





# TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 13, 2024 - 10:00 AM - in the Sanctuary H

# 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 his wife, Shirley, by Wayne Mangels.

# SERVING TODAY

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Presiding Minister	Susan Crowell
Preaching	Jackie Utley
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Organist and Choir Director	Jim Parham
Lector	Carl Brune
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Communion Assistant	Penny Bostain
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Nursery	Karen Craig
Praying for Possibilities	Chris Sullivan
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Ushers	Carol Elliott Calvin Harmon David Potts Franklin Sease
Fellowship Hosts	Stewardship Committee
Video Audio	Henry Wilcox Gregg Alley

# GATHERING

#### PRELUDE

#### WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

Please stand as able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.** 

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

#### Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but often fail to share the gifts you have abundantly bestowed upon us. We are quick to believe the lie of scarcity the world has taught us. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. We hoard up riches and treasures for ourselves. In our fear and doubt, we have held back our gifts of time and talent, often feeling that what we have to offer is unworthy. We have forsaken our call to steward your creation with love, care, and attention. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the generous way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Beloved of God, hear the good news of the gospel: In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Through his death and resurrection, you are reconciled. Receive the forgiveness that Christ offers. Continue in the assurance of God's grace. **Amen.**  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.

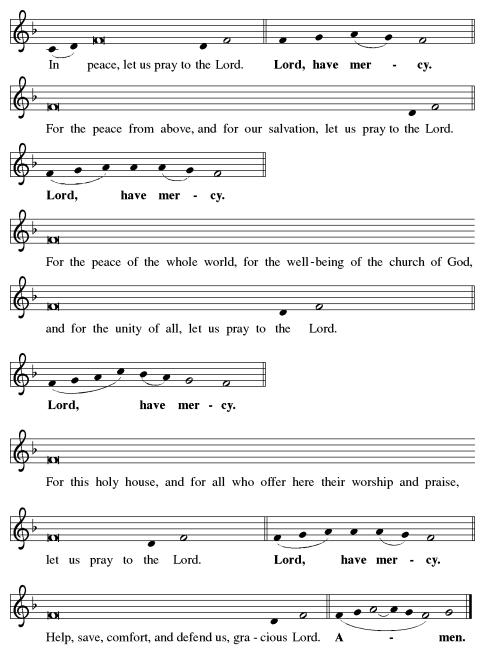
A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give; to make our life an offering to God, that all may live. The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true: a world redeemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way. O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son, teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

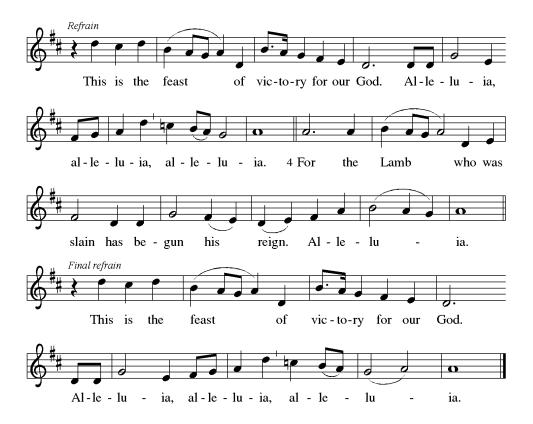
#### GREETING

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.** 

**K**YRIE







#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Gracious and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy. Set our hearts upon you and your saving message, sending us out to serve the world with the gifts you have so graciously given us through Jesus Christ who gave us the greatest gift of all.

#### Amen.

Please be seated

## WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 2:18-24

A reading from Genesis.

<sup>18</sup> God said, "It is not good for the human to be alone. I will make a suitable companion."
<sup>19</sup> Now God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. God brought them to the human to see what name would be given them; and whatever the human called each living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup> So the human gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But none of them proved to be a suitable companion. <sup>21</sup> So God caused the human to fall into a deep sleep; and while the human was sleeping, God took a rib and then closed up the place with flesh. <sup>22</sup> Then God made another human from the rib taken out of the first human, and God presented them to one another. <sup>23</sup> The human said,

"This is now bone of my bones

and flesh of my flesh;

she shall be called 'woman,'

and I will be be 'man,'

Because we are one flesh."

<sup>24</sup> This is why people leave their parents and become bonded to one another, and they become one flesh.

