



## THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 23, 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 honor of the Church Staff by Amanda Cook.

## SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister and Preaching	Susan Crowell
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Lector	Donna Potts
Cantor	Russ Wise
Prayers	Emily Hager
Greeters	Mark Allen Penny Bostain Tara Miller Vicki Rubenstein Melanie Wessinger Donice Winslow
Ushers	Richard Delap Calvin Harmon David Potts
Refreshment Hosts	David Hill and Beth Bennett-Hill
Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Gregg Alley

# 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.**

**Rise, O Sun of righteousness; with your  
might creation bless. Shine upon your church today,  
showing all your gentle way. Have mercy, Lord.**

**Rouse our hearts from slumber deep; may your  
word within us leap. Give us voices to proclaim  
praises to your holy name. Have mercy, Lord.**

**Gather in your scattered flock; give us  
water from the rock. Bless the unity we share  
in our shepherd's loving care. Have mercy, Lord.**

**Burst the bars of stubborn pride; make the  
heav'nly pathway wide. Raise us up from sin and death  
with your Spirit's living breath. Have mercy, Lord.**

**Honor, praise and glory be to the  
holy Trinity! May your gracious will be done:  
make us one, as you are one. Have mercy, Lord.**

## 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. Gracious God, you know our sin. You see the way we separate ourselves one from another. You see our arrogance, our sense of superiority, our smugness. Help us to see our own sin and shortcomings, to acknowledge and confess all the ways that we fall short. Give us grace to forgive ourselves and to offer that same forgiveness to others — especially to those who seem different from us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>7</sup> Yes, our sins testify against us. Have mercy, God, for your Name's sake! For our apostasies are plentiful and we have wronged you. <sup>8</sup> Hope of Israel, our Liberator in time of need, why be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning in for the night? <sup>9</sup> Must you be like one who is stunned, or like warriors suddenly powerless to save themselves? You are in our midst, God, and we bear your Name. Do not abandon us! <sup>10</sup> God says of this people: "They love to wander. They stray from my ways. They wander where they will. Therefore, God will not accept them, but will remember their wrong doing and punish them for their sins." <sup>19</sup> Have you rejected Judah altogether? Does your very soul loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down without hope of cure? We were hoping for peace, to no avail. For a time of healing, but in its place came terror. <sup>20</sup> God, we confess our transgressions and our ancestors' guilt: we sinned against you. <sup>21</sup> For your Name's sake, do not reject us. Do not disgrace the judgment seat of your glory. Remember us! Don't break your covenant with us! <sup>22</sup> Can the worthless idols of the nations make it rain? Can the skies grant showers? No, only you can, God! You are our hope, or it is you who did all these things.' "

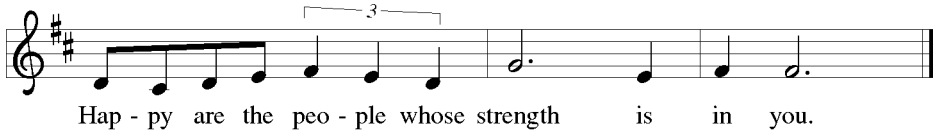
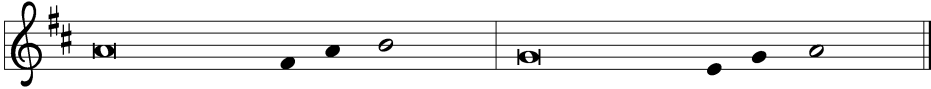
The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*The refrain is introduced by the cantor*

Psalm 84:1-7

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

- <sup>1</sup>How dear to me | is your dwelling,  
O | LORD of hosts!
- <sup>2</sup>**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts | of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the | living God.**
- <sup>3</sup>Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may | lay her young,  
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king | and my God.
- <sup>4</sup>**Happy are they who dwell | in your house!  
They will always be | praising you. R**
- <sup>5</sup>Happy are the people whose strength | is in you,  
whose hearts are set on the | pilgrims' way.
- <sup>6</sup>**Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a | place of springs,  
for the early rains have covered it with | pools of water.**
- <sup>7</sup>They will climb from | height to height,  
and the God of gods will be | seen in Zion. **R**

A reading from Second Timothy.

