



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 8, 2020 10:00 AM



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

As disciples of Christ seeking peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and include all people into the fullness of God's love. We celebrate people of all races, cultures, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this place. All are invited to join this community as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another. All, without exception, are welcome in this place.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Evan and Margo on their birthdays by John and Caroline Otten.

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Assisting Minister
Pianist

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Mandi Whitley
Jim Parham

Cantor

John Park

Lectors

David Crigler
Jennifer Moorefield

Video Direction and Production

Henry Wilcox

GATHERING

PRELUDE

English Suite #2 by J. S. Bach

WELCOME

Stand as able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

we confess that we are not awake for you.

We are not faithful in using your gifts.

We forget the least of our siblings.

We do not see your beautiful image in one another.

We are infected by sin

that divides your beloved community.

Open our hearts to your coming,

open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,

open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children,

and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through ✚ Jesus you are forgiven,

by Jesus you are welcome,

in Jesus you are called to rejoice!

Let us live in the promises prepared for us
from the foundation of the world.

Amen.

**Rejoice, rejoice believers, and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
The bridegroom is arising and soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry.**

**The watchers on the mountain proclaim the bridegroom near;
go forth as he approaches with alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory; the bridegroom is at hand.**

**The saints, who here in patience their cross and suff'rings bore,
shall live and reign forever when sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory the Lamb they shall behold;
in triumph cast before him their diadems of gold.**

**Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
arise, O Son so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord to see
the day of earth's redemption that sets your people free!**

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Let us pray. O God of justice and love, you illumine our way
through life with the words of your Son.
Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sit

WORD

FIRST READING

Amos 5:18-24

A Reading from Amos

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

¹⁹as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

I will not look upon.

²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction.

Psalm Refrain

You are my help - er and my de - liv - er - er;
O Lord, do not tar - ry.

Psalm Tone

¹Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;
O LORD, make | haste to help me.

²**Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be disgraced. R**

³Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat | over me
turn back because | of their shame.

⁴**Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great | is the LORD!”**

⁵But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, | do not tarry. **R**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A Reading from First Thessalonians

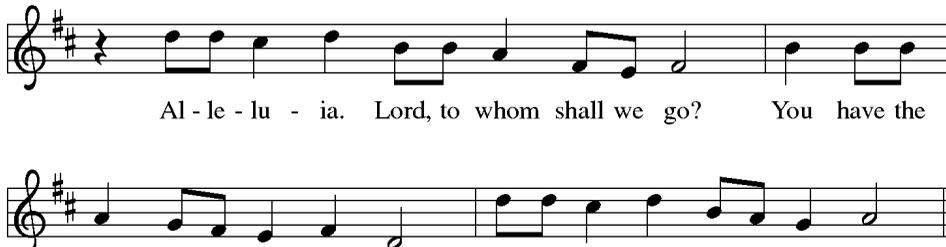
¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Jesus those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord with a cry of command, with the archangel’s call and with the sound of God’s trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand as able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹“Then again, the kingdom of heaven could be likened to ten attendants who took their lamps and went to meet the bridal party. ²Five of them were wise; five were foolish. ³When the foolish ones took their lamps, they didn’t take any oil with them; ⁴but the wise ones took enough oil to keep their lamps burning. ⁵The bridal party was delayed, so they all fell asleep. ⁶At midnight there was a cry: ‘Here comes the bridal party! Let’s go out to meet them!’ ⁷Then all the attendants rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘Perhaps there won’t be enough for us; run to the dealers and get some more for yourselves.’ ¹⁰While the foolish ones went to buy more oil, the bridal party arrived; and those who were ready went to the marriage feast with them, and the door was shut. ¹¹When the foolish attendants returned, they pleaded to be let in. ¹²The doorkeeper replied, ‘The truth is, I don’t know you.’ ¹³“So stay awake, for you don’t know the day or the hour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Stand as able

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ, Be Our Light

#715

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness, Longing for
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
your holy people, light for the world to see. *Refrain***

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled, Longing for
hope, many despair. Your word alone
has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. *Refrain***

**Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for
water, many still thirst. Make us your bread,
broken for others, shared until all are fed. *Refrain***

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for
warmth, many are cold. Make us your building,
sheltering others, walls made of living stone. *Refrain***

**Many the gifts, many the people, many the
hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants
to one another, signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain***

Refrain

***Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
darkness. Christ be our light! Shine in your
church gathered today.***

Remain standing as able.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we are gathered in our homes, longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for God's power to come upon the church, the world, and all in need.

