

17th Sunday after Pentecost
The Tomorrow River Lutheran Parish
September 15, 2024

We welcome visitors into our community! May you be blessed as you join us in Worship!

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** OPENING PRAYER**

*** HYMN** *This Is My Father's World* **#824**
(For outdoor service, see hymn page insert.)

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
 who forgives all our sin,
 whose mercy endures forever.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: Gracious God,

All: have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
 but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
 cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first
 we make distinctions among ourselves.**

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
 and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
 our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

Pastor: God promises to forgive our iniquity
 and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ☐ Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven.

All: Amen.

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

All: O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

***GOSPEL**

Mark 8:27-38

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*** HYMN OF THE DAY**

Lift High the Cross

#660

(For outdoor service, see hymn page insert.)

*** THE APOSTLES' CREED**

All: 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 into hell. 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 INTERCESSION**

Pastor: ...Lord, in your mercy ...

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

MEAL

*** WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

All: 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.

DISTRIBUTION

(The distribution will be processional and the ushers will guide you. All who believe there is forgiveness of sin available in this meal that is offered by Christ Himself are welcome to come forward. Communion will be served by intinction. The pastor and assistant give the bread and wine, with these words: "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you." Touch the wafer to the wine or juice.)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Lord of All Hopefulness #765

My Faith Looks Up to Thee #759

OFFERING

(As a spiritual discipline, ask the Holy Spirit to nudge you in offering yourself and a portion of God's many blessings God has given you for God's use in the church and world. A collection box is available at the back of the sanctuary for indoor services, or next to the side door at Nelsonville for the outdoor service. To support the ministries and as a response to God's love for you, consider using electronic giving at www.trchurch.org/electronic-giving.)

*** BLESSING**

CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

Worship Service at Peace 8:30 am
Outdoor Worship at Nelsonville 9:30 am
(The last Outdoor Worship for the season will be October 27th)
Worship Service at Nelsonville 10:15 am

Services are livestreamed every Sunday at 10:15 am at trchurch.org

THURSDAYS

Evening Candlelight Prayer Service at Nelsonville 7:00 pm

Thursday Services are online at trchurch.org

WE WELCOME OUR VISITORS!

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