



Consecration Sunday

*So we today first fruits
would bring...*



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



CONSECRATION SUNDAY THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 8, 2023 - 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 their parents by Pat and Linda Morgan.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister	Susan Crowell
Preaching	Andrew Steele
Assisting Minister	Patrick Preacher
Organist and Choir Director	Jim Parham
Cantors	Bob and Sheryl Schirmer
Lector	Dean Hybl
Prayers	Lindsay Hawkins
Acolytes	Nate Hybl Dan Harewood-Thomas
Children's Worship Activity Leaders	Heather Fanning Margaret Roth Beth Hill
Praying for Possibilities	Chris Sullivan
Greeters	Bonnie Farmer Angie Hager Emily Hager Anne Harmon Pattimarie Janssen Brandy Merritt Chris Sorenson
Ushers	Richard Delap Carol Elliott Wayne Landreth David Potts
Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Gregg Alley

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

Please stand as able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God,
the one who forms us,
✠ Jesus who bears the cross,
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility,
confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God,
**you have revealed the ways of justice,
yet we fail to follow you.
We are overwhelmed
by the world's violence and suffering.
We are afraid to risk what we have
for the sake of others.
For the harm we have caused,
known and unknown, forgive us.
For the unjust demands we place on others
and your creation, forgive us.
For the ways we turn away
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.
Lead us back to you
and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.
God's compassion is beyond compare.
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.
In ✠ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.
Amen.

**The trumpets sound, the angels sing, the feast is
ready to begin. The gates of heav'n are open wide,
and Jesus welcomes you inside.**

Refrain

***Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin; the feast is ready to begin.***

**Tables are laden with good things; oh, taste the
peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love divine;
he'll turn your water into wine. *Refrain***

**The hungry heart he satisfies, offers the
poor his paradise. Now hear all heav'n and earth applaud
the amazing goodness of the Lord. *Refrain***

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



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of plenty, we give thanks today for the generous provision that you provide for all people on Earth. Remind us that the problem of scarcity does not come from divine provision, but rather from human division. Help us to see with clarity that all the blessings in our lives, including financial blessings, are a gift and trust from you. Keep our hearts and minds free from worry about tomorrow, free from the fear of not having enough, of not being enough. Help us to release our worry and fear and to trust that you will always provide for our every need, that you will give us the courage to practice joyful generosity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 41:8-10

A reading from Isaiah.

⁸But you, Israel my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, offspring of Abraham, whom I love, ⁹you whom I took from the ends of the earth and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, "You are my servant; I chose you and did not reject you": ¹⁰Do not fear, because I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you; I will hold you with my righteous strong hand.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction.

Psalm Refrain



Look down from heav'n, O God; be - hold and tend this vine.

Psalm Tone



⁷Restore us, O | God of hosts;

let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

⁸**You have brought a vine | out of Egypt;**
you cast out the nations and | planted it.

⁹You cleared the | ground for it;
 it took root and | filled the land.

¹⁰**The mountains were covered | by its shadow**
and the towering cedar trees | by its boughs. R

¹¹You stretched out its tendrils | to the sea
 and its branches | to the river.

¹²**Why have you broken | down its wall,**
so that all who pass by pluck | off its grapes?

¹³The wild boar of the forest has | ravaged it,
 and the beasts of the field have | grazed upon it.

¹⁴**Turn now, O | God of hosts,**
look | down from heaven;

¹⁵behold and | tend this vine;
 preserve what your right | hand has planted. **R**

A reading from Philippians.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of God for the people of God.

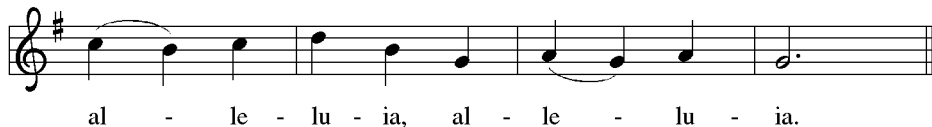
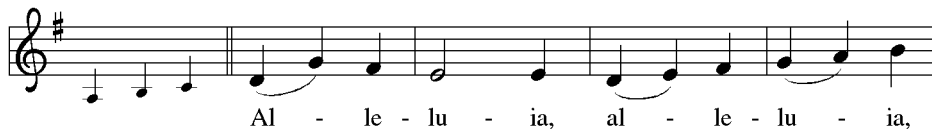
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Andrew Steele

Please stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Repeat alleluia



The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly parent feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will God not much more clothe you — you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly parent knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kin-dom of God and God's righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

Andrew Steele

Please stand as able

Refrain

Let us go now to the banquet, to the feast of the universe. The table's set and a place is waiting; come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.

