



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



## THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 16, 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 memory of his wife, Shirley Mangels, by Wayne Mangels.

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Ushers

Richard Delap

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Refreshment Hosts

Debbie and Richard Farstad

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# GATHERING

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

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.**

**You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more  
than we ever understand. You are always at hand.  
Blessed are you coming near. Blessed are you coming here  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.**

**You are holy, you are wholeness,  
you are present. Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!  
Sing hosanna in the highest!  
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!**

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.**

*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

Let us pray. O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 32:22-31

A reading from Genesis.

<sup>22</sup> In the course of the night, Jacob arose, took the entire caravan, and crossed the ford of the Yabbok River. <sup>23</sup> After Jacob had crossed with all his possessions, he returned to the camp, <sup>24</sup> and he was completely alone. And there, someone† wrestled with Jacob until the first light of dawn. <sup>25</sup> Seeing that Jacob could not be overpowered, the other struck Jacob at the socket of the hip‡, and the hip was dislocated as they wrestled. <sup>26</sup> Then Jacob's contender said, "Let me go, for day is breaking." Jacob answered, "I will not let you go until you bless me." <sup>27</sup> "What is your name?" the other asked. "Jacob," he answered. <sup>28</sup> The other said, "Your name will no longer be called 'Jacob,' or 'Heel-Grabber,' but 'Israel'—'Overcomer of God' because you have wrestled with both God and mortals, and you have prevailed." <sup>29</sup> Then Jacob asked "Now tell me your name, I beg you." The other said, "Why do you ask me my name?" and blessed Jacob there. <sup>30</sup> Jacob named the place Peniel—"Face of God"—"because I have seen God face to face, yet my life was spared." <sup>31</sup> At sunrise, Jacob left Peniel, limping along from the injured hip.

The Word of God for the people of God.

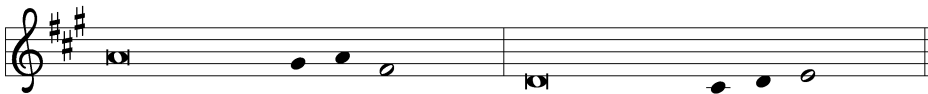
**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm  
 Refrain



My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

Psalm  
 Tone



- <sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes | to the hills;  
 from where is my | help to come?
- <sup>2</sup>**My help comes | from the LORD,  
 the maker of heav- | en and earth.**
- <sup>3</sup>The LORD will not let your | foot be moved  
 nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.
- <sup>4</sup>**Behold, the keep- | er of Israel  
 will neither slum- | ber nor sleep; R**
- <sup>5</sup>the LORD watches | over you;  
 the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;
- <sup>6</sup>**the sun will not strike | you by day,  
 nor the | moon by night.**
- <sup>7</sup>The LORD will preserve you | from all evil  
 and will | keep your life.
- <sup>8</sup>**The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming in,  
 from this time forth for- | evermore. R**

A reading from Second Timothy.

<sup>14</sup>But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup>and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

<sup>4:1</sup>In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: <sup>2</sup>proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. <sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Kirkpatrick

*Please 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.



The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the eighteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus told the disciples a parable on the necessity of praying always and not losing heart:  
<sup>2</sup> “Once there was a judge in a certain city who feared no one—not even God. <sup>3</sup> A woman in that city who had been widowed kept coming to the judge and saying, ‘Give me legal protection from my opponent.’ <sup>4</sup> For a time the judge refused, but finally the judge thought, ‘I care little for God or people, <sup>5</sup> but this woman won’t leave me alone. I’d better give her the protection she seeks, or she’ll keep coming and wear me out!’” <sup>6</sup> Jesus said, “Listen to what this corrupt judge is saying. <sup>7</sup> Won’t God then do justice to the chosen who call out day and night? Will God delay long over them? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, God will give them swift justice. “But when the Promised One comes, will faith be found anywhere on earth?”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

Pastor Kirkpatrick

*Please stand as able*

**If you but trust in God to guide you with gentle  
hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there  
beside you when crosses come, in trying days. Trust then in  
God's unchanging love; build on the rock that will not move.**

