



LUTHERAN CHURCH 1909
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THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 13, 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 her son, Charles Wood, by Joe and Merry Mulcahy.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister	Susan Crowell
Preaching	Jim Parham
Assisting Minister	Nick Arnold
Pianist and Choir Director	Jim Parham
Lector	Josh Warner
Cantor	Jeff Rehm
Prayers	Ida Blalock
Acolytes	Bethany Hybl
Greeters	Mark Allen Joanne Jones Lani Ludian Linda Morgan Melanie Wessinger
Ushers	Pattimarie Janssen David Potts
Refreshment Hosts	Terry Morgan Suzanne Rudisill
Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Gregg Alley

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
who redeems us in Christ Jesus,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
and our neighbors.
We have ignored voices
that call for your justice.
We have neglected actions
that witness to your righteousness.
We have spoken and acted
in ways that disrupt your beloved community.
We truly repent of things we have done
and left undone.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Restore our troubled spirits,
so that we may live in newness,
follow the way of the Spirit,
and build up the body of Christ.
Amen.**

Rejoice and be glad!

God hears the prayers of all who cry out,
and restores us to life through the death
and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the ✚ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

**My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?**

Refrain

***My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.***

**Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about turn. *Refrain***

**From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. *Refrain***

**Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us from conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God who is turning the world around. *Refrain***

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 God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING

Malachi 4:1-2

A reading from Malachi.

¹See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in her wings.

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

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made | known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing. R**

⁵Sing to the LORD | with the harp,
with the harp and the | voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound | of the horn
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,
the world and those who | dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers | clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to | judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peo- | ples with equity. **R**

A reading from Second Thessalonians.

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The Word of God for the people of God.

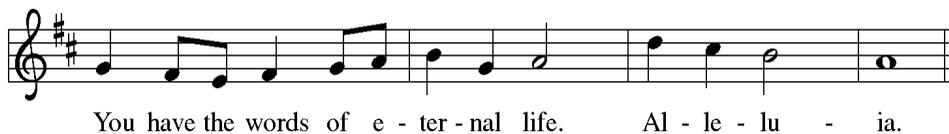
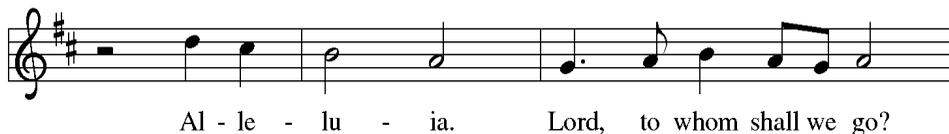
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Fresh on Me

Please stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the twenty-first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ Some disciples were speaking of how the Temple was adorned with precious stones and votive offerings. Jesus said, ⁶ “You see all these things? The day will come when one stone won’t be left on top of another—everything will be torn down.” ⁷ They asked, “When will this happen, Rabbi? And what will be the sign that it’s about to happen?” ⁸ Jesus said, “Take care not to be misled. Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the One’ and ‘The time is at hand.’ Don’t follow them. ⁹ And don’t be perturbed when you hear of wars and insurrections. These things must happen first, but the end doesn’t follow immediately.” ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and empire against empire. ¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, plagues and famines in various places—and in the sky there will be frightening omens and great signs. ¹² But before any of this, they’ll arrest you and persecute you, bringing you before synagogues and sending you to prison, bringing you to trial before rulers and governors. And it will all be because of my name—¹³ this will be your opportunity to give your testimony. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to worry about your defense beforehand, ¹⁵ for I’ll give you the words, and a wisdom that none of your adversaries can take exception to or contradict. ¹⁶ You’ll be betrayed even by your parents, brothers, sisters, relatives and friends, and some of you will be put to death. ¹⁷ Everyone will hate you because of me, ¹⁸ yet not a hair of your head will be harmed. ¹⁹ By patient endurance, you’ll save your lives.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