<sup>6</sup> As for me, my life is already being poured out like a libation. The time of my dissolution is near. <sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup> Now a laurel wreath awaits me; on that day our God, the just Judge, will award it to me—and not only to me, but to all who have longed for Christ’s appearing. <sup>16</sup> I found myself alone and without a single witness at my first defense. Pray that they not be punished for it. <sup>17</sup> Christ stood by my side and gave me strength, so that through me the proclamation might be completed and all the nations might hear the Gospel. That’s how I was saved from the lion’s jaws. <sup>18</sup> Christ will continue to rescue me from all attempts to do me harm, and will bring me safe to the higher realm. To Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever! Amen

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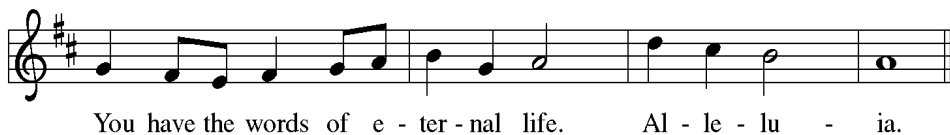
**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

*A Clean Slate*

*Please stand as able*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the eighteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup> Jesus spoke this parable addressed to those who believed in their own self-righteousness while holding everyone else in contempt: <sup>10</sup> “Two people went up to the Temple to pray; one was a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee stood and prayed like this: ‘I give you thanks, O God, that I’m not like others greedy, crooked, adulterous or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week. I pay tithes on everything I earn.’ <sup>13</sup> “The other one, however, kept a distance, not even daring to look up to heaven. In real humility, all the tax collector said was, ‘O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.’ <sup>14</sup> Believe me, the tax collector went home from the Temple right with God, while the Pharisee didn’t. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, while those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

*An Honest Look at Sin*

*Please stand as able*

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Lord Jesus, Think on Me*

#599

**Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin;  
from selfish passions set me free and make me pure within.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me, by anxious thoughts oppressed;  
let me your loving servant be and taste your promised rest.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray;  
through darkness and perplexity point out your chosen way.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me, that when the flood is past,  
I may the eternal brightness see and share your joy at last.**

## 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.

God of mercy, you are in the midst of us and we are called by your name. Inspire your church to serve and love all people with the unceasing grace you extend to us.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of all creation, you have blanketed your land in the glorious colors of Autumn. Bless those who rake leaves just as you bless squirrels gathering acorns. Strengthen birds preparing to fly south for the winter. Preserve the beauty and diversity of all creatures with whom we share the earth. Lead us to protect all living things.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of peace, you are an ever-present help in times of trouble. Rescue families and nations torn apart by violence and warfare, especially your people in Ukraine. Unite all people toward common goals of reconciliation and peace for every person.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of hope, you stand with the suffering and give strength. Comfort your people filled with fear or anger, anxiety or shame, depression or grief. Make a way for all those suffering with mental health issues to find treatment no matter their age, economic status, gender, sexuality, or skin color. Bring healing to all in need. We pray especially for those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ...

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of healing, you bring healing and comfort to the sick. Be a comfort to those suffering from seasonal or chronic illness. Sustain nurses, doctors, caregivers, and chaplains as they devote their time and energy to the ill and dying. With flu season upon us, we pray for the effectiveness of the flu vaccine. Shield the vulnerable and protect the elderly. We pray especially for those who stand in special need of your healing ...

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of restoration, you call us to trust in you and not ourselves alone. Make this congregation a community of humility, repentance, justice, and truth. Ready us to encounter you in love and follow in your ways. Continue opening our eyes to see those who hurt around us, including those we may have hurt ourselves. Make this a safe community for all who are marginalized and oppressed, our black and brown siblings, those suffering with food insecurity, the queer community, your Jewish children, and all who society ignores and abuses. Guide us to do your work in being an answer to prayer in the world around us.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of eternal life, to you be the glory forever. We give you thanks for all who have fought the good fight, finished the race, kept the faith, and now live with you.