**What gain is there in anxious weeping, in helpless  
anger and distress? If you are in your Savior's  
keeping, in sorrow will he love you less? For Christ who  
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev'ry loss.**

**The Lord our restless hearts is holding, in peace and  
quietness content. We rest in God's good will  
unfolding, what wisdom from on high has sent. God, who has  
chosen us by grace, knows very well the fears we face.**

**Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving, offer your  
service faithfully. Trust heaven's word; though  
undeserving, you'll find God's promise true to be. This is our  
confidence indeed: God never fails in time of need.**

#### 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

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

Holy God, we pray always, not losing heart, for all the baptized. May they become skilled in compassion and grace and equipped to share the good news with all. Grant your followers persistence in proclamation and prayer. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Holy God, we pray always, not losing heart, for all your creation. Bless the air and sky, clouds and sun, that they may provide rain to parched land and relief to flooded ground. Renew and restore our polluted atmosphere and empower us to be worthy stewards of creation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Holy God, we pray always, not losing heart, for our justice system. Guide judges, juries, and all who work in the judicial system, that they desire wisdom, seek truth, rule with fairness, and have the courage to do what is right. Eliminate oppression and injustice in our criminal justice system. Hear the cries of the oppressed who keep crying out to you as well as the cries of those whose voices have grown tired. Help us to do our part to bring justice to our black and brown siblings, the LGBTQIA+ community, the imprisoned, those who struggle with poverty, and all others on the margins of society. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Holy God, we pray always, not losing heart, for all those who are lonely. We pray especially for those who have newly arrived in an unfamiliar city or country, prisoners without recourse to justice, hospital patients without visitors, children without parents, those who are dying alone, and any who are ill or grief-stricken. Hear the names of those we pray for now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Holy God, we pray always, not losing heart for those in our congregation and community engaged in advocacy work, especially all those leading and participating in the GOAL (Greenville Organized for Accountable Leadership) ministry within this congregation and across our community. Grant them the persistence of the widow as they lift their voices on behalf of others. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For those who have taught us faith and now rest in your heavenly peace, that we remember and give thanks for these saints who shared the gospel through word and deed. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**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

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*  
by Robert Hobby

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.**

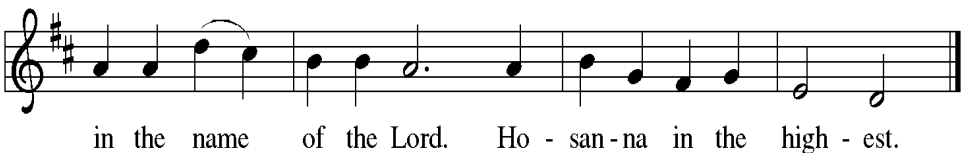
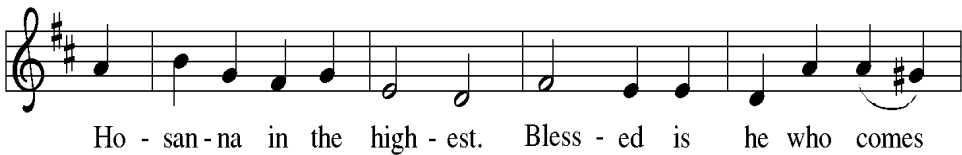
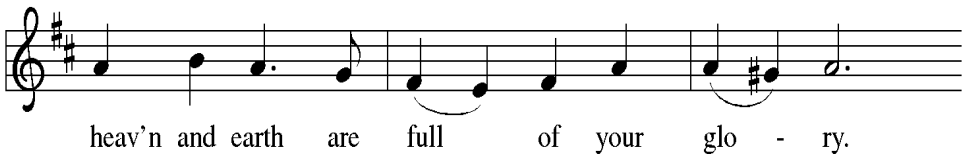
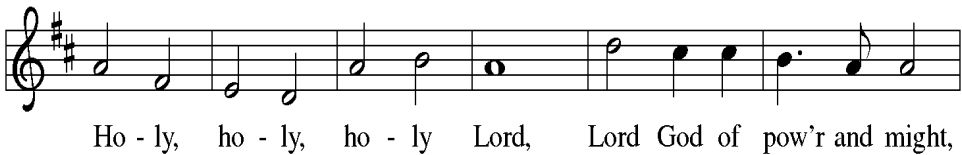
Lift up your hearts.