Holy God, rouse us to prayer and praise, both when we gather for worship and when we cannot. Sustain all those who help us to worship at this time. Prepare us for the day when we will meet you face to face.

O God, make justice roll down like waters.

Holy Creator, our land is aglow with the breathtaking beauty of autumn. Open our eyes that we might stand in awe of your creation and make daily choices that will preserve our planet. Prepare us for the day when we will meet you face to face.

O God, make justice roll down like waters.

Holy Peacemaker, stop the violence, bring an end to the conflict, ill will, rancor, and brokenness that divides people and destroys relationships. Restore families and friendships torn apart by political differences. Help us see in each other the image of God. Help us see each other through the eyes of love. Prepare us for the day when we will meet you face to face.

O God, make justice roll down like waters.

Holy Sovereign, grant that all elected government officials will work faithfully for the common good. Bless our leaders with integrity, humility, patience, and love for all the people of this land. Prepare us for the day when we will meet you face to face.

O God, make justice roll down like waters.

Holy Comforter, we pray for a just and righteous world where all people are treated with fairness and equity. We pray for those who are marginalized by the powers of this world, for the mentally ill, our black and brown siblings, those seeking safety and asylum in this country, those living in poverty, those incarcerated, our LGBTQIA+ siblings, and all those who battle addiction. Help us to value their humanity in the same way that we value our own. Prepare us for the day when we will meet you face to face.

O God, make justice roll down like waters.

Holy Protector, bless the observance of Veterans Day. Bring armistice to areas of conflict and keep safe the military who serve in harm's way. Give to all the armed forces a dedication to defend the common good. Heal the wounds, both physical and emotional, experienced by active and retired service members. Prepare us for the day when we will meet you face to face.

O God, make justice roll down like waters.

Holy Healer, bring health and wholeness to those who are sick, those who live with chronic pain, and the thousands who daily contract COVID-19. Console those who feel lonely or abandoned. Protect those living in refugee camps. Uphold medical care workers, especially in third world countries. We pray especially for those we name before you now.... Prepare us for the day when we will see you face to face.

O God, make justice roll down like waters.

Holy Maker of all that is good, in these trying times of political division and global pandemic, gift us with moments of joy. Give us reasons to delight in your creation, in one another, and in the simple pleasures of more time spent at home. Prepare us for the day when we will see you face to face.

O God, make justice roll down like waters.

Holy Beloved, form us into a people who love and value human differences, who respect and honor the gift of diversity. Form us into a people close to your heart. Hear now the burdens of our hearts..... Prepare us for the day when we will see you face to face.

O God, make justice roll down like waters.

Holy and Immortal One, we remember before you all who have died in the faith. We thank you for their life and witness. At the end, bring us with them to be with our Lord forever. Prepare us for the day when we will see you face to face.

O God, make justice roll down like waters.

Receive these prayers for the sake of him who lived, died, and rose for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

AMEN.

Sit

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Reception into Membership

We rejoice with those being received today as members of Trinity Lutheran Church by Affirmation of Baptism, from other denominations, and by transfer from other Lutheran congregations.

Matt Cobb

Steve and Mary Long

Vanessa Mazzoli

Josephine McMullen and Jerry Salley

Patrick and Linda Morgan

Ashley and Diana Munoz

Landon

Mary Peters and Donald Miller

Patrick Preacher and Jonathan Propes

Helen Reetz

Brothers and sisters in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of the Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from the Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at God's holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear God's Word and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Stand as able

Let us pray. Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these people your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

The congregation is addressed.

You have heard these believers declare their intention to participate in the life of this congregation. Welcome them now as members of this family of faith.

We welcome you as members of Trinity Lutheran Church. We rejoice to receive you, members of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, into our fellowship in the Gospel.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Peace be with you.

☒ **Peace be with you.**

Sit

MEAL

OFFERING AND ANTHEM

Morning Has Broken

Music: Gaelic folk song arranged by Rick Wakeman, words by Eleanor Farjoen

Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning, God's recreation of the new day!

