



LUTHERAN CHURCH 1909

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



THE FIFTHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 18, 2022 - 10:00 AM - in the Sanctuary



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 Heather Kleckley on her birthday by Darlene Kleckley.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister	Susan Crowell
Preaching	Jim Blalock
Assisting Minister	Nick Arnold
Organist and Choir Director	Jim Parham
Lector	Melissa Kolb
Cantor	Pat Morgan
Prayers	Jamie Fivecoat
Greeters	Mark Allen Bonnie Farmer Debbie Farstad Linda Morgan Brad Waters Dora Welch Melanie Wessinger
Ushers	Calvin Harmon David Potts Carol Elliott
Refreshment Hosts	Mel Truelove Dora Welch
Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Gregg Alley

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

TEMPLE TALK

How I Experience God's Love at Trinity

Rebekah Boatwright

Please stand as able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
who is eager to forgive
and who loves us beyond our days.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness,
we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
We have harmed your good creation.
We have failed to do justice,
love kindness,
and walk humbly with you.
Turn us in a new direction.
Show us the path that leads to life.
Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.
Amen.

Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven ✚ and you are made whole.

God points the way to new life in Christ,
who meets us on the road.

Journey now in God's abiding love
through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

**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.**

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING

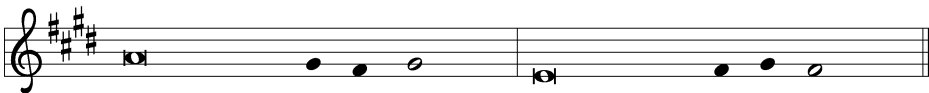
Amos 8:4-7

A reading from Amos.

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;
and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,
⁶buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."
⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

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

¹Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants | of the LORD;
praise the name | of the LORD.

²**Let the name of the | LORD be blessed,
from this time forth for- | evermore.**

³From the rising of the sun to its | going down
let the name of the | LORD be praised.

⁴**The LORD is high a- | bove all nations;
God's glory a- | bove the heavens. R**

⁵Who is like the | LORD our God,
who sits en- | throned on high,

⁶**but stoops | to behold
the heavens | and the earth?**

⁷The LORD takes up the weak out | of the dust
and lifts up the poor | from the ashes,

⁸**enthroning them | with the rulers,
with the rulers | of the people.**

⁹The LORD makes the woman of a | childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. | Hallelujah! **R**

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1-7

A reading from 1 Timothy.

¹First of all, I urge that prayers be offered for everyone petitions, intercessions and thanksgivings ²and especially for rulers and those in authority, so that we may be able to live godly and reverent lives in peace and quiet. ³To do this is right, and will please God our Savior, ⁴who wants everyone to be saved and to reach full knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and humankind Christ Jesus, who was one of us, ⁶and who at the proper time sacrificed himself as a ransom and a testimony for all. ⁷Because of this I have been appointed to be a preacher, an apostle, and this is the truth. Now, I'm not lying. I am a faithful and honest teacher to the Gentiles.

The Word of God for the people of God.

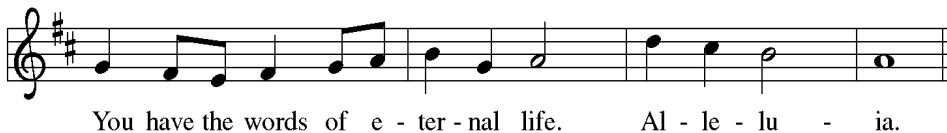
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Managers, not Owners

Please stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the sixteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a wealthy landowner who, having received reports of a steward mismanaging the property, ² summoned the steward and said, ‘What’s this I hear about you? Give me an account of your service, for it’s about to come to an end.’ ³ The steward thought, ‘What will I do next? My employer is going to fire me. I can’t dig ditches. I’m ashamed to go begging. ⁴ I have it! Here’s a way to make sure that people will take me into their homes when I’m let go.’ ⁵ “So the steward called in each of the landowner’s debtors. The steward said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my employer?’ ⁶ The debtor replied, ‘A hundred jars of oil.’ The steward said, ‘Take your invoice, sit down quickly and make it fifty.’ ⁷ To another the steward said, ‘How much do you owe?’ The answer came, ‘A hundred measures of wheat,’ and the steward said, ‘Take your invoice and make it eighty.’ ⁸ “Upon hearing this, the owner gave this devious worker credit for being enterprising! Why? Because the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light. ⁹ So I tell you: make friends for yourselves through your use of this world’s goods, so that when they fail you, you’ll be welcomed into an eternal home. ¹⁰ If you can trust others in little things, you can also trust them in greater, and anyone unjust in a slight matter will also be unjust in a greater. ¹¹ If you can’t be trusted with monetary gain, who will trust you with true riches? ¹² And if you haven’t been trustworthy with someone else’s money, who will give you your own? ¹³ “Subordinates can’t have two superiors. Either they’ll hate the one and love the other, or be attentive to the one and despise the other. You can’t worship both God and Money.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Jim Blalock

Please stand as able

**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.**

**Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.**

**Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through pow'r's 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.**

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 OF INTERCESSION

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church and those in need, and all of God's good creation.

