



LUTHERAN CHURCH 1909

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## REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

November 20, 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 by Bill and Sarah Weeks.

## SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister and Preaching	Susan Crowell
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Lector	John Beckford
Cantor	Russ Wise
Prayers	Donna Potts
Acolyte	Abby Sease
Greeters	Anne Harmon David Nichols Karen Nichols Chris Sullivan Terri Sullivan Dora Welch
Ushers	Carol Elliott Calvin Harmon David Potts Franklin Sease
Thanksgiving Meal Hosts	Parish Life Committee
Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Gregg Alley

# GATHERING

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

*Please stand as able*

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.**

**We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.**

**We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;  
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.  
When perils o'er take us, you will not forsake us,  
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.**

**With voices united our praises we offer  
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.  
To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!**

## 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.**

# CANTICLE 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

Let us pray. Mothering and Fathering God, we give thanks for Jesus, the ruler of the world, the one who judges us all with grace, mercy, and love and whose joy it is to offer forgiveness to all. Hold before us always the hope and promise of Paradise. Comfort and strengthen us with the knowledge that both in this life and the life to come we rest securely in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord who reigns over all, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## WORD

### FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>1</sup> Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep in my pasture! declares God. <sup>2</sup> Thus says God, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who are tending my people: You have scattered my flock and driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I am about to attend to you for the evil of your deeds, declares God. <sup>3</sup> Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their own pasture, and they will be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup> I will also raise up shepherds who will look after them and pasture them. They will no longer be afraid or terrified nor will any be missing, declares God. <sup>5</sup> Behold, the days are coming, declares God, when I will raise up for the house of David a righteous branch, who will reign as a true ruler and act wisely, and do what is just and right in the land. <sup>6</sup> In those days, Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. This is the Name on which they will call: God, Our Justice.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm  
 Refrain



Psalm  
 Tone



- <sup>1</sup>God is our ref- | uge and strength,  
 a very present | help in trouble.
- <sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,  
 and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;**
- <sup>3</sup>though its waters | rage and foam,  
 and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.
- <sup>4</sup>**There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,  
 the holy habitation of | the Most High.**
- <sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;  
 God shall help it at the | break of day.
- <sup>6</sup>**The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;  
 God speaks, and the earth | melts away. R**
- <sup>7</sup>The LORD of | hosts is with us;  
 the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
- <sup>8</sup>**Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,  
 what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;**
- <sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;  
 who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.
- <sup>10</sup>**Be still, then, and know that | I am God;  
 I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth.”**
- <sup>11</sup>The LORD of | hosts is with us;  
 the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. **R**

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:11-20

A reading from Colossians.

<sup>11</sup> And by the might of God's glory you will be endowed with the strength needed to stand fast and endure joyfully whatever may happen. <sup>12</sup> Thanks be to God for having made you worthy to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light! <sup>13</sup> God rescued us from the authority of darkness and brought us into the reign of Jesus, God's Only Begotten. <sup>14</sup> And it is through Jesus that we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. <sup>15</sup> Christ is the image of the unseen God and the firstborn of all creation, <sup>16</sup> for in Christ were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers—all things were created through Christ and for Christ. <sup>17</sup> Before anything was created, Christ existed, and all things hold together in Christ. <sup>18</sup> The church is the body; Christ is its head. Christ is the Beginning, the firstborn from the dead, and so Christ is first in every way. <sup>19</sup> God wanted all perfection to be found in Christ, <sup>20</sup> and all things to be reconciled to God through Christ everything in heaven and everything on earth when Christ made peace by dying on the cross.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*We All Are Neighbors Here*

*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 twenty-third chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>33</sup> When they had reached the place called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there together with two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup> And Jesus said, “God forgive them. They do not know what they are doing.” Then they divided his garments, rolling dice for them. <sup>35</sup> The people stood there watching. The rulers, however, jeered him and said, “He saved others, let him save himself if he really is the Messiah of God, the Chosen One!” <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him. They served Jesus sour wine <sup>37</sup> and said, “If you are really the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup> There was an inscription above Jesus that read, “This is the King of the Jews.” <sup>39</sup> One of the bandits who hung there beside him insulted Jesus, too, saying, “Are you really the Messiah? Then save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup> But the other answered the first with a rebuke: “Don’t you even fear God? <sup>41</sup> We are only paying the price for what we have done, but this one has done nothing wrong!” <sup>42</sup> Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.” <sup>43</sup> Jesus replied, “Truly I tell you, is, today you will be with me in Paradise!”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