I will rise in the early morning; the community's waiting for me. With a spring in my step I'm walking with my friends and my family. *Refrain*

God invites all the poor and hungry to the banquet of justice and good where the harvest will not be hoarded so that no one will lack for food. *Refrain*

May we build such a place among us where all people are equal in love. God has called us to work together and to share ev'rything we have. *Refrain*

Please be seated

PRESENTATION OF COMMITMENTS

At the direction of the ushers, worshipers will bring commitments forward and place them in the basket.

Please stand as able

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God of all grace, you are the source of life and joy. Strengthen the resolve of your church throughout the world, that together we press on toward the goal of your heavenly call in Jesus Christ. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of all creation, you plant and nourish the earth as your own precious vineyard. Bless fields and orchards and the hands of those who labor in them so that your people are fed with an abundant harvest of good fruit. Guide us toward more sustainable ways of growing and raising food. Use us to create new solutions to make sure all of your people are well fed. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of all the earth, you desire peace and justice between nations and peoples. Guide leaders of nations, states, provinces, and cities, that they faithfully govern your people with wisdom, integrity, and compassion. Grant peace to our country as political and legal battles rage.

Encourage each of us to regularly step away from news and social media to rest our minds and to support positive mental health. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of all compassion, in Christ, you lovingly poured yourself out like wine for your people. Have mercy on all who mourn, who struggle with physical or mental health, who cry out for justice, who hunger, and all in any need. We pray especially for those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of abundance, all that we have comes from you. Today we celebrate Consecration Sunday, joyfully committing portions of our resources back to you. Help us to do so with joyful and generous hearts. As we commit to funding your missions and ministries in this place, set our eyes and our hearts on your kin-dom. Guide us to faithfully return the gifts you have given each of us back to you in ways that are fruitful and live-giving for the church, the world, and therefore your people. Use our resources to further your inclusive, expansive gospel message. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of all steadfastness, you set Christ as the cornerstone and foundation of the church. Build up this congregation as living stones so that we stand in the community as a witness to your enduring faithfulness and love. Make us a fortress for those the world rejects or persecutes. Gift us with the ability to steward the good news of your saving grace in ways that are inclusive of the LGBTQIA+ community and all who have or continue to be hurt by religious systems. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of land and sea, you placed us in this beautifully watered garden we call earth. As we remember Indigenous People's Day tomorrow, grant us the courage to wrestle with the truth of what happened to the indigenous people of these lands when European explorers arrived. In this place, we pray especially for the Cherokee people to whom this land belonged centuries before Trinity was built. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of all hope, the saints who came before us lived and died with their hearts fixed on you. We give you thanks for their faithful witness, and we wait with hope for the great day when we join their voices in praise. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ is with you always.
And also with you.

Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated

MEAL

ANTHEM

Bless the Lord, My Soul
by Dan R. Edwards

Adult Choir

Please stand as able.

OFFERING HYMN

As Saints of Old
(verse 1)

#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. God of power, God of plenty,
all things belong to you.
We bring your gifts to the table,
that all might be fed.
Form us into the body of your Beloved,
Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

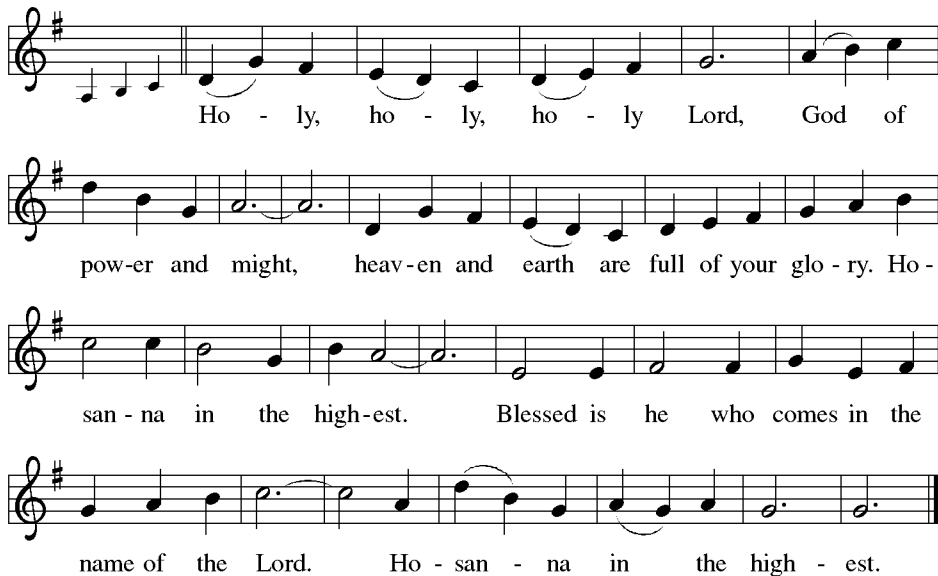
Lift up your hearts.