God our Savior, you keep your church in faith and truth. Accompany this assembly as we attempt daily to live into the call you have placed on us as followers of Christ. Enlighten preachers, teachers, seminarians, and all those who share your good news with the world.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Divine teacher, you instruct your people to be responsible stewards of your creation. Show us how best to care for the earth and its resources, and guide those who work to develop sustainable practices.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Ruler of the nations, you direct those in authority. Give leaders wisdom and compassion so that all may live in peace. Inspire public servants to follow the example of courageous leaders and safeguard the dignity of each person. Repair the breach between those who have power and those on the margins so that people of color, women, our queer siblings, indigenous people, those who are disabled, and all others who find themselves oppressed by society, governments, and religious authorities will be provided the dignity and equity they deserve as your children.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Helper of the needy, you lift up those who suffer. Breathe justice into economic and social systems that perpetuate poverty and hunger. Sustain food ministries, clothing banks, and emergency shelters. Bless the food pantry of this congregation, that it may provide food abundant to our downtown neighbors.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Sustainer and giver of life, you bless this congregation with abundance. Instruct us in the proper and faithful use of wealth and resources, that we share generously. We ask your Holy Spirit to accompany us as, leading up to Stewardship Sunday, we each discern how best to return a faithful portion of our time, talents, and treasures to you and your Church.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Miraculous healer, you comfort the sick and afflicted with the medicinal powers of your love. Be with all those this day who are troubled by health concerns. We trust in you to bring healing at the right time and in the right way, and to guide your people to always care for one another. We pray especially today for those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ...

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of glory, you gather your saints around your throne. Keep us thankful for the witness of those who have gone before us, and bring us with them to the heavenly feast that has no end.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

All are encouraged to remain at your seats and extend a sign of peace by waving, bowing, making the peace sign, placing your hand over your heart, or sending a text.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Peace be with you.

Peace be with you.

Please be seated

OFFERING

God Be in My Head

Adult Choir

by Jim Parham

God be in my head, and in my understanding.

God be in my eyes, and in my looking.

God be in my mouth, and in my speaking.

God be in my heart, and in my thinking.

God be at my end, and in my departing.

Text from the Salisbury Book of Hours, 1514

Please stand as able

**As saints of old their first fruits brought of orchard, flock, and field
to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield,
so we today first fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.**

Let us pray. Gracious God,
**in your great love you richly provide for our needs.
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.
Amen.**

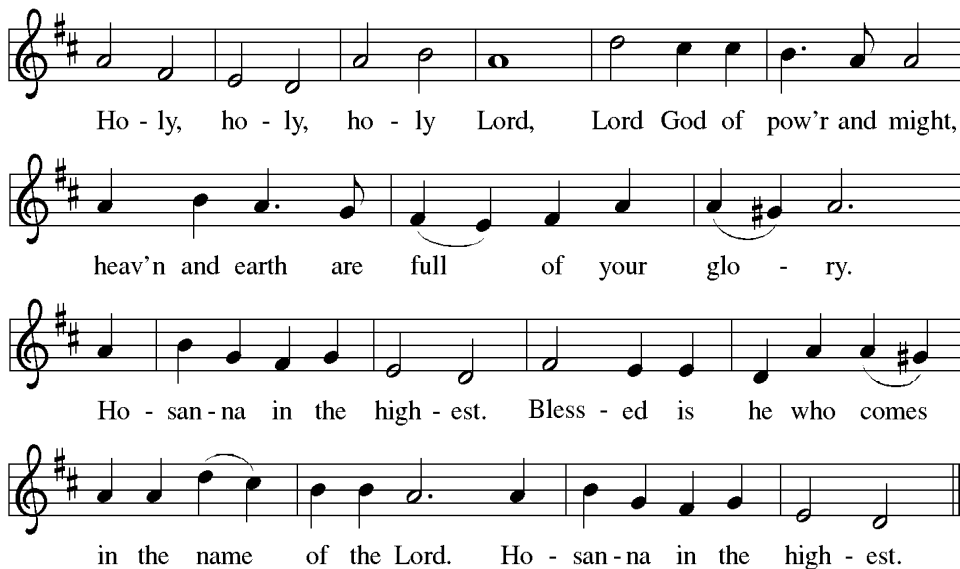
GREAT THANKSGIVING

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, Lord God of pow'r 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.

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.**

Please be seated

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

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION



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, grant us peace.

**Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.**

Be Thou My Vision

#793

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Please stand as able

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

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of the abundant table,
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.

Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of peace,
Creator, ✚ Redeemer, and Sanctifier,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

We Are Marching in the Light

#866

**Siyahamb' ekukhanygen' kwenkhos', Siyahamb' ekukhanygen' kwenkhos'
Siyahamb' ekukhanygen' kwenkhos', Siyahamb' ekukhanygen' kwenkhos'
Siyahamb' oo, Siyahamb' ekukhanygen' kwenkhos'
Siyahamb' oo, Siyahamb' ekukhanygen' kwenkhos'**

**We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, oo, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, oo, we are marching in the light of God.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

*Everyone is invited to gather on the front lawn
following worship for refreshments and fellowship.*

Let Justice Flow like Streams

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