



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



## REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

November 24, 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 grandparents, Jack and Caroline Massey, by Amanda Cook.

## SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister and Preaching	Susan Crowell
Assisting Minister	Patrick Preacher
Organist and Choir Director	Jim Parham
Lectors	Mary Brown Dani Cáceres
Prayers	Grace Wessinger
Communion Assistant	William Bryant
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Children's Worship Activity Leaders	Maggie Boliek Amanda Cook Brittany Lampson
Nursery	Anne Harmon
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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.**

**Lo! he comes with clouds descending,  
once for our salvation slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
join to sing the glad refrain:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ the Lord returns to reign.**

**Now redemption, long expected,  
comes in solemn splendor near;  
all the saints this world rejected  
thrill the trumpet sound to hear:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
See the day of God appear!**

**Yea, amen, let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Savior, take the pow'r and glory,  
claim the kingdom as thine own.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone!**

## 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. Merciful God, when all seems lost and it appears that the age old hierarchy of power continues to rule the day, remind us that Christ is sovereign, that Christ reigns over the world and over our lives, that in the end, no earthly power can win the day, Christ is and continues to be victorious. Reassure us over and over again of this reality. Give us strength and confidence and wisdom and might for the days ahead. Help us to stand tall and trust that you have a beautiful future in store for all of your beloveds. We pray in the name of Jesus, our savior and ruler and sovereign.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

# WORD

FIRST READING

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

A reading from Daniel.

<sup>9</sup>As I watched,

thrones were set in place,  
and the Ancient One was seated,  
robed in garments as white as snow,  
whose hair was like pure wool;  
the throne was a fiery flame,  
and its wheels were burning fire.

<sup>10</sup>A stream of fire issued

and flowed out from the Ancient One's presence,  
With thousand thousands serving,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand standing in attendance.  
The court sat in judgment,  
and the books were opened.

<sup>13</sup>As I watched in the night visions,

I saw one like a human being  
coming with the clouds of heaven,  
who was presented before the Ancient One,

<sup>14</sup>and to whom was given dominion

and glory and sovereignty,  
to be served by all peoples, nations, and languages,  
Whose dominion is an everlasting dominion  
that shall not pass away,  
and whose sovereignty shall never be destroyed.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

Ev - er since the world be - gan, your



throne has been es - tab - lished.

Psalm  
Tone

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty  
and | armed with strength.

The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

<sup>2</sup>**Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;  
you are from | everlasting. R**

<sup>3</sup>The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice;  
the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

<sup>4</sup>**Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea,  
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

<sup>5</sup>Your testimonies are | very sure,  
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. **R**

## SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4b-8

A reading from Revelation.

<sup>4b</sup>Grace to you and peace from the One who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before the throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and sovereign over the rulers of the earth.

To Jesus Christ who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a nation of priests serving Christ's God and Abba, to whom be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Look! Christ is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him, even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says our GOD, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

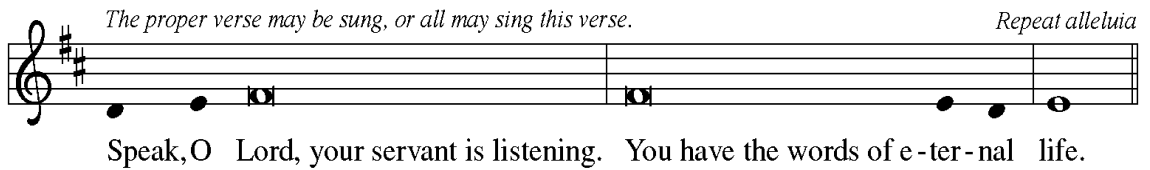
The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**



*Please stand as able*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the eighteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>33</sup>Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” <sup>35</sup>Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” <sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.***Please be seated*

## SERMON

*Not a Kingdom...but a Kin-dom**Please stand as able*

**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as  
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav'lers  
on the road; we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night time  
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll  
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.**

**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as  
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.**

#### APOSTLES' CREED

God has made us God's people through our Baptism into Christ.  
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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.*