*The Promise of Paradise*

*Please stand as able*

**O Christ, what can it mean for us to claim you as our king? What royal face have you revealed whose praise the church would sing? Aspiring not to glory's height, to power, wealth, and fame, you walked a different, lowly way, another's will your aim.**

**You came, the image of our God, to heal and to forgive, to shed your blood for sinners' sake that we might rise and live. To break the law of death you came, the law of love to bring: a different rule of righteousness, a different kind of king.**

**Though some would make their greatness felt and lord it over all, you said the first must be the last and service be our call. O Christ, in workplace, church, and home, let none to power cling; for still, through us, you come to serve, a different kind of king.**

**You chose a humble human form and shunned the world's renown; you died for us upon a cross with thorns your only crown. But still, beyond the span of years, our glad hosannas ring, for now at God's right hand you reign, a different kind of king!**

## 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.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for Christ's reign in the church. Embolden denominations and faith-based organizations in creative and collaborative ministries and increase our work for the sake of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for Christ's reign over all creation. Protect your creation in its many forms from the harm and abuse it endures. As we celebrate Thanksgiving, we give you thanks for the abundant table your creation sets for us. For the turkeys and the sweet potatoes; for the green beans and the cranberries; for the grains milled into flour used to make pie crusts; with each taste we thank you, our magnificent creator. Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for Christ to reign with all who are undermined or oppressed. Amplify the voices of the unheard and break open stubborn systems of injustice. Lead your people towards a full understanding of what it means to be inclusive as we work to welcome members of the LGBTQIA+ community and all those who have felt they do not have a place at your table. Bring about your righteousness and fill us all with your redeeming light. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for Christ to reign with those who face illness. Bring healing where it be your will. Comfort families and friends who sit with the sick and the dying. We pray especially for those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Lord in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for Christ's reign within this congregation. Guide our pastors, deacon, lay leaders, and council members in discernment. Nurture the ministries of all the believers who gather in this place, that we may be equipped to live out and share your good news. Give this congregation a spirit of discipleship and service. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for our Native American siblings. During this Native American Heritage Month, help us to pause and reflect on the rich histories and cultures of the indigenous people who occupied these lands long before there was an "America." We especially honor the Eastern Cherokee Tribe who occupied the very land on which we now stand long before Trinity was founded. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for all who have died in the faith. Console us who mourn and comfort us with the beautiful promise of life in your kingdom. 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

*Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise*  
by Carl Schalk

Adult Choir

**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;

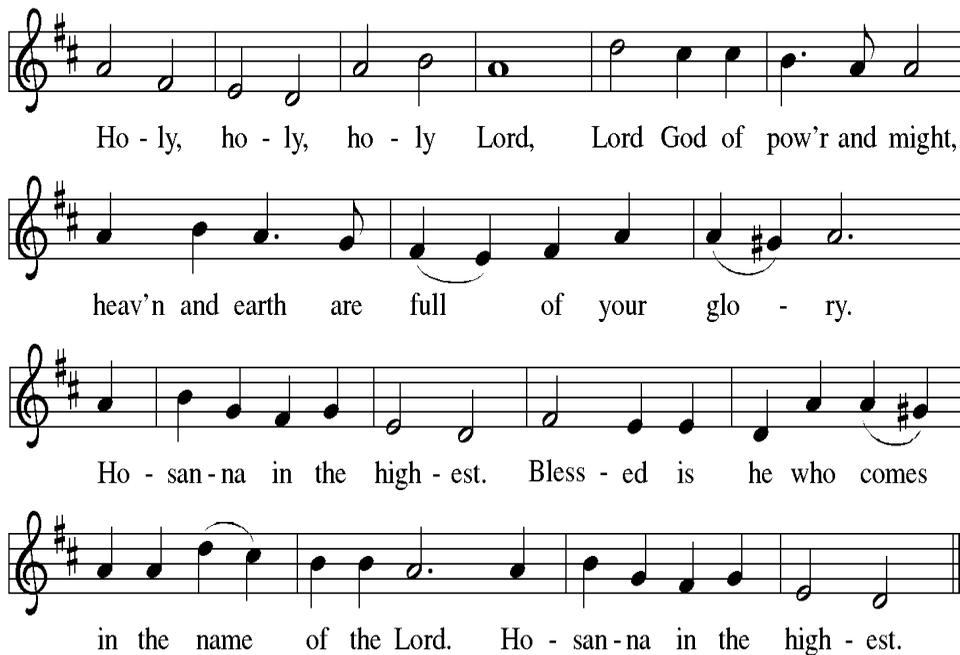
who on this day overcame death and the grave,

