lord, in your mercy...**Hear our
prayer.**”)

All these things and whatever else you
see that we need, grant us, O God, for the
sake of Christ who died and rose again, and
now lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen.

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.**

Bridal Shower Honoring Aryn Minor, bride-to-be of Adam Lindahl

Please join us for a 10:00 am brunch in honor of bride-to-be, Aryn Minor, on Saturday, August 15, at the home of Roger and Stacy Lindahl, 257 Highway 29 NE, Benson, MN. We will be social distancing in the backyard and invite you to stop by to wish the bride well. Aryn and Adam will be married in September and are registered at Bed, Bath, & Beyond and Target.

Thank you to all who sent cards, memorials, or said a kind word in memory of my brother, Robert Hanson. He's at peace with his beloved wife and his parents. A very sudden, short bout with cancer but he's pain free. Diane Krupke & Family

We would like to thank the volunteers who made face masks earlier this summer. It was very appreciated! A request has been made by Northside Elementary for 400 youth masks. If you are able to help sew masks, we need you. We have material and elastic at the church. The school will also be reimbursing for material expenses. Please email your contact information to Diane Schuerman at ddschuerman@gmail.com or Becky Woitte at rebecca.woitte@gmail.com. This information will be forwarded to the school and the mask coordinator will contact you as they get organized. Thank you in advance for helping!

We have cancelled the WELCA salad luncheon for 2020 due to COVID-19. Praying everyone stays healthy. Marlene, Cindy, and Janet