



**The Need for Followership:
Followers of Christ Know How to Love their
Families**

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 6, 2024



Trinity Lutheran Church is a family because God welcomed us into his family. Our mission is to grow closer to God, to our brothers and sisters in Christ, and to share this sense of belonging with the surrounding community, welcoming more souls into the family of God.

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Love can cause harm. Consider the wife whose husband wants little to do with church. She loves him and does not want to upset him. So, when her husband wants her and the children to stay home Sunday morning, she complies without protest. That wife's love for her husband hurts him, her children, and herself. Or consider the father who loves his child so much that he gives the child everything that child asks for. That father's love is toxic. It is shaping that child to be a selfish, entitled adult.

In our families, it is not enough that there is love. We need to *rightly* love, to love in a way that leads to blessings for those we claim to love. This illustrates the need for followership. In Jesus we see perfect, self-sacrificial love. Jesus loves us as we are. He also loved us too much to leave us as we are. So, in love he gave his life up so that we might be holy and blameless. His love for us shapes the way we love our spouse, our children, our parents. Today we see that followers of Christ know how to love. May God bless your worship.

Serving in Worship

Preacher

Organist

Pastor Matthew Langebartels

Becky Marotz

Greeting and welcome.

Hymn

505, For the Beauty of the Earth

- 1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.
- 2 For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night;
hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,
sun and moon, and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.
- 4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above;
for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.
- 5 For thyself, best gift divine,
to our world so freely giv'n;
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heav'n:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

Please stand

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession of Sins

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

Amen.

Prayer and Praise

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Oh, Taste and See



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are

they who take refuge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e-
 ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
 ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
 ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
 Bless - ed are they who take refuge in him.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Loving God and Father, the blessings of marriage and family come from your gracious pleasure and careful design. Lead all who value these gifts to follow your path of wisdom so that they may enjoy the fullness of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

Please be seated

Children's Devotion

The children's devotion is a shortened version of the sermon intended to communicate God's truths in a simplified way. Children 12 and under are encouraged to come forward and participate in the devotion.

First Lesson

Genesis 2:18–25

The family is the foundation of society, and marriage is the foundation of family. Marriage is not a social construct or custom but an institution of the Creator God.

¹⁸The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

¹⁹Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. ²¹So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. ²²Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

²³The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.” ²⁴That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 127

Pg. 127, Pastor sings the 1st refrain & verses, Cong sings all other refrains & ‘Glory be...’

Refrain

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

Unless the Lord / builds the house,
the builders la- / bor in vain.
Unless the Lord watches over the / city,
the guards stand / watch in vain.
In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for / food to eat—
for he grants sleep to / those he loves. *Refrain*

Children are a heritage / from the Lord,
offspring a re- / ward from him.
Like arrows in the hands of a / warrior
are children born / in one's youth.
Blessed is the man whose quiver is / full of them.
They will not be put to shame when they contend with their opponents / in
court.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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Second Lesson

Ephesians 5:21—6:4

St. Paul describes the various roles and responsibilities God has given to different people within a family, ways for them to demonstrate love not only for each other but also for Christ.

²¹Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. ²²Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife

loves himself. ²⁹After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— ³⁰for we are members of his body. ³¹“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” ³²This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

¹Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²“Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— ³“so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

⁴Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Please stand

Verse of the Day

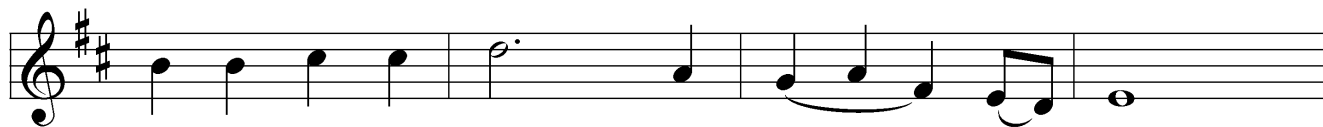
Alleluia. Walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel

Mark 10:2–16

Jesus explains that husbands and wives are to retain the bond of love, existing as one flesh. Jesus also teaches that God craves a loving relationship with children.

²Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?”

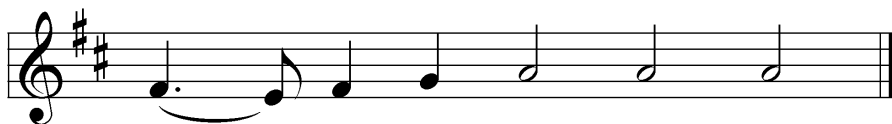
³“What did Moses command you?” he replied.

