

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, October 10, 2021

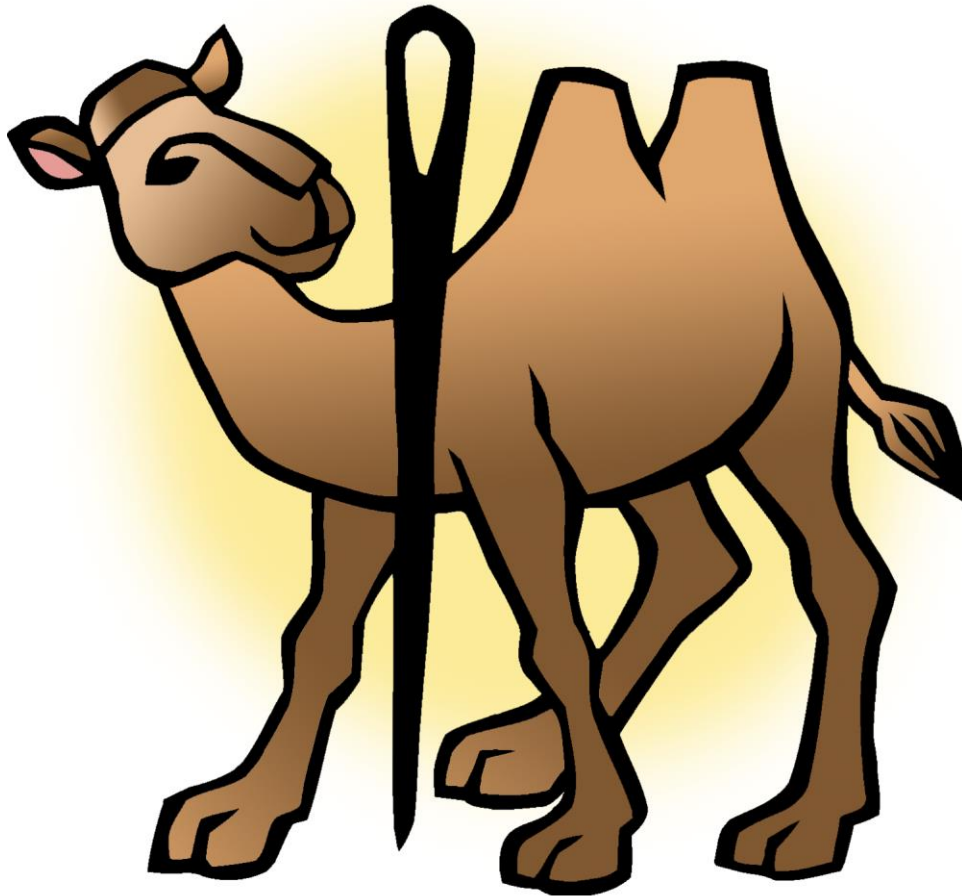
20th Sunday after Pentecost

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The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

Welcome to in-person worship!

Following the latest CDC recommendations for Onondaga County in order to ensure everyone's safety, we are re-instating the pandemic protocol of wearing masks indoors. We are grateful for your compliance, and hope that you are blessed by God's word and by our hospitality for this morning's worship!

- Please use the sanitizer before and after you touch any surfaces, for your protection and the protection of those who follow you.
- **Please wear your face mask for the entire time you are in the sanctuary except when taking communion.**
- Pick up your sealed wafer upon entering the sanctuary.
- Greeters will seat you, either together with household members or 6 feet apart for non-household members.
- Sharing of the peace is contact free with non-household members.
- **Humming the tune and meditating on the words of the hymns are encouraged.**
- Offering may be given upon entering or leaving the building in designated places in the back of the sanctuary.
- Greeters will kindly guide you outside after the service ends.
- You are invited to congregate, visit and catch up with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ outside following worship.

Restrooms (including a changing table) are located downstairs and are accessed through the lift or the stairway door in the narthex.

GOD GATHERS US

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Prelude and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the pastor begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

Lord of Light

(please hum along or meditate on the words)

- 1 Lord of light, your name outshining
all the stars and suns of space,
use our talents in your kingdom
as the servants of your grace;
use us to fulfill your purpose
in the gift of Christ your Son:

Refrain

Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth your will be done.

- 4 By the prayers of faithful watchers,
never silent day or night;
by the cross of Jesus, bringing
peace to all and healing light;
by the love that passes knowledge,
making all your children one: *Refrain*

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

First Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

⁶Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.

¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said.

¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm: Psalm 90:12-17 *(read in unison)*

¹²So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

¹³Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.

¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us and as many years as we suffered adversity.

¹⁶Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.

¹⁷May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

The Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.' " ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

see attached file

Hymn of the Day

Take My Life, That I May Be

(please hum along or meditate on the words)

- 1 Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.

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

Individual congregation members are invited to pray aloud on behalf of the congregation one of the following printed prayer petitions:

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of the whole church in teaching, preaching, prophecy, healing, and more. We pray especially this day for ELCA Presiding Bishop Eaton, Synod Bishop Lee Miller, II, and our companion synods of Zambia and Zimbabwe; Pastor Dana Smith and Atonement in Syracuse; all leaders and staff of Owasco Reformed Church; and our congregation of Holy Trinity. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Nurturing God, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Increase the produce of the land and bless all who toil in fields and orchards. Provide for good working conditions and keep them safe. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national, and world leaders to show such compassion and love for their neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sheltering God, in Jesus you travelled among us without a place to lay your head. Provide safe places to sleep and rest for those who have no place to live. Sustain ministries that offer food, clothing, and peace of mind, especially The Rescue Mission in Auburn and Syracuse and Vera House in Syracuse. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Healing God, so many of your children suffer. Provide comfort and care to those who are in need of your healing, and use us, where possible, to be agents of care and support. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Renewing God, you bring life out of death. Help us part with those things that are no longer beneficial to us and open our hearts to see where new life is budding in this congregation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we thank you for the lives of those who have died. Make us confident in your promise of salvation and support us in our own journey of faith. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Peace

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Unless you are in the same household, please share the peace by either bowing to one another, or placing your hand over your heart as you say the words.

GOD FEEDS US

God invites ALL God's beloved children to be fed at His table of grace. During this time of pandemic, we will share this feast with one another by remaining in our pews. For those who have medical restrictions or other special concerns: the bread is made from wheat flour. We are assured of Christ's full presence in bread alone, as Christ forgives us and strengthens us for the journey ahead.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed 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.

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Communion

The body of Christ, given for you.

At this time, all may remove the wafer from its protective cover and partake of the Holy Meal.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GOD SENDS US

Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine upon you with grace and mercy. May the Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

(please hum along or meditate on the words)

- 1 God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you,
off'ring up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.

- 3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through pow'rs your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

Text: Robert L. Edwards, 1915-2006

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Please be seated and wait for the ushers to dismiss you.

Postlude

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Celebrations this week:

- **Happy Birthday** TODAY to *Jean Jedik; Dawn Czolowski* on October 12; *Tom Camp* on October 14.

News:

1. **Reflections Service at 8am** is offered on Sunday mornings via ZOOM. The interactive service can be accessed by downloading the ZOOM app and then clicking on "join" a meeting and entering the Meeting ID #374 073 8185 and Password 10311517. Prior to attending, please print out the bulletin which is used for the service.
2. The **10am Traditional Service** is held in-person. Reflections at 8am will continue to be offered digitally on ZOOM, along with the emailing and regular mailing of weekly bulletins, sermons, and children's activities, and livestreaming worship from the building on FaceBook, with a recording for website access.
3. **Adult Education** continues Wednesday, September October 13 (thru October 27) from 7-8pm via ZOOM. We are using the popular and well-liked Jewish New Testament scholar *Dr. Amy-Jill Levine's* 6 week study on the Sermon on the Mount, which includes a DVD. The participant book can be purchased on Amazon.com for \$14.30 plus tax. The link is the standard link for ZOOM Reflections (see above). Synopsis of the study is:
The Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5-7, contains some of Jesus most profound and most memorable teachings. What might these teachings have meant to his disciples, and to the others who first heard them? How do they enhance our reading of the rest of the Gospel of Matthew, and how do they speak across the centuries to listeners today? How, if we pay careful attention to his words, does Jesus provide us a road map to living as God would have us live?
4. The **Community CROP Walk** will be held NEXT Sunday, October 17, beginning with 11:30am registration in the First Presbyterian parking lot on Genesee Street. Walk starts at noon. The CROP Hunger Walk is a nationwide movement sponsored by Church World Service to raise funds to end hunger and poverty in the U.S. and around the world. 25% of raised funds stay locally and given to our food pantry in Skaneateles. The rest of the funds are contributed toward sustainable farming and creating fresh water sources.
5. **OUTREACH – Thank you, thank you** for the generous outpouring of food items for the "*Cayuga Cupboard*" (Food Pantry) at Cayuga Community College in Auburn!! They are enormously grateful for the spaghetti sauce, pasta, mac 'n cheese, peanut butter and jelly! For the next month or two Holy Trinity Outreach will be collecting **NEW bed pillows** for the *Rescue Mission* project in Auburn which supports families with housing/ apartments and food for those, young and old, in need of food. We are picturing a mountain of NEW bed pillows arising in the back corner of our sanctuary! Thanks for your support.
6. In grateful response to all **God's many blessings**, please remember to either place your offering in the offering plate before or after worship, or mail it in. Thank you.