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:



The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Blessed 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.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Please be seated

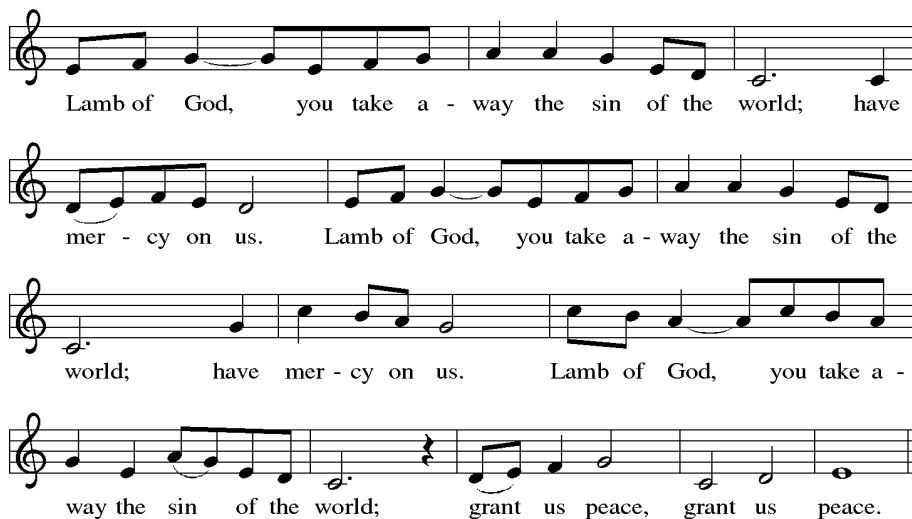
COMMUNION

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.

Gluten free wafers are available.

*Worshippers will come forward at the direction of the ushers to receive a wafer
and dip it in the wine to receive communion by Intinction.*

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.

Earth and all Stars!

#731

**Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!
Sing to the Lord a new song!**

Refrain

God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!

**Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute and lyre! Loud humming cellos!
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain***

**Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Limestone and beams! Loud building workers!
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain***

**Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and band! Loud cheering people!
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain***

**Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son! Loud praying members!
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain***

**God whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you, off'ring up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.**

**Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.**

**Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through pow'rs your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.**

I Am the Bread of Life

#485

**"I am the Bread of Life. You who
come to me shall not hunger, and who
believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
me unless the Father beckons,"**

Refrain

***"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day."***

**"The bread that I will give is my
flesh for the life of the world, and if you
eat of this bread, you shall live
forever, you shall live forever." *Refrain***

**"Unless you eat of the flesh
of the Son of Man and
drink of his blood, and drink of his
blood, you shall not have life within you." *Refrain***

**"I am the resurrection, I am the life.
If you believe in me, even though you die,
you shall live forever." *Refrain***

**Yes, Lord, I believe that
you are the Christ, the Son of God,
who have come into the world. *Refrain***

**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 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.**

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

**We are praying—— oo——
we are praying in the light of God.
We are praying—— oo——
we are praying 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.**

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

Blessed be your name, O God,
for we have feasted on your Word,
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.
Strengthened by this food,
send us to gather the world to your banquet,
where none are left out and all are satisfied.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of glory,
✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the Spirit who lives in you,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

#547

**Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls
reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all.
Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.
With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face—
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children, the whole human race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now
lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace.
Be free from worry and fear.
Trust in God's provision.
Give generously.
Live boldly.
Love extravagantly.
Work for justice.
Embrace this beautiful life that God in Christ gives to you.
Thanks be to God.

Everyone is invited to gather in the Gym for a celebration luncheon.

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

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