**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:



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.**

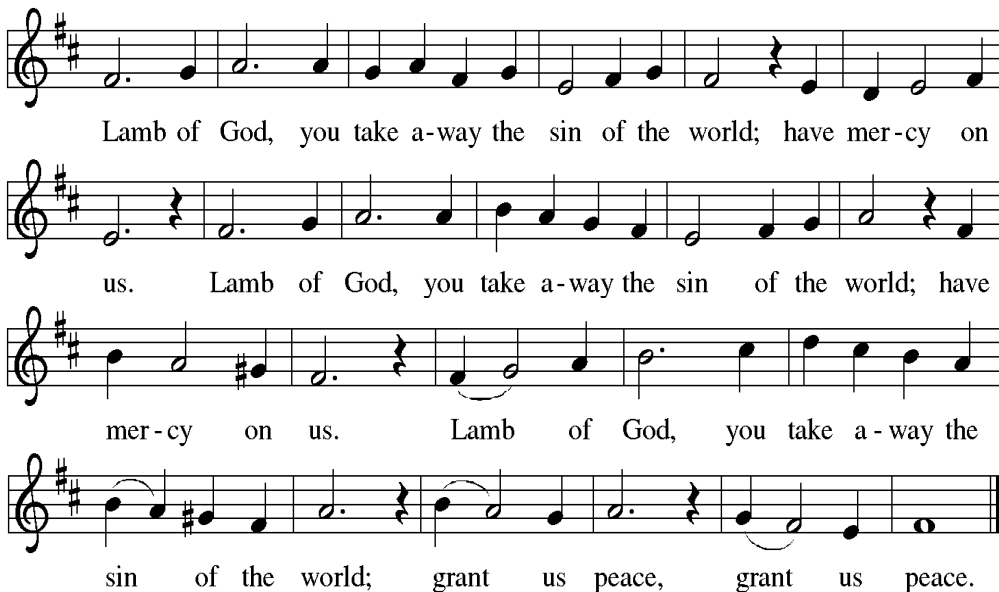
*Please be seated*

## 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.*

*Worshipers 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.

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear  
all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged- take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness- take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge- take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.**

*How Long, O God*

**“How long, O God?” the psalmist cries, a cry we make our own,  
for we are lost, alone, afraid, and far away from home.**

**The evil lurks within, without, it threatens to destroy  
the fragile cords that make us one, that bind our hearts in joy.**

**Your grace, O God, seems far away; will healing ever come?  
Our broken lives lie broken still; will night give way to dawn?**

**How can we hope? How can we sing? O God, set free our voice  
to name the sorrows, name the pain, that we might yet rejoice.**

**“How long, O God?” the psalmist cries, a cry we make our own.  
Though we are lost, alone, afraid, our God will lead us home.**



**What God ordains is good indeed, for all life well providing.  
The will of God is best for me, the ground of my confiding.  
My faithful God, on ev'ry road you know the way  
unfolding and my hand you are holding.**

**What God ordains is good indeed: my light, my life, my Savior!  
No ill can get the best of me; God's care will never waver.  
Through joy and pain I shall attain the dawn disclosing  
clearly that God has loved me dearly.**

**What God ordains is good indeed. When hope seems like delusion,  
I taste the bitter cup and plead, "Lord, quench my fear, confusion."  
God ends the night, restores delight; by faith I face  
tomorrow and yield to God all sorrow.**

**What God ordains is good indeed. My Lord will never fail me  
on danger's path, in deepest need, when death in grief shall veil me.  
My God so dear will draw me near, in loving arms will  
hold me, at last in light enfold me.**

*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.**

**We are dancing in the light of God, we are dancing in the light of God.**

**We are dancing in the light of God, we are dancing in the light of God.**

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

**We are dancing, oo, we are dancing 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.*

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