



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 12, 2023 - 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 their grandparents by Brian and Karen Craig.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister	Jim Parham
Preaching	Patrick Preacher
Pianist and Choir Director	Shelton Love
Cantors	Lani and Russ Wise
Lector	Calvin Harmon
Prayers	Lisa Rehm
Acolytes	Jenna Mast and Peyton Roth
Communion Assistant	Penny Bostain
Children's Worship Activity Leaders	Amanda Cook Teresa Harrington Zerle Hubbard
Praying for Possibilities	Tara Miller
Greeters	Angie Hager Tara Miller Cathy O'Neill Pat O'Neill Vicki Rubenstein Sarah Weeks
Ushers	Steve Boguski Richard Delap Calvin Harmon David Potts
Fellowship Hosts	Lisa and Jeff Rehm
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,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

we confess that we are not awake for you.

We are not faithful in using your gifts.

We forget the least of our siblings.

We do not see your beautiful image in one another.

We are infected by sin

that divides your beloved community.

Open our hearts to your coming,

open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,

open our hands to serve your creation.

Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children,
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through ✚ Jesus you are forgiven,

by Jesus you are welcome,

in Jesus you are called to rejoice!

Let us live in the promises prepared for us

from the foundation of the world.

Amen.

**Let justice flow like streams of sparkling water pure,
enabling growth, refreshing life, abundant, cleansing, sure.**

**Let righteousness roll on as others' cares we heed,
an ever flowing stream of faith translated into deed.**

**So may God's plumb line, straight, define our measure true,
and justice, right, and peace pervade this world our whole life through.**

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING

Amos 5:18-24

A reading from Amos.

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of GOD!

Why do you want the day of GOD?

It is darkness, not light;

¹⁹as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

²⁰Is not the day of GOD darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

I will not look upon.

²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

The Word of God for the people of God.

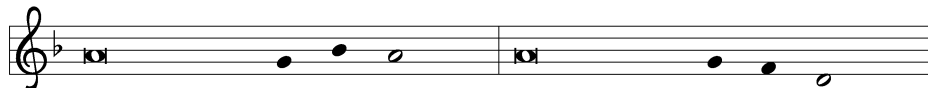
Thanks be to God.

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

You are my help - er and my de - liv - er - er;



O Lord, do not tar - ry.

*Psalm
Tone*¹Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;

O LORD, make | haste to help me.

²**Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded;****let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be disgraced. R**³Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me

turn back because | of their shame.

⁴**Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;****let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the LORD!"**⁵But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God.You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, | do not tarry. **R**

A reading from first Thessalonians.

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Jesus Christ those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of Jesus Christ, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of Christ, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For Christ himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet Christ in the air; and so we will be with Christ forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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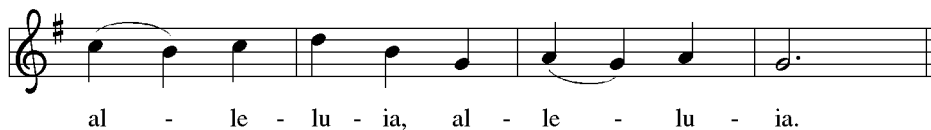
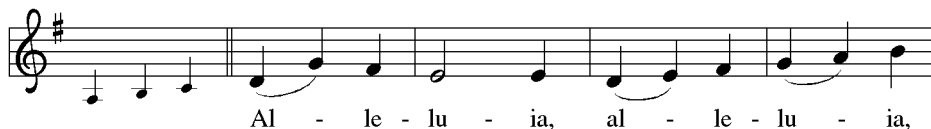
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CHILDREN'S SERMON

How to Light a Lamp

Please stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Repeat alleluia



The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew the twenty-fifth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Be prepared therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

Forgiving Mistakes

Please stand as able

**Wake, awake, for night is flying, the watchmen
on the heights are crying; awake, Jerusalem, at last.
Midnight hears the welcome voices, and at the
thrilling cry rejoices: "Come forth, you maidens! Night is past.
The bridegroom comes! Awake; your lamps with gladness take!"
Alleluia! Rise and prepare, the feast to share;
go, meet the bridegroom, who draws near.**

**Zion hears the watchmen singing, and all her
heart with joy is springing. She wakes, she rises from her gloom.
Her dear friend comes down, all glorious, the strong in
grace, in truth victorious; her star is ris'n; her light is come.
Now come, O Blessed One, Lord Jesus, God's own Son.
Sing hosanna! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
and follow to the banquet hall.**

**Gloria! Let heav'n adore you! Let saints and
angels sing before you, with harp and cymbal's clearest tone.
Gates of pearl, twelve portals gleaming, lead us to
bliss beyond all dreaming, with angel choirs around your throne.
No eye has caught the light, no ear the thund'ring might
of such glory. There we will go: what joy we'll know!
There sweet delight will ever flow.**

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

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

O God for whom we wait, come quickly to your people, bring your salvation, and center us in hope found only in you. Deepen our faith through meaningful worship and send us out with your justice and truth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God for whom we watch, we glimpse your power in rushing water and your beauty in the darkening night. Restore this creation. Provide clean water to all people and animals. Save us from foolish, wasteful living. Lead us toward new practices of sustainability and give us the stamina to keep those practices. Help us teach our children to care for your creation better than we have. We pray today especially for rain to extinguish fires in nearby Hendersonville. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God for whom we long, let justice roll down like waters on all nations. Bless citizens with wise leaders; save your children from war. With your justice, bring peace. Bring peace to Palestine, Israel, Russia, and Ukraine. We pray for the veterans of this community, that they are supported and loved. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God, in whom we hope, we pray for all who are in need. Provide for those who experience houselessness or hunger, support the under- or unemployed, and comfort any who are suffering this day, especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God for whom we listen, enrich the music ministry of our congregation. Fill our worship with songs to proclaim your greatness. Help us to sing and dance with joy and tell boldly of your salvation. Continue to inspire Pastor Parham as he is already preparing for meaningful Advent and Christmas worship. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God, in whom we find forgiveness, we thank you for your compassion, understanding, and forgiveness when we falter. Guide us towards right ways of living and following you, and help us to know how deeply we are loved when we make mistakes. Allow this community of faith to grow into an authenticity that will allow us to acknowledge mistakes and shortcomings as individuals and as a family of faith. As we strive to be a place of bold and radical welcome for the queer community, our downtown neighbors, and all others pushed to the margins of society, we know we will not always get it right. Remind us that even in those times, you celebrate us as beloved and journey with us on our way. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God, in whom we remain, we remember our loved ones who have died and now live in you. Bring comfort and the assurance of new life to all who grieve. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