⁴They said, “Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.”

⁵“It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law,” Jesus replied. ⁶“But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’ ⁷‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, ⁸and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

¹⁰When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. ¹¹He answered, “Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. ¹²And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery.”

¹³People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

Hymn of the Day

760, *Oh, Blest the House*

- 1 Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall,
where Jesus Christ is all in all!
A home that is not wholly his—
how sad and poor and dark it is!
- 2 Oh, blest that house where faith is found
and all in hope and love abound;
they trust their God and serve him still
and do in all his holy will.
- 3 Oh, blest the parents who give heed
unto their children's foremost need
and weary not of care or cost.
May none to them and heav'n be lost!
- 4 Blest such a house, it prospers well;
in peace and joy the parents dwell,
and in their children's lives is shown
how richly God can bless his own.
- 5 Then here will I and mine today
a solemn promise make and say:
though all the world forsake his Word,
I and my house will serve the Lord!

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Sermon

Mark 10:2-16

The Divorce Debate

Please stand

Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Please be seated

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Please stand

Prayer of the Church Marriage and Family (Responsive)

Loving Lord, according to your wisdom and will you bring us together into families. We pray today for the special interests of our Christian homes.
In your mercy, hear us, Lord.

Make our families dwellings of joy and schools of character. Grant to those who are married true love and unbreaking loyalty for the sake of their children, to be models in their communities, and for the welfare of society.
In your mercy, hear us, Lord.

Protect us from the spiritual enemies of our household, from quick temper, cranky moods, thoughtless words, and selfish pleasures which rob marriage of love and deprive childhood of joy.

In your mercy, hear us, Lord.

Guide and guard us as we move through the changes of family life, from early joys to hectic support to aging reflection. Provide the wisdom we need to enjoy the transitions of life.

In your mercy, hear us, Lord.

For the sake of our society, whose foundations are in the family, we pray for the homes of others. Spare men and women from marriage vows lightly planned, carelessly made, and easily broken.

In your mercy, hear us, Lord.

Protect us and others from evils which deplete households, degrade children, cheapen love, and dishonor old age.

In your mercy, hear us, Lord.

Hear our prayers for our extended families and for the family of believers. Channel your strength to those who are hurting without healing and those who grieve without comfort. Calm the distraught and give guidance to the confused. [We pray especially for... *here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Hold those we love in the arms of your grace. Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

O Lord, for the sake of your Son and with the power of your Spirit, give us strength and wisdom to build our homes in the shadow of your gracious and forgiving love.

In your mercy, hear us, Lord, and grant us your blessings. 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.**

Please be seated

Hymn *758, Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds*

1 Let children hear the mighty deeds
which God performed of old,
which in our younger years we saw,
and which our parents told.

2 Make unto them his glories known,
his works of pow'r and grace,
and we'll convey his wonders down
through ev'ry rising race.

3 Our sons and daughters we shall tell
and they will then tell theirs,
that generations yet unborn
may teach them to their heirs.

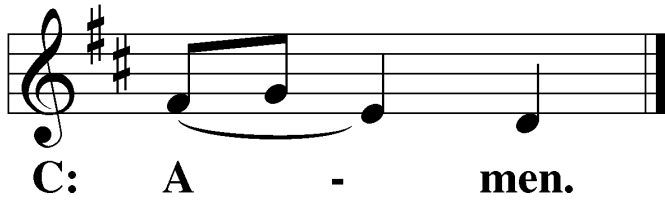
4 O teach them with all diligence
the truths of God's own Word,
to place in him their confidence,
to fear and trust their Lord,

5 To learn that in our God alone
their hope securely stands,
that they may ne'er forget his works,
but walk in his commands.

