



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 24, 2021 - 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 Trinity's nineteen new members by Philip and Melanie Wessinger.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister & Preaching	Susan Crowell
Assisting Minister	Ian Boden
Pianist	Jim Parham
Communion Assistant	Maria Roberts
Lector	Jerry Salley
Cantor	Megan Finnern
Greeters	Mark Allen Jeanne Blinkoff Penny Bostain Richard Delap Dora Welch Melanie Wessinger Donice Winslow Angie McCormack
Ushers	Wayne Landreth David Nichols Karen Nichols
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Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Gregg Alley

*Worship bags are available in the Narthex and outside the Sacristy
for children. Bags for pre-school are tied with a blue ribbon.
Bags for K-5 - Grade 5 have no ribbon.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Stand as able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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, all of us, with open hands and 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 strong, worthy, righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

**God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard
and took their flight: hear us, we humbly pray, and where the
gospel day sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light.**

**Christ, who once came to bring, on your redeeming wing,
healing and sight; health to the troubled mind, sight where
illusions blind; oh, now to humankind let there be light.**

**Spirit of truth and love, life giving, holy dove,
speed forth your flight; move on the water's face bearing the
lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place let there be light.**

**Holy and blessed three, glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might: boundless as ocean's tide rolling in
fullest pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.**

THE 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. Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:7-9

A reading from Jeremiah.

⁷Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a mother and father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

*Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction**Psalm
Refrain**Psalm
Tone*

¹When the LORD restored the for- | tunes of Zion,
then were we like | those who dream.

²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with | shouts of joy.
Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great | things for them.” R**

³The LORD has done great | things for us,
and we are | glad indeed.

⁴**Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses | of the Negeb.**

⁵Those who | sowed with tears
will reap with | songs of joy.

⁶**Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,
will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves. R**

A reading from Hebrews.

²³ There's another difference: there were so many priests in the old Covenant because death prevented them from continuing their work. ²⁴ But Christ lives on forever, and Christ's work as priest doesn't pass on to someone else. ²⁵ And so Christ is able, now and always, to save those who come to God through Christ, because Christ lives forever to plead to God for them. ²⁶ God ordained that we should have such a high priest—one who is holy, who has no fault or sin, who has been set apart from sinners and raised above the heavens. ²⁷ Jesus is not like other high priests and doesn't need to offer sacrifices every day, first for personal sins and then for the sins of the people. Christ's self-sacrifice was offered once and for all. ²⁸ For the Law appoints as high priests people who are weak; but God's sworn promise, which came later than the Law, appoints the Only Begotten, who has been made perfect forever.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Who Is Welcome Here?

Stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark the tenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁶As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When Bartimaeus heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” ⁵²Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately Bartimaeus regained his sight and followed Jesus on the way.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

Making Outsiders into Insiders

Stand as able

**Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
our human story; God in him is centered. He comes to us,
by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.**

**See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
he brings us freedom, light and life and healing. All men and
women, who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven.**

**Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,
your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling. To all the
world go out and tell the story of Jesus' glory.**

**Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us. Tell how the
Spirit calls from ev'ry nation God's new creation.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

Risen One, we give you thanks for congregations and ministries throughout the world that serve as centers of prayer and action. Empower missionaries, teachers, healers, evangelists, and all who are sent to share your song of joy.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy One, we give you thanks for generous land that produces abundant harvests. Strengthen and protect all soils, from rooftop gardens to prairie farmlands, to patio planters to fertile valleys, and bless all who lovingly tend them.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Ruling One, we give you thanks for leaders of nations who work to build up the common good. Strengthen efforts of reconciliation among all nations, especially Afghanistan, Yemen, Syria, and Ethiopia, that peace extends in every direction.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Healing One, we give you thanks for all who labor for the health of others. Comfort and strengthen all who struggle with chronic pain. Send healing and relief to all who are sick. We pray especially for those struggling with Covid19 and its variants. Bring an end to this scourge. Restore and redeem our lives. Hear now the prayers of our hearts, spoken aloud or in silence, as we lift up the names of those in our lives who stand in special need of your love and healing. . .

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Compassionate one, we give you thanks for all who work for justice in the world. Cure our blindness that we might see the ill effects of systemic racism, the marginalization of our queer siblings, the disregard for immigrants and refugees, the lack of care and understanding for those among us struggling with anxiety, depression, and other mental illnesses. Give us the courage to use our time and resources to demand justice for all.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Providing One, we give you thanks for all who provide for others. Inspire generosity in your people, so that we create spaces and places of love, belonging, connection, and hospitality.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Living One, we give you thanks for the saints who have increased our faith. Give us courage to follow in hope until you gather us all around your table of abundance. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

Amen.

Please be seated

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Reception into Membership

I invite those who are being received today as members of Trinity Lutheran Church by Baptism, Affirmation of Baptism, from other denominations, and by transfer from other Lutheran congregations to come forward at this time and stand facing the Congregation.

Jim and Ida Blalock
Danny and Anne Fagala
Jesse and Madelyn
Karen Haagensen
Laura Hagen and Paul Nitto
Lane and Jo Lewis

Tara Miller and Alex Kirby
Jean Nelson
Pat and Cathy O'Neill
John and Maria Roberts
Bob Thompson

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.

Stand as able

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 abundance,
you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens.
Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
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-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Hosanna in the High - est." It consists of four staves of music in a single system, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,". The second staff continues with "heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est." The third staff starts with "Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -" and the fourth staff concludes with "san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some phrases being repeated.

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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Please be seated

COMMUNION

Worshipers will come forward to receive the bread and wine and then return to their seats to consume the elements.

All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's love and grace.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Light Dawns on a Weary World

#726

**Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to
see all people's dignity. Light dawns on a
weary world: the promised day of justice comes.**

Refrain

***The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.***

**Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find
bread and children's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
weary world: the promised feast of plenty comes. *Refrain***

**Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures, once
forlorn, find wilderness reborn. Hope blooms in a
weary world: the promised green of Eden comes. *Refrain***

Refrain

***Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the goodness of God.
Bread of life, cup of love, we rejoice in your presence.***

**I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;
in my God I glory forever: listen and rejoice! *Refrain***

**Look upon the Lord, be radiant, never turn away.
God will save in ev'ry affliction, hear us when we pray. *Refrain***

**Angels fold their wings around us, guard through good and ill.
Those who seek the Lord will lack nothing; taste, and have your fill. *Refrain***

**Saints of God, bow down and worship, bless the holy name.
Rise to tell God's greatness forever, wondrous deeds proclaim! *Refrain***

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 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.

SENDING

BLESSING

People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

We Are Marching in the Light

#866

Siyahamb' ekukhanygen' kwenkhos'
sung by choir

We are marching in the light of God, Repeat

We are singing in the light of God, Repeat

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Rise, Shine, You People!
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