



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 17, 2024 - 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 her son, Charles Wood, by Joe and Merry Mulcahy.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister and Preaching	Susan Crowell
Assisting Minister	Patrick Preacher
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Lector	Jesse Roth
Prayers	Jonathan Preacher
Communion Assistant	Jaime Fivecoat
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Nursery	Margaret Roth
Praying for Possibilities	Bonnie Bridges
Greeters	Mark Allen Cathy O'Neill Pat O'Neill Joshua Rhodes John Roberts Maria Roberts
Ushers	Richard Delap Danny Fagala Calvin Harmon David Potts
Fellowship Hosts	Amanda Cook Beth Oswald
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,
our refuge,
our delight,
our beginning and our end.

Amen.

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us
and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,
**we confess that sin has taken hold of us
and we are complicit in its power.
We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.
Unbind us and set us free.
Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,
that we may live just and generous lives
for the good of your world
and the care of our neighbors,
following in the servant way of Jesus.
Amen.**

These words are trustworthy and true:
Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross,
swallowing up death forever.
For his sake, you are ✝ forgiven
and God remembers your sin no more.
Let your heart be glad again,
and rejoice in your salvation.
Amen.

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
your holy people, light for the world to see.**

Refrain

***Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.***

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for
hope, many despair. Your word alone
has power to save us. Make us your living voice. *Refrain***

**Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for
water, many still thirst. Make us your bread,
broken for others, shared until all are fed. *Refrain***

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for
warmth, many are cold. Make us your building,
sheltering others, walls made of living stone. *Refrain***

**Many the gifts, many the people, many the
hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants
to one another, signs of your kingdom come. *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

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of love, grace, and mercy, the burdens of this life are many and we do not always bear these burdens well. Remind us often that in times of chaos, crisis, and confusion, your love, care, and provision is steadfast and sure. Remind us of that when all seems lost. Remind us that from death, you bring life, that from the ashes, we will rise and we will rise beautiful, brave, and strong. Give us enough hope and courage for this day and the days to come, reminding us that you are always making a way for all of us.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING

Daniel 12:1-3

A reading from Daniel.

¹At that time Michael, the great ruler, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

*Psalm
Refrain*



My heart is glad and my spir - it re-joic - es; my



bo - dy shall rest in hope.

*Psalm
Tone*



- ¹ Protect me, O God, for I take ref- | uge in you;
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good a- | bove all other."
- ² **All my delight is in the godly that are | in the land,
upon those who are noble a- | mong the people.**
- ³ But those who run after | other gods
shall have their troubles | multiplied.
- ⁴ **I will not pour out drink offerings | to such gods,
never take their names up- | on my lips. R**
- ⁵ O LORD, you are my portion | and my cup;
it is you who up- | hold my lot.
- ⁶ **My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land;
indeed, I have a | rich inheritance.**
- ⁷ I will bless the LORD who | gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night | after night.
- ⁸ **I have set the LORD al- | ways before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall | not be shaken. R**
- ⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;
my body also shall | rest in hope.
- ¹⁰ **For you will not abandon me | to the grave,
nor let your holy one | see the pit.**
- ¹¹ You will show me the | path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for- |
evermore. **R**

¹¹ Every other priest performs services every day and offers the same sacrifices many times; but these sacrifices can never take away sins. ¹² Christ, however, offered one sacrifice for sins, an offering that is effective forever. Then Christ sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ and now waits there until God puts all enemies in their rightful place. ¹⁴ With one sacrifice then, Jesus has made perfect forever those who are being sanctified. ¹⁹ Therefore, siblings, since the blood of Jesus makes us confident to enter the holy place ²⁰ by the new and living path opened for us through the veil—that is to say, the body of Jesus—²¹ and since we have the supreme high priest presiding over the house of God, ²² let us enter it filled with faith and with sincerity in our hearts, our hearts sprinkled and cleared from any trace of bad conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us keep firm in the hope we profess, because the One who made the promise is faithful. ²⁴ Let us always think how we can encourage each other to love and good works. ²⁵ Don't stay away from the meetings of the community, as some do, but encourage one another; and do this all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

When the Load is Heavy

Please stand as able

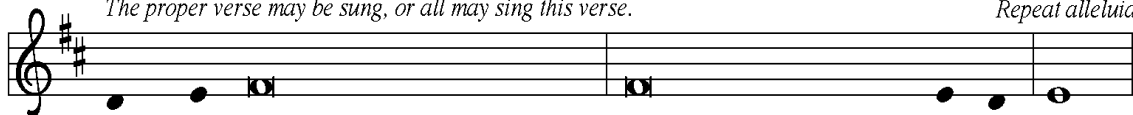
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

The proper verse may be sung, or all may sing this verse.