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.** 

The refrain is introduced by the cantor Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction



<sup>1</sup>O | LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the earth!— <sup>2</sup>you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in- | fants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger. <sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses, <sup>4</sup>what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them, human beings that you should | care for them? R <sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less | than divine: with glory and hon- | or you crown them. <sup>6</sup>You have made them rule over the works | of your hands; you have put all things un- | der their feet: <sup>7</sup>all | flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts | of the field,  $^{8}$ the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea. 9O | LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the earth! R

A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days God has spoken to us through Christ, whom God appointed heir of all things, through whom was also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>Christ is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, who sustains all things by a powerful word. When Christ had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name Christ has inherited is more excellent than theirs. <sup>2:5</sup>Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. 6But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? 7You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, <sup>8</sup>subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,<sup>9</sup>but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God, Christ might taste death for everyone. <sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one parent. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them siblings, <sup>12</sup>saying, "I will proclaim your name to my siblings, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON Please stand as able GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Al - le - lu - ia. al - le-lu-ia. al - le - lu ia. 0 Christ calling us to make the dream come true: is Sing alleluia.

a world redeemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.

Pastor Utley

#### GOSPEL

# The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark the tenth chapter.

# Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>17</sup>As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your parents.'" 20He said to Jesus, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. <sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." <sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or siblings or parents or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, siblings, parents and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

#### Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

Please stand as able

Pastor Utley



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## BRINGING FIRST FRUITS FORTH

The Lord is with you.

### And also with you.

Let us pray. Holy, Generous, and Compassionate God, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude for the many ways you have blessed us as a family of faith. For over one hundred years, you have been faithful to the congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church here in Greenville, South Carolina. Continue to move among us, lead us, and raise us up as co-workers in the gospel. Through your son, Jesus Christ, you showed us the depths of your own generosity toward us. Use these gifts of time, talent, and treasure we now bring forth for the ministries of this church and for the work you are doing in this world. In the holy name of Jesus we pray. **Amen.** 

Please be seated

At the direction of the ushers, worshippers come forward to place their commitment materials in the Alms Basin before returning to their seats.

Improvisation on As Saints of Old

Once all gifts have been brought forth, the congregation is invited to stand at the direction of the ministers.

# Let us pray.

God of great gifts, you have blessed us with more than we could ever rightly ask. Bless now these gifts of time, talent, and treasure being returned to you for the sake of your church and a world in need. We lift these gifts to you acknowledging that every good gift comes from you. We offer our First Fruits to you with thanksgiving and praise. Sanctify these gifts for your holy purposes, further your kin-dom on earth, bring light to dark places, and spread the inclusive message of your love and grace to all people. Grant committees and leaders wisdom and discernment to steward these gifts, that they will be used faithfully, with glory and honor to you. In the name of Jesus, whose life was generously given for each of us, we pray. **Amen.** 

# PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

# A brief silence.

Compassionate God, embolden the church to seek all who are lost, clothe those who are naked, and mend what is broken. May we be generous bearers of your eternal love, resisting the urge to shy away from the work to which you call us. God of all good gifts, **hear our prayer**.

Sustaining God, as we approach harvest time, we pray for farmers, field workers, and those who process crops. Keep us mindful of environmental threats to the nourishing food that feeds the world. Help us to find new ways of making fresh and healthy food available for all people. Bless local farmers and markets willing to sell or donate their produce to those in need. God of all good gifts, **hear our prayer**.

Merciful God, hear our cry for mercy in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton. Reveal your presence in the midst of suffering. Help us to trust in your promises of life, so that desperation and grief will not overtake us. Come quickly to the aid of those in need that they may know peace and joy again. Sustain emergency workers, utility workers, essential personnel and all others vital to recovery efforts. Strengthen us in this time of trial with assurance and hope. God of all good gifts, **hear our prayer.** 

Steadfast God, inspire world leaders to share resources and work collectively to end global poverty, starvation, and preventable disease. Direct us to seek justice and equity, so that all may live in peace. Shine your light on the people of Gaza, Israel, Ukraine, Russia, Syria, Sudan, Myanmar, Lebanon, and all areas of conflict. Hasten the coming of your kin-dom, that humanity may learn to rely not on violence as our norm, but instead on peace. God of all good gifts, **hear our prayer**.

