



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 25, 2022 - 10:00 AM - in the Gym



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 memory of their fathers, John Morgan and Bart Howard, by Pat and Linda Morgan.

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

STEWARDSHIP VIDEO

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.

**Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness
vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.**

**Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the
blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who
yearn for your face; we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.**

**Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.**

**Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the
bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven,
light years away, here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.**

**Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and
make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

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

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

A reading from Amos.

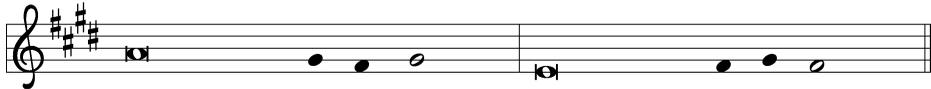
- ^{1a}Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
⁶who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

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

The LORD gives jus-tice, the LORD gives jus-tice to those who are op - pressed.

Psalm
Tone¹Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;****I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.**³Put not your | trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there | is no help.⁴**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,
and in that day | their thoughts perish. R**⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;
who keeps promis- | es forever;**⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.
The LORD sets the | captive free.⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down;
the LORD | loves the righteous.**⁹The LORD cares | for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.¹⁰**The LORD shall | reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah! R**

A reading from First Timothy.

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. ¹¹But as for you, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—Christ who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is Christ alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to Christ be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

The Whole Family of God

Please stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the sixteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹"There was a certain rich man who clothed himself in purple and fine linen, and who feasted luxuriously every day. ²⁰ At his gate lay a certain poor man named Lazarus who was covered with sores. ²¹ Lazarus longed to eat the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table. Instead, dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²"The poor man died and was carried by angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ While being tormented in the place of the dead, he looked up and saw Abraham at a distance with Lazarus at his side. ²⁴ He shouted, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I'm suffering in this flame.' ²⁵ But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received good things, whereas Lazarus received terrible things. Now Lazarus is being comforted and you are in great pain. ²⁶ Moreover, a great crevasse has been fixed between us and you. Those who wish to cross over from here to you cannot. Neither can anyone cross from there to us.' ²⁷"The rich man said, 'Then I beg you, Father, send Lazarus to my father's house. ²⁸ I have five brothers. He needs to warn them so that they don't come to this place of agony.' ²⁹ Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets. They must listen to them.' ³⁰ The rich man said, 'No, Father Abraham! But if someone from the dead goes to them, they will change their hearts and lives.' ³¹ Abraham said, 'If they don't listen to Moses and the Prophets, then neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

A Call to Radical Seeing

Please stand as able

**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

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

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for
hope, many despair. Your word alone
has power 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 your kingdom come. *Refrain***

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

O God, rich in mercy, fill your church with righteousness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Empower the baptized by your Spirit to be rich in good works and ready to share. Strengthen and accompany us on your mission to bring the love of Christ to the world.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Protect the earth and its creatures. Provide water, food, shelter, and favorable habitats, especially for endangered species. As we enter the season of Autumn, bless the trees whose leaves will fall. Let each leaf be a reminder of the precious cycle of life. May each glorious hue fill us with awe and wonder as we marvel your creation.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Increase justice in nations, state, and local governments. As the GOAL house meetings of this congregation convene, soften our hearts to see beyond ourselves and into the lives of those around us. Continue to enliven this new ministry with the power of your Holy Spirit. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Give food to the hungry. Set the captives free. Lift up those who are bowed down. Watch over the stranger. Welcome the queer person. Comfort the mentally ill. Tend to those who we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Stir us to act in the best interest of all our neighbors.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Enliven our praise. Inspire the musicians who create beauty in this place as we cherish the beautiful gifts you have given them which they so freely share with your people. We give you thanks for all who serve on our worship committee and those whose service to your church include leading and planning worship. Continue bringing your people together to worship you in word, song, fellowship, and prayer.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Welcome your beloved. We pray for those this congregation receives as new members into this family of faith. May Nick, Chad, Julie, Harris, John, Caroline, Edith, Tiffany, Shelby, Tyler, Jaime, Angie, Jackie, Josh, David, Beth, Linda, Kent, Jenn, Jax, Stephen, Susan, Robert, Joshua, Tameka, Stacey, Connie, Adair, Lu, Winnie, Sylvie, and Brad find Trinity Lutheran Church to be a place where their faith is strengthened and their call to follow Jesus is emboldened. May they always know deeply they are loved, honored, valued, affirmed, welcomed, and celebrated by you and your people.

God of grace,

hear our prayer

Enfold the saints who have died in the arms of your loving care. Grant that the holy angels accompany us and bring us to eternal life with them in the light of your presence.

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.

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.

Nick Arnold

Chad and Julie Brightwell

Harris, John, and Caroline

Edith Casey

Tiffany Demint and Shelby Kennedy

Tyler

Jaime Fivecoat

Angie Hager

Stacey Huff and Tameka Simmons

Jackie Hickey and Josh Warner

David Hill and Beth Bennett-Hill

Linda Johnson

Kent and Jenn Jordan

Jax

Stephen Koenemann and Susan Schwartzkopf

Robert Newsom

Joshua Rhodes

Connie Stieghan

Adair Hill Thomason and Lu Thomason

Winnie and Sylvie

Brad Waters

Siblings 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.

Please 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

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

My Soul Cries Out
arr. by Mark Hayes

Adult Choir

Please stand as able

OFFERING HYMN

As Saints of Old

#695

**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.

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

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**The church of Christ, in ev'ry age beset by
change, but Spirit led, must claim and test its
heritage and keep on rising from the dead.**

**Across the world, across the street, the victims
of injustice cry for shelter and for
bread to eat, and never live before they die.**

**Then let the servant church arise, a caring
church that longs to be a partner in Christ's
sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.**

**For he alone, whose blood was shed can cure the
fever in our blood, and teach us how to
share our bread and feed the starving multitude.**

**We have no mission but to serve in full
obedience to our Lord; to care for all, without
reserve, and spread his liberating word.**

Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for love were made. Your living likeness still we bear, though marred, dishonored, disobeyed. We come, with all our heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.

We come with self-inflicted pains of broken trust and chosen wrong, half-free, half bound by inner chains, by social forces swept along, by pow'rs and systems close confined, yet seeking hope for humankind.

Great God, in Christ you call our name and then receive us as your own, not through some merit, right, or claim, but by your gracious love alone. We strain to glimpse your mercy seat and find you kneeling at our feet.

Then take the towel, and break the bread, and humble us, and call us friends. Suffer and serve till all are fed, and show how grandly love intends to work till all creation sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your joy to share. Give us your Spirit's liberty to turn from guilt and dull despair, and offer all that faith can do while love is making all things new.

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

**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.**

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

DISMISSAL

Go in peace.
Open your eyes.
Love your neighbor.
Break down barriers.
Work for justice in the world.
Thanks be to God.

*Everyone is invited to gather in the back of the Gym following worship
for fellowship and refreshments provided by the Stewardship Committee.*

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