“Garbage...or Compost”

Please stand as able

**Through the night of doubt and sorrow, onward
goes the pilgrim band, singing songs of expectation,
marching to the promised land. Clear before
us through the darkness gleams and burns the
guiding light; pilgrim clasps the hand of
pilgrim stepping fearless through the night.**

**One the light of God's own presence on the
ransomed people shed, chasing far the gloom and
terror, bright'ning all the path we tread. One the
object of our journey, one the faith which
never tires, one the earnest looking
forward, one the hope our God inspires.**

**One the strain that lips of thousands lift as
from the heart of one; one the conflict, one the
peril, one the march in God begun. One the
gladness of rejoicing on the far
eternal shore, where the one almighty
Father reigns in love forevermore.**

**Onward, therefore, sisters, brothers; onward,
with the cross our aid. Bear its shame, and fight its
battle till we rest beneath its shade. Soon shall
come the great awak'ning; soon the rending
of the tomb! Then the scatt'ring of all
shadows, and the end of toil and gloom.**

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

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

Reviving God, keep your church active in its mission and ministry. Encourage bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders to risk boldly in their proclamation and fill them with endurance for challenging times. Grant wisdom in decision making and effectiveness in decision implementing. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Renewing God, as the northern hemisphere prepares for winter, grant your creation the gift of quiet peace. Provide safety to the white-tailed deer crossing roads in search of more food. Help the Carolina Wrens make their way to comfortable nest boxes to shelter them for the cold that is coming. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Loving God, accompany all who make sacrifices for the sake of others. Safeguard first responders and active-duty military personnel. Grant peace to veterans and heal any wounds in body, mind, or spirit. Bring an end to wars so that, in the years to come, the term "veteran" will be a memory of brave people from a time passed. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Healing God, your people cry out to you. Sustain doctors, nurses, and hospital personnel in their tireless work. Bring healing to infants, toddlers, and young children who are experiencing increased exposure to RSV, COVID, and flu. Uphold mental health professionals and those in their care. Guide those in need of mental health services towards the help and healing you provide through counselors, therapists, and psychiatrists. May the sun of righteousness rise on all who are sick, especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Life-giving God, you breathe life into each human you create. Help the world to see you in each other. We pray especially for transgender women of color who continue to experience injustice, violence, and death at an alarmingly high rate. Bring justice, equity, and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Uniting God, unite this assembly in its shared mission and ministry for the sake of the gospel. Help this congregation follow your call to be a true and steadfast refuge for those who are so often left out, forgotten, and abused. Highlight ways we can better work together and give us patience to work through disagreement. When divisions arise over who we proclaim you love, bring the extraordinary gift of your love to all and remind us of its power. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Consoling God, abide with all who grieve for loved ones who have died. Comfort us with the promise of resurrection and new life with you. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

All are encouraged to share a sign of peace.

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

O Love
by Elaine Hagenberg

Adult Choir

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thy ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Joy that seeks me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be. (George Matheson)

**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. Blessed are you,

Maker of all things.

As you have entrusted us with all that you have created,

now gather our gifts,

nourish us with this sacrament,

and send us to those who hunger and thirst,

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

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;