7. Please check our website, along with the **synod's website** (www.upstatenynod.org) for current information throughout our synod.

The **Skaneateles Ecumenical Food Pantry's** regular business hours on Tuesdays 9:30-11:00 am and Thursday evenings 6:30-8:00 pm. Clients need to come alone and wear masks as our space is small. The Pantry is open to residents in the Town, Village or Skaneateles School District. For emergencies other than those hours call 315-685-3512.

We remember those in need of prayer. Lord please grant...

Peace and Comfort to the Families of: *Tena Becker* (June Vuillemot's sister-in-law); *Marnie* (Sheila Ryder's friend); *Brinker* (Joyce Trickett's friend); *Cheryl* (Sheila Ryder's relative)

Healing from Surgery/Injury/Illness: *Paul Corbett*; *Mary Scott* (Pastor Paula's neighbor); *Donald Brooks* (Julie Corbett's brother); friend of Jason Ryder; *Jim Bartlett* (Kathryn Carlson's nephew); *Pastor Emeritus Steve Hluchy*; *Jenny* (Tom and Gretchen Jeffers' friend); *Ferdie Jedik*; *Marjorie Reynolds* (former member); *Helen Dobrovosky*; *Linda Wetherbee* (Scott Braun's coworker's sister); *Jennifer Pink* (June Vuillemot's friend); *Ed and Rob Bilinski* (Lenore Gillmore's father and brother); *Ward Wesley Vuillemot* (*Vuillemot's son*); *Dianne Vitkus* (friend of the congregation); *Sheila Ryder*; *Rick Powers*; *Rick Munson*; *Louise Zabel*; *Dawn Matijas-Czolowski*; *Marian Settineri*; *The Griswold Family* (Vuillemot's friends); *Marike* (June Vuillemot's friend); *Don* (Preschool Director Desiree Franciamone's father); *Shirley Perry*; *Ann Bader*; *Rose*; *Clara Siefka*; *Sylvia Maditsi* (Val Schulz' friend)

Long-term Healing and Comfort to: *Suzanne Rouland* (Schwenke's relative); *Pat Barrie* (Karen Camp's sister-in-law); *The Olsen Family*; *Beverly* (Mary Dobrovosky's mother); *Jim McGowen* (Scott Braun's coworker friend); *The Reeves Family*

Guidance and Wisdom to: All God's people facing persecution and gun violence throughout the world; those protecting the health of Skaneateles, Otisco, and Oswaco Lakes along with all the Finger Lakes; our companion synods in Zimbabwe and Zambia; our ELCA leaders and staff – *Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton*, *Synod Bishop Bishop Lee Miller, II*; *conference retired Lutheran pastors*; *all leaders and staff of Oswaco Reformed Church*; and *Pastor Paula*, the *Council*, and *lay members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church*.

Today's Stewards of Worship

Livestreaming and Recording: *Youngs & Schwenkes*

Organist/Keyboardist: *Barb Mushock*

Greeter/Ushers: *Ryans*

Office Coordinator: *Arlene Johnston*

Pastor Emeritus: *The Rev. Stephen Hluchy*

Pastor: *The Rev. Paula E. Roulette*

All in attendance

Hymn Leader: *Grace Plvan*

Lector: *Kathryn Carlson*

Altar Guild: *Val Schulz*

Counters: *Corbetts*

Custodian: *Sheila Ryder*

Holy Trinity Council: Co-Presidents – *Marty Siefka* and *Karen Camp*; Secretary – *Arlene Johnston*; members *Lisa Ryan*, *Janet Schwenke*, *Tim Dobrovosky*, and *Pastor Paula*