Stand as able

OFFERTORY HYMN

Strengthen for Service, Lord

#497

**Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that holy things have taken;
and let the ears that heard your word to falsehood never waken.**

**The tongues that sang your holy name now purge of all deception;
keep bright the eyes that saw your love and sharpen their perception.**

**And may the feet that walked your courts be never lured to wander;
but lead the faithful nourished here to journey on in splendor.**

Let us pray. God of all goodness,
**generations have turned to you,
gathered around your table,
and shared your abundant blessings.
Number us among them
that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,
and give thanks for your rich blessings,
we may feast upon your very self
and care for all that you have made,
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.
Amen.**

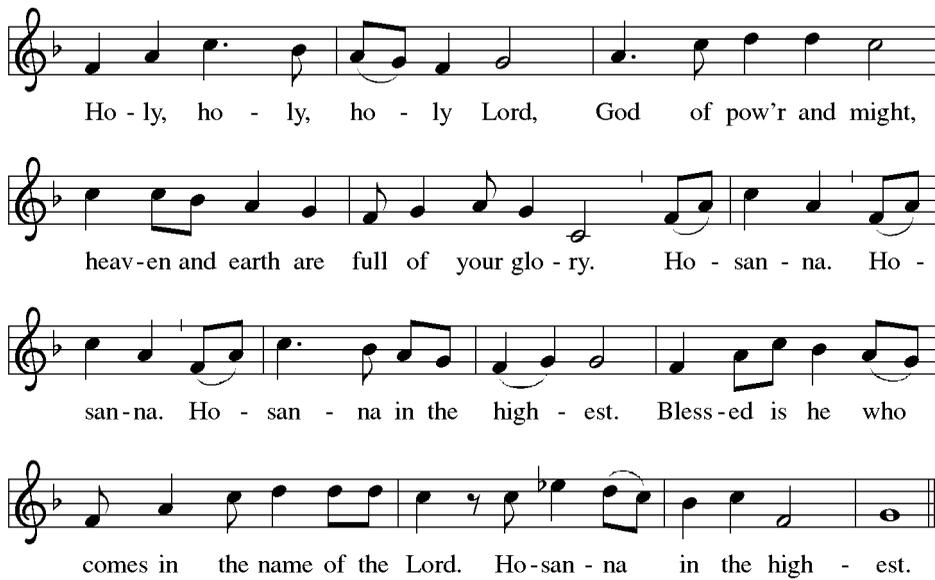
GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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 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,
 forever and ever. Amen.**

Sit

COMMUNION

All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Anyone preferring not to receive the wine may receive only the bread, completely trusting that the full benefit of communion — Christ's grace and forgiveness — may be found in either the bread or wine.

Worshippers who gather with family at home are invited to share the bread and wine with each other using these words spoken directly to each person,

"The body of Christ given for you," and "The blood of Christ shed for you."

Worshippers who are gathering with the community from their individual homes are invited to receive the bread and wine while saying these words,

"The body of Christ given for me," and "The blood of Christ shed for me."

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace.

**Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with
sweet accord and thus surround the throne and thus surround the throne. *Refrain***

**Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;
but children of the heav'nly King, but children of the
heav'nly King may tell their joys abroad, may tell their joys abroad. *Refrain***

**The fill of Zion yields, a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heav'nly fields, before we reach the
heav'nly fields, or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets. *Refrain***

**Then let our songs abound, and eve'ry tear be dry;
we're marching through Immanuel's ground, we're marching through
Immanuel's ground, to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high. *Refrain***

Refrain

***We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.***

Stand as able

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
in this simple meal you have set a banquet.
Sustain us on the journey,
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,
and give us glad and generous hearts
as we meet you on the way.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

May the God of all creation,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved,
who strengthens us for service,
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!
The blessing of God,
Sovereign, ✚ Savior, and Spirit,
be with you today and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Let Justice Flow like Streams

#717

**Let justice flow like streams of sparkling water, pure,
enabling growth, refreshing life, abundant, cleansing, sure**

**Let righteousness roll on as others' cares we heed,
an ever flowing stream of faith translated into deed.**

**So may God's plumb line, straight, define our measure true,
and justice, right, and peace pervade this world our whole life through.**

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Wake, Awake for Night Is Flying – J. S. Bach

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