Revive our congregations, synods, and national church body to reflect the love, justice, and kinship of your kin-dom. Raise up diverse leaders who more closely represent the body of Christ. Sustain and encourage those who teach and serve your people. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Protect wildlife habitats and endangered species, that the chorus of creation's praise resounds with joy. Fill our hearts with awe and wonder as we look up at the clouds, admiring the beauty and mystery of your creation. Bless this week, the lowly turkey, whose gift of life will become a gift of nourishment for many. May the turkey be for us a sign of your abundance and a reminder of our gratitude to you, our magnificent creator. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Grant wisdom to the leaders who govern, legislate, and deliberate on our behalf. We pray for all who fight against racism, anti-semitism, gender bias, homophobia, transphobia, and all forms of inequity and discrimination. Work through your church that the reign of Christ may prevail, that God's kin-dom will come among us, and God's purpose be done on earth as in heaven. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Draw near to those who are detained, on trial, or incarcerated. Transform systems of retribution into systems of reconciliation and restoration. Fill even the darkest prison with the light of your love, helping prisoners, chaplains, guards, and staff to know that you are with them. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Remind us of your enduring love in all seasons. Guide the planning efforts of worship leaders and volunteers who usher our congregation into a meaningful Advent. Inspire and bless those who will hang delicate Chrismons, adorn our doors with wreaths, and prepare spaces for worship. Help all of us to see you in the smallest of details as we prepare for your coming. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Comfort those who mourn, are ill, or are facing unexpected and frightening health crises. Allow those who are homebound to feel the tenderness of your love. Where there is fear, bring solace. Where there is pain, bring relief. Where there is loneliness, bring community. We pray especially for those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Console those who grieve at the unexpected loss of loved ones. We pray especially for the congregation of Buncombe Street Methodist Church as they grieve the sudden death of their pastor. Hold wife Jennifer and daughters Meakin and Griffin close to you as they now face a life they would have never imagined. Through your grace, buoy pastors and church leaders who carry many burdens unbeknownst to us. Make a way for any of your beloved children who are suffering to find support, help, and safety. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

In your eternal presence the saints sing of your majesty. Join our voices with theirs in praise to the one who loves us and frees us from sin. 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

*Christ Is the King!*  
arranged by Donald Busarow

Adult Choir

Christ is the king! O friends, rejoice; brothers and sisters,  
with one voice let the world know he is your choice.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Oh, magnify the Lord, and raise anthems of joy and  
holy praise for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

O Christian women, Christian men, all the world over,  
seek again the Way disciples followed then.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Let Love's all reconciling might your scattered  
companies unite in service to the God of light.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

So shall the church at last be one; so shall God's will on  
earth be done, new lamps be lit, new tasks begun.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*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!**

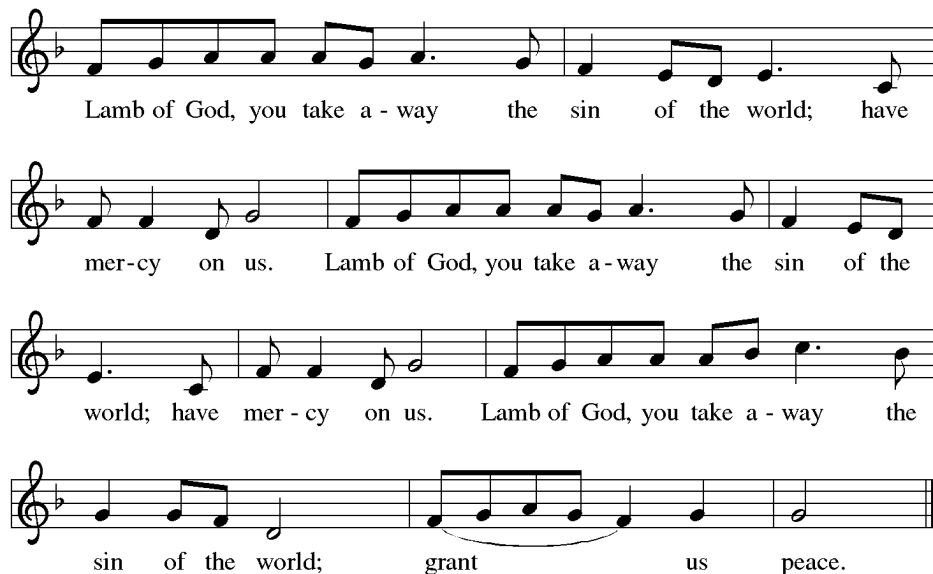
*Please be seated*

#### 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.

*Jesus Shall Reign*

#434

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its  
successive journeys run; his kingdom stretch from  
shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises  
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet perfume  
shall rise with ev'ry morning sacrifice.**

**People and realms of ev'ry tongue dwell on his  
love with sweetest song; and infant voices  
shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.**

**Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the pris'ners  
leap to lose their chains, the weary find  
eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.**

**Let ev'ry creature rise and bring peculiar  
honors to our king; angels descend with  
songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.**

**I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.**

**Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.  
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.  
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.**

**When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.  
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.  
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.**

**Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;  
praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease,  
calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.**

**Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word;  
praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand;  
from this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev'ry land.**

**Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place;  
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.  
Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.**



**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.**

**Oh, what a mighty rushing flood of joy and  
love and peace will roll down over us with good and  
blessedness and grace, and blessedness and grace.**

**O Lord, your grace is ev'rything; your love has  
made us free to stand among the saints and sing the  
glory that we see, the glory that we see.**

*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.  
Trust in Christ.  
Believe in the sovereignty of Jesus.  
Do not lose heart.  
All is not lost.  
God in Christ rules the day.  
This is good news for all people.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Everyone is invited to gather in the Gym for the  
Community Thanksgiving Lunch*

*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

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*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

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