Please stand

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all

temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

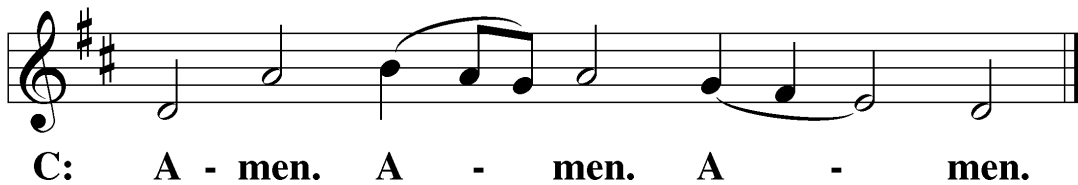


Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



Please be seated

Hymn

924, Abide, O Dearest Jesus

- 1 Abide, O dearest Jesus,
among us with your grace
that Satan may not harm us
nor we to sin give place.
- 2 Abide, O dear Redeemer,
among us with your Word
and thus now and hereafter
true peace and joy afford.
- 3 Abide with heav'nly brightness
among us, precious Light;
your truth direct and keep us
from error's gloomy night.

4 Abide with richest blessings
among us, bounteous Lord;
let us in grace and wisdom
grow daily through your Word.

5 Abide with your protection
among us, Lord, our strength,
lest world and Satan fell us
and overcome at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,
among us with your love;
grant steadfastness and help us
to reach our home above.

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Announcements

Hurricane Helene roared ashore on the evening of Sept. 26 bringing a huge swath of destruction in her path from the Big Bend region of Florida all the way to southern Appalachia. The death toll from this terrible storm stands at 120 and is rising. Millions are still without power or water. WELS Christian Aid and Relief has been in contact with district leaders and pastors in the impacted areas to ascertain needs. We are pleased to report that none of our churches experienced major damage and none of our members lost their lives. However, many experienced extensive damages to their properties. Some even lost their homes entirely. Many of our brothers and sisters are in need. Currently, the best way to help is to give a donation through our disaster relief fund. You can do that by visiting wels.net/CARgift. You can also send a check to the following address:

WELS Christian Aid and Relief
N16W23377 Stone Ridge Drive
Waukesha, WI 53188-1108

Thank you for your compassion, support, and generosity.

LWMS Fall Rally will be held here at Trinity this Saturday, October 12th at 10 am. Ladies, please come and enjoy encouragement from God's word and

from other ladies in the common mission we share to bring the good news to all nations.

The church library has some new books. They will be on the table in the entryway to church for you to look at.

Ministry Update will be after Church next Sunday, October 6th.

Agenda-

- Preschool options
- Trinity's 125th Anniversary
- Trinity Jackets
- Nametags
- Possible second service on Sundays.



We are looking at ordering Rebok fleece jackets. They will be at the Ministry Update on October 6 with some sizes to try if you are interested in purchasing one. Price depends on how many are ordered, (\$50, if enough are ordered \$45, if a lot are ordered \$40 each). Here is a picture of what they would look like.

Women's Faith & Fellowship will meet Tuesday at 6 pm. We will begin a Bible Study on the book of Ruth. We will also start plans for this year's Advent by Candlelight.

St. John's in Grover is celebrating its 150th anniversary on October 13th with a worship service at 10:30. Video presentations begin at 10 a.m. A potluck meal will follow the worship service.



Trinity's Fall Festival & Hayride is October 20th!!, We will have a chili cook off in our Fellowship Hall after service and proceed to the Maedke's. The hayride begins at 12:30 at W9584 West 6th Road, Coleman, WI 54112. Chili contest is for all congregation with a prize to the best! Bring your chili that morning in crock pot to be entered. Show us your inner CHEF! Any questions contact-Jenny (715)923-0703 or Hanna (920)591-1180



Trinity will be conducting a Food Drive starting October 20th through November 17th. We will be working with Coleman’s Little Pantry located at the Municipal building. Donation boxes will be located in the Church entry, Fellowship Hall entry and by the church office. Thank you for your donations!

Attendance 9/26: 130
 Offering 9/26: \$ 3,647.54
 General Fund Balance as of 9/26: \$38,671.29

This Week at Trinity...

Sun 6 th 8:15 am Sunday School & Bible Study 9:30 am Communion Service	Mon 6 pm Budget Meeting	Tue 8 th 6:00 pm Joining Jesus on His Mission 6 pm Women’s Faith and Fellowship Meeting	Wed 9 th 6:00 pm Bible Information Class & Connecting Sinai to Calvary Walked Among Us	Thur 10 th 6 pm Education Meeting	Fri 11 th 1 pm Rally set up	Sat 12 th LWMS Lake Superior Circuit Rally, 10:00 am- 2:30 pm
10:45 am Ministry Update						