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

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning
arranged by Andre Thomas
John Beckford, conga drums

Adult Choir

Please stand as able.

OFFERING HYMN

Soon and Very Soon
(verses 1-3)

#439

**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!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.**

God of all goodness,
**generations have turned to you,
gathered around your table,
and shared your abundant blessings.
Number us among them
that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,
and give thanks for your rich blessings,
we may feast upon your very self
and care for all that you have made,
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.
Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

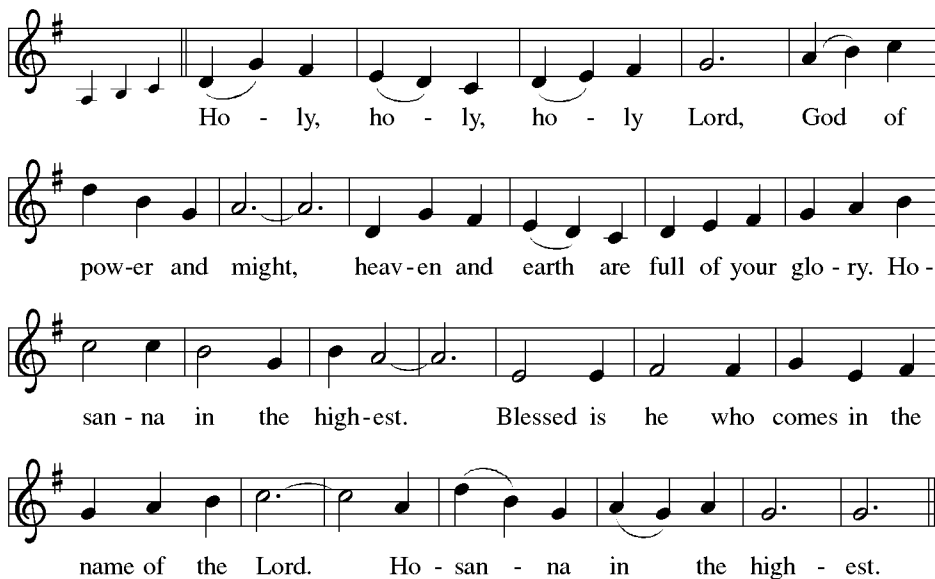
Lift up your hearts.

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:



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.

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

#244

**Rejoice rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
The bridegroom is arising and soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry.**

**The watchers on the mountain proclaim the bridegroom near;
go forth as he approaches with alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory; the bridegroom is at hand.**

**The saints, who here in patience their cross and suff'rings bore,
shall live and reign forever when sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory the Lamb they shall behold;
in triumph cast before him their diadems of gold.**

**Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
arise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption that sets your people free!**

**Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth;
give freedom's light to captives, let all the poor have worth.
The hungry's hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights,
the mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight.**

**Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron pow'r;
abolish ancient vengeance: proclaim your people's hour.**

**For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end,
for love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend.
Weave our varied gifts together; knit our lives as they are spun;
on your loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run.
O great weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one;
dye our texture with your radiance, light our colors with your sun.**

**Your city's built to music; we are the stones you seek;
your harmony is language; we are the words you speak.
Our faith we find in service, our hope in others' dreams,
our love in hand of neighbor; our homeland brightly gleams.
Inscribe our hearts with justice; your way the path untried;
your truth— the heart of stranger; your life— the Crucified.**

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

#488

**Soul adorn yourself with gladness, leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
come into the daylight's splendor, there with joy your praises render.
Bless the one whose grace unbounded this amazing banquet founded;
Christ, though heav'nly, high, and holy, deigns to dwell with you most lowly.**

**Hasten as a bride to meet him, eagerly and gladly greet him.
There he stands already knocking; quickly, now, your gate unlocking,
open wide the fast closed portal, saying to the Lord immortal:
"Come, and leave your loved one never; dwell within my heart forever."**

**Now in faith I humbly ponder over this surpassing wonder
that the bread of life is boundless though the souls it feeds are countless;
with the choicest wine of heaven Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation, pledge and seal of my salvation.**

**Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, truest friend, and dearest treasure,
peace beyond all understanding, joy unto all life expanding:
humbly now, I bow before you, love incarnate, I adore you;
worthily let me receive you, and, so favored, never leave you.**

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

Lord Jesus,
in this simple meal you have set a banquet.
Sustain us on the journey,
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,
and give us glad and generous hearts
as we meet you on the way.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

May the God of all creation,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved,
who strengthens us for service,
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessing of God,
Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit,
be with you today and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand
(verses 1-2)

#441

**Oh, happy day when we shall stand amid the
heav'nly throng; and sing with hosts from ev'ry land the
new celestial song, the new celestial song.**

**Oh, blessed day when Christ shall come and show himself
as Lord, and thousands meet in their new home which
Jesus has prepared, which Jesus has prepared.**

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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

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