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.**

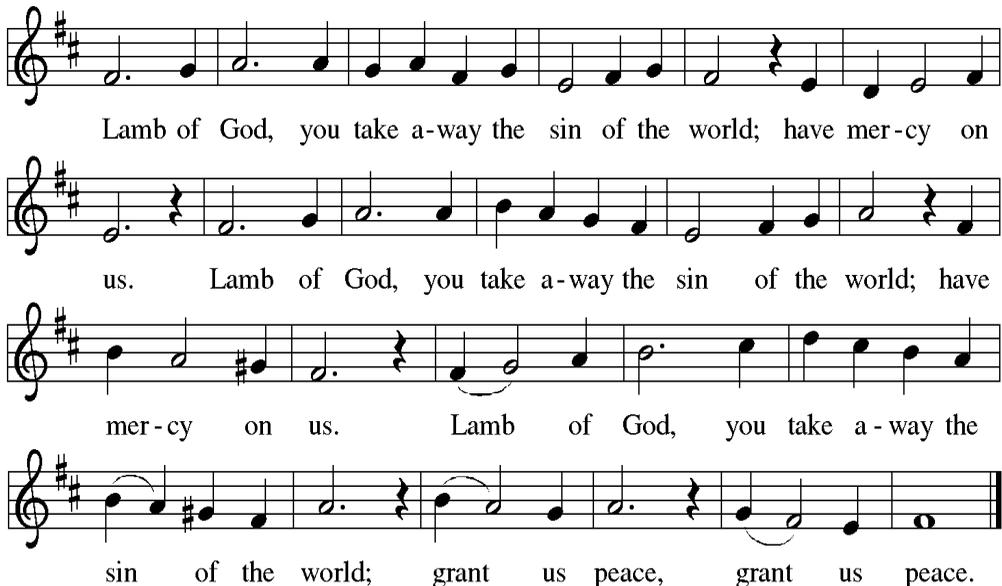
*Please be seated*

## 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.

*My Song Is Love Unknown*

#343

Grace Butler, viola; Heather Kleckley, cello;  
Johanna Lewis, flute; Mary Beth Ridenhour, Violin

**My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown that they might  
lovely be. Oh, who am I that for  
my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?**

**He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow;  
the world that was his own would not its  
Savior know. But, oh, my friend, my  
friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!**

**Sometimes we strew his way and his sweet praises sing;  
resounding all the day hosannas  
to our king. Then "Crucify!" is  
all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.**

**We cry out, we will have our dear Lord made away,  
a murderer to save, the prince of  
life to slay. Yet cheerful he to  
suff'ring goes that he his foes from thence might free.**

**In life no house, no home my Lord on earth might have;  
in death no friendly tomb but what  
a stranger gave. What may I say?  
Heav'n was his home but mine the tomb wherein he lay.**

**Here might I stay and sing— no story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King, never was  
grief like thine. This my friend,  
in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend!**

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

#545

**Lord, dismiss us with your blessing, fill out hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.  
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.**

**Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.**

**Savior when your love shall call us from our struggling pilgrim way,  
let no fear of death appall us glad your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.**

*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*

#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. Be a blessing in the world.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Everyone is invited to gather in the Gym  
following worship for a Community Thanksgiving Meal.*



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