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

*Kyrie*  
by John Leavitt

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.**

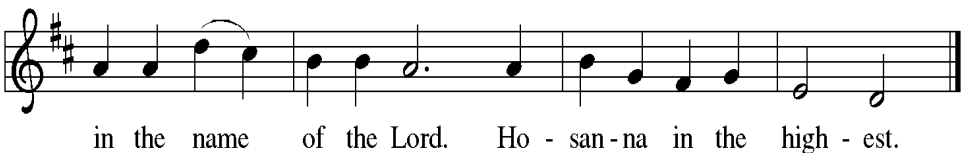
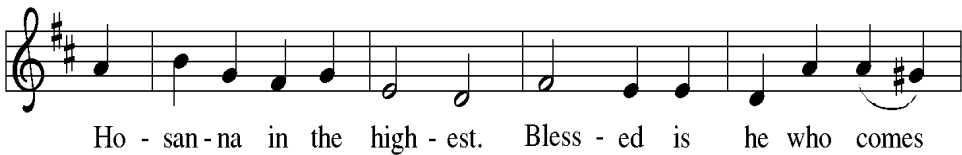
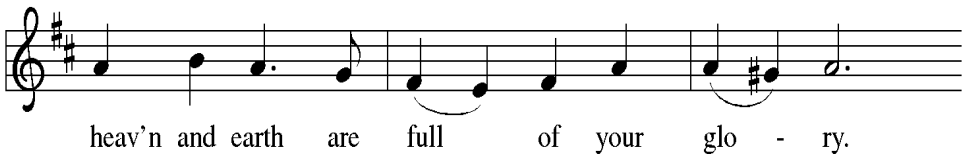
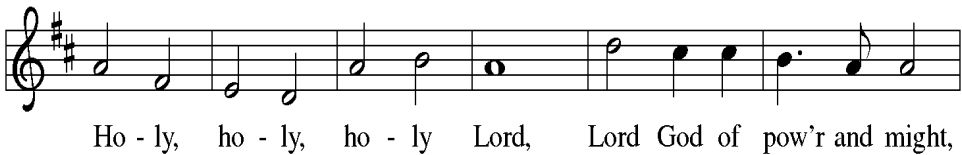
Lift up your hearts.

**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.**

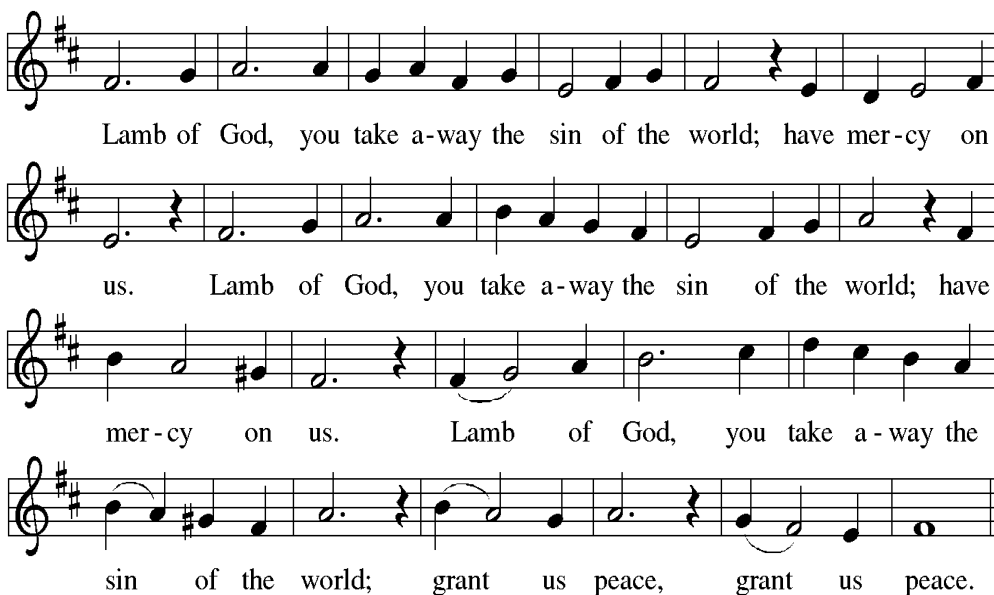
*Please be seated*

## 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.*

*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.

*In the Singing*

#466

**In the singing, in the silence, in the hands expectant, open,  
in the blessing, in the breaking, in your presence at the table,**

*Refrain*

***Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace;  
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.***

**In the question, in the answer, in the moment of acceptance,  
in the heart's cry, in the healing, in the circle of your people. *Refrain***

*Refrain*

**Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.**

**You are the potter; I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray. *Refrain***

*In All Our Grief*

**In all our grief and fear we turn to you.  
O God, you know all that we think or do,  
you know the pain we put each other through.**

*Refrain*

**Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, grant us peace.**

**Help us to put aside the angry word,  
the clenching fist, the wish and will to hurt.  
Teach us the way in which love best is served. *Refrain***

**You did not even spare your only Son.  
He lived our griefs and bore all evil done,  
but through his cross, redemption has been won. *Refrain***

**God, when we suffer all that we can bear,  
then let us know that you in truth are near  
and will not leave us lost in all our fear. *Refrain***

*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.  
Open your eyes.  
Love your neighbor.  
See the humanity in all human beings.

**Thanks be to God.**

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



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