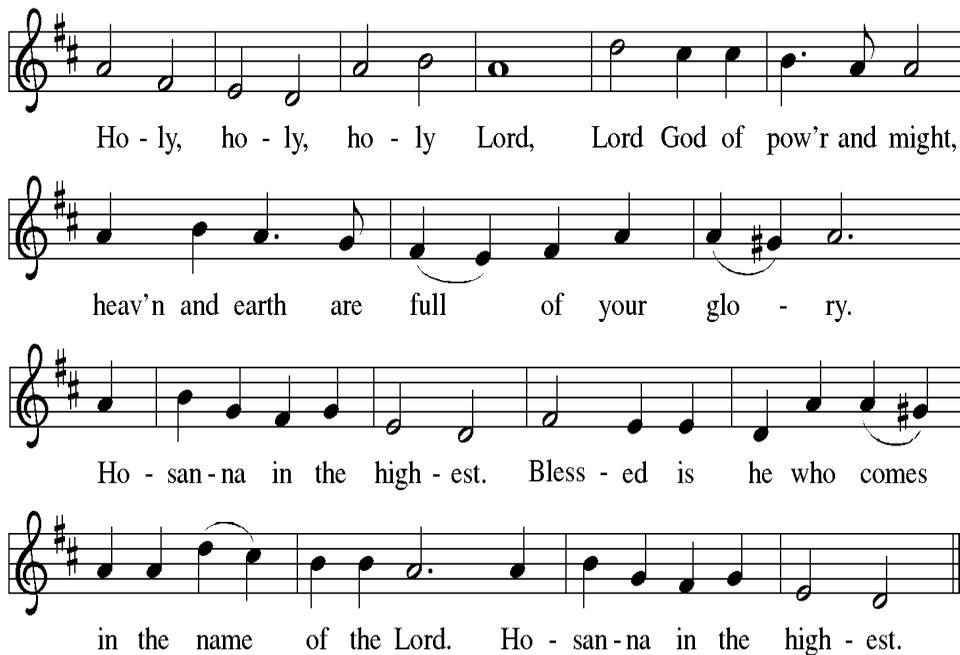
who on this day overcame death and the grave,

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.**

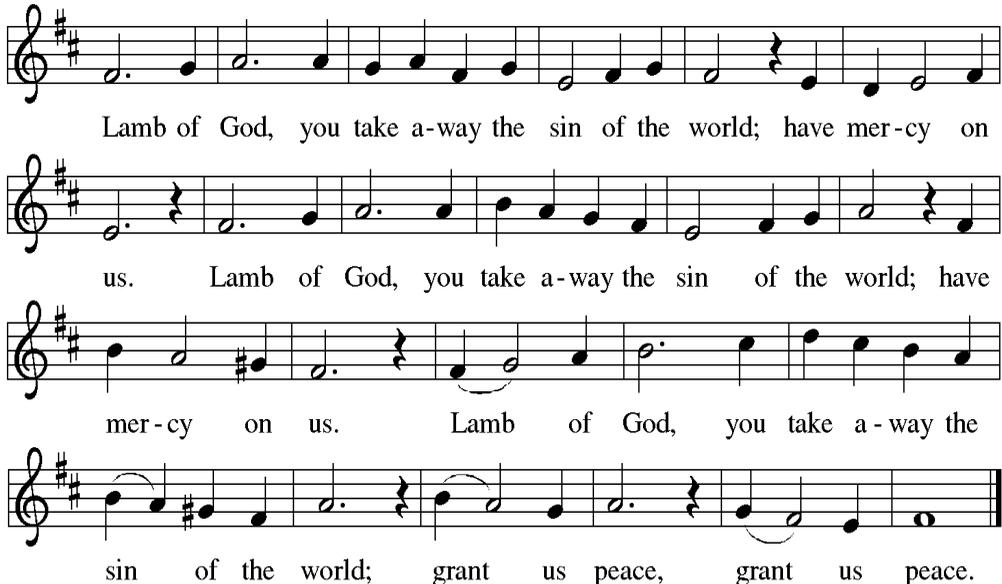
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COMMUNION

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.

**Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we are goin' to see the King!**

**No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we are goin' to see the King!**

**No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we are goin' to see the King!**

**Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.**

How Firm a Foundation

**How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**

**“Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”**

**“When through fi'ry trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply.
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.”**

**“Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove
my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.”**

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

We give you thanks, most gracious God,
that you have fed us with the bread of heaven
and given us a foretaste of Paradise.

Enliven us to be your body in the world
and to serve those who are in need;
through 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

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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. Be a blessing in the world.

Thanks be to God.

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

Canticle of the Turning

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