Repeat alleluia



Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" ²Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." ³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴"Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

In These Days of Distress

Please stand as able

HYMN OF THE DAY

Canticle of the Turning

#723

**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 to turn. *Refrain***

**From the hall 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 the 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***

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

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

O God, in the washing of water you set us free from the power of sin and death. Unite all the baptized in the covenant you have made with us. As water renews and refreshes, continue renewing in us our commitments to your justice and peace in all the earth. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

By your merciful might you sustain all creation. Stir us from complacency with the harm we inflict on the earth, and urge us to adopt sustainable ways of life that protect and restore our planet. We pray for all the animals of your creation, especially for those who are suffering, overworked, underfed, cruelly treated, and in captivity beating their wings against bars. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

With a selfless power you protect all who take refuge in you. As nations rise against nations, defend all who are displaced or affected by war or violence. We ask that your guidance be with Lutheran Services of the Carolinas and the Refugee Resettlement Program as they navigate an unknown future for immigrants in this country. Empower all people to pursue peace and maintain a posture of welcome. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

It is in your grace and love that we find inclusion and belonging. Gather under your wings all who fear for their future and safety, especially the queer community, people of color, women, and others who find themselves on the margins. With this week being Transgender Awareness week, comfort us as we mourn the loss of at least 28 transgender and gender non-conforming people to violence so far this year in our country. Teach us new ways to support and care for this victimized community, and most of all, remind each person that our transgender siblings bear your beautiful and unique image. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

In your presence you give fullness of joy. Care for all for whom joy feels distant. Be present with persons experiencing depression, anxiety, addiction, or any mental health crisis. Bring them healing and wholeness. Comfort and heal those who face bodily illness. Bless spouses and care partners who carry the health burdens of themselves and others. We pray especially for those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Through the years you have gathered your church and this community for worship, fellowship, formation, and service. Enable us to look beyond the walls of our building to perceive where you are calling us forward. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

With thanksgiving we remember all the saints and angels who delight in your everlasting presence. As their lives inspire ours, provoke us always to love, holding fast to the confession of our hope in you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, 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

ANTHEM

Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes
by Hal Hopson

Adult Choir

Thou shalt know him when he comes, Not by any din of drums.
Nor the manner of his airs, Nor by anything he wears.
Thou shalt know him when he comes, Not by his crown or his gown,
But his coming known shall be, by the holy harmony which his coming makes in thee.
Thou shalt know him when he comes. Amen.

Please stand as able

OFFERING HYMN

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

#182

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. Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,
**you offered yourself in love for the world,
and in this meal you nourish us with your life.
Fill us with your abundance,
that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger,
trusting in your name.
Amen.**

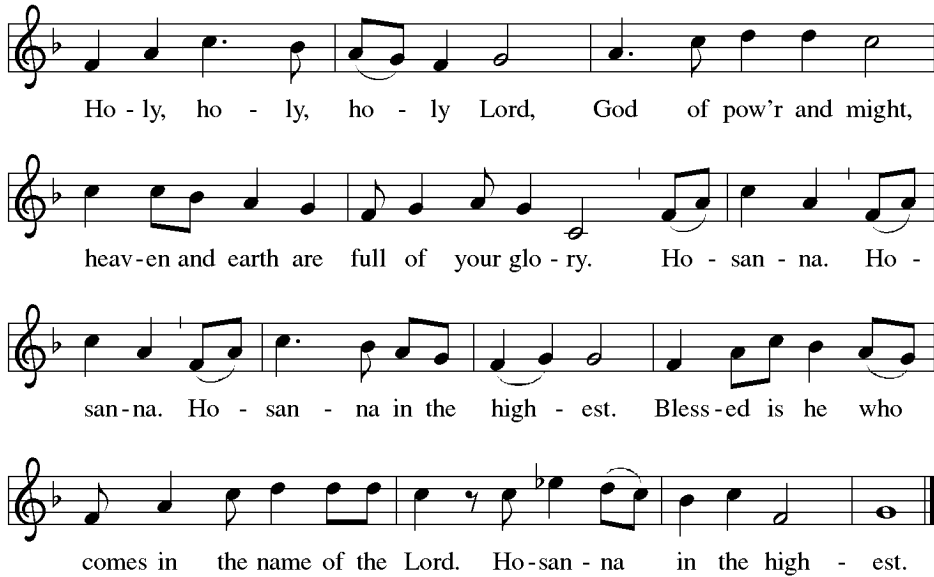
GREAT THANKSGIVING

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'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.**

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.

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

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.

Autum
by Herman Beefink

Jo Lewis, flute

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

#531

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*

Refrain

***My Lord, what a morning; my Lord , what a morning;
oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.***

**You will hear the trumpet sound, to wake the nations under ground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain***

**You will hear the sinner cry, to wake the nations under ground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain***

**Yo will hear the Christian shout, to wake the nations under ground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain***

My Life Flows On in Endless Song
by Marianne Kim

Jo Lewis, flute

Soon and Very Soon

#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!**

**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.**

Refrain

***Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.***

**Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain***

**Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race,
neighbors are nearby and far away. *Refrain***

**These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain***

**Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with you. *Refrain***

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

Faithful God,
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.
Now send us out to labor with you,
in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The Ancient One, enthroned,
the Crucified One, now risen,
the Indwelling One, poured out,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen

SENDING HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

#677

**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.

Rest in the knowledge that some things in this world are dying
and some things are being born.

These beautiful things are being born in YOU!

God is with you. God is with all of us.

Be strong.

Have courage.

God is always making a way for YOU.

Thanks be to God.

*Everyone is invited to gather on the front lawn
following worship for refreshments and fellowship.*

Canticle of the Turning

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