Loving God, we pray for those who are afflicted, tormented, grieving, oppressed, and lonely, especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Deliver the strength of your love and compassion to all who need it today. God of grace,

## hear our prayer.

Creating God, we give thanks for the first nations and tribes who inhabited this land. In doing so, we acknowledge that this church occupies ancestral lands stolen from the Cherokee people by the U.S. government and colonizers. We continue to occupy these stolen lands first given to Native people by you, the Creator. We lament the harm done by colonization. Call us to deeper appreciation and care for the languages, rituals, and history of all Indigenous people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.** 

Inclusive and loving God, as National Coming Out Day approaches next week, we give you thanks for the many ways you have guided your church, and especially this particular family of faith, to celebrate the diversity of your creation and the many ways you create us to give and receive love. Bless those who will come out as LGBTQIA+ this week. Grant open hearts to parents and family members as they seek to respond to loved ones who trust them with this news. Shine your light into the closets where queer people hide and seek refuge, helping them to know that they are fully and deeply loved by you. God of all good gifts, **hear our prayer.** 

Generous God, as we come before you to offer you our First Fruits, we ask that you bless our annual commitments of time, talent, and treasure. May these commitments support the ministries of this congregation and the greater community. Continue using Trinity to bring hope, healing, and transformation to a world in need. God of all good gifts, **hear our prayer**.

Ever-living God, we rejoice to be heirs of the eternal life made real in Jesus' death and resurrection. We give thanks for saints of all times and places, first and last, who still inspire us to faithful living. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

### 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

ANTHEM

*Kyrie* by John Leavitt Adult Choir

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Alleluia. Kyrie eleison, Alleluia! (Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Alleluia. Lord, have mercy, Alleluia!)

Please stand as able

OFFERING HYMN

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Let us pray, Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

# GREAT THANKSGIVING

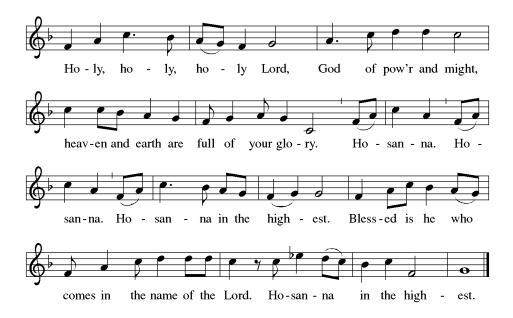
The Lord is with you. **And also with you.** 

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, generous and merciful God, through the one who gave his own life for us, our Savior Jesus Christ. You placed us in a well-watered garden and have entrusted us with its care. You bless us with abundance. though we often only choose scarcity. At the right time, and as the greatest gift of all, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to show us the ways of your love. He commanded us to bear fruit for the sake of your kin-dom. By his death and resurrection, we have been set free to serve the world, and granted eternal life in you. And so with earth and sea and all their creatures, with each breath you have given us, resting in the peace and comfort of your promises,

we praise your name and join the unending hymn of heaven:



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!**

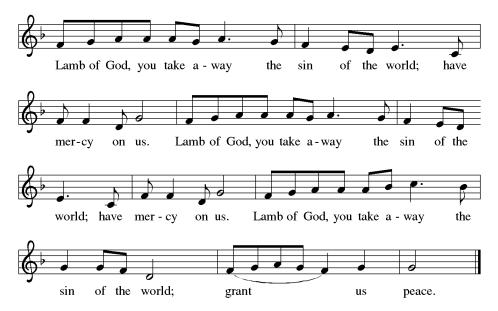
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#### COMMUNION

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. Gluten free wafers are available.

At the direction of the ushers, worshippers are invited to move to the front of the center aisle to dip the bread into the wine to receive Communion by intinction.

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION



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* 

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading #401

Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading, fashion us all anew. It's your leading that we're needing, help us to follow you.

#### Refrain

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come. Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come to teach us, come to nourish those who believe in Christ. Bless the faithful, may they flourish, strengthened by grace unpriced. *Refrain* 

> Not mere knowledge, but discernment, nor rootless liberty; turn disquiet to contentment, doubt into certainty. *Refrain*

Keep us fervent in our witness, unswayed by earth's allure. Ever grant us zealous fitness, which you alone assure. *Refrain* 



- 2 Dios invita\_a todos los pobres a\_esta mesa común por la fe, donde no\_hay acaparadores y\_a nadie le falta\_el conqué. Estribillo
- 3 Dios nos manda\_a hacer de\_este mundo una mesa donde\_haya\_igualdad, trabajando\_y luchando juntos, compartiendo la propiedad. Estribillo

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#### 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

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others, to share the gifts you have so generously given us, and to extend your peace to the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

# SENDING

#### BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful + bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

#### Amen

#### SENDING HYMN

#### This Little Light of Mine

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This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'ry where I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine; ev'ry where I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine; ev'ry where I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine; let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine; Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine; Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine; let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. DISMISSAL

Go in peace to labor, love, and give. Celebrate the many gifts God has given you. Enter into the dream God is envisioning for you, this community, and this world. Hold in your heart the fact that you are God's most precious creation. Thanks be to God.

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

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