



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 12, 2025 - 10:00 AM - in the Gym



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

As disciples of Christ working for peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and embrace all people, without exception, into the fullness of God's love. We advocate for racial, gender, queer, and economic equity. We celebrate people of all cultures, ages, races, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status, and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this community. All are invited to join us as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in support of all the hurting ones by Lani Ludian.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister and Preaching	Jim Parham
Assisting Minister	Patrick Preacher
Pianist and Choir Director	Jim Parham
Lector	Jaime Fivecoat
Prayers	Jeff Rehm
Cantor	Amanda Cook
Guitar	Duke Barsody
Communion Assistant	Dexter Brecht
Acolyte	Dovie Dykes Madelyn Fagala
Children's Worship Activity Leaders	Margaret Roth Lara Wannemacher
Nursery	Melanie Wessinger
Praying for Possibilities	Mary Brown
Greeters	Lani Ludian Jane Mortenson Lyle Mortenson Lisa Rehm
Ushers	William Bryant Jay Hilbourn David Potts Chris Wannemacher
Fellowship Hosts	Jo and Lane Lewis
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 maker, our helper, and our constant companion.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.
Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.
In the name of ✚ Jesus, your sins, all of your sins, are forgiven!
Amen.

**Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and king, the triumphs of his grace!**

**My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.**

**The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life and health and peace.**

**He speaks, and list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.**

**Look unto him, your Savior own, O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone, be justified by grace!**

**To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit is 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, 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



Refrain

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 -



Refrain

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15

A reading from second Kings.

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was renowned and in high favor with his king by Naaman, GOD had given victory to Aram. Though a mighty warrior, Naaman suffered from a skin disease. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease." ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." ⁸But when Elisha the prophet of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let Naaman come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to Naaman, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of GOD, his God, and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But Naaman's servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" ¹⁴So Naaman went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the prophet of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a child, and he was clean. ^{15a, b, c}Then Naaman returned to the prophet of God with all his company; Naaman came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from second Timothy.

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is sure:

If we have died with Christ Jesus, we will also live with Christ Jesus;

¹² if we endure, we will also reign with Christ Jesus;

if we deny Christ Jesus, he will also deny us;

¹³ if we are faithless, Christ Jesus remains faithful—he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before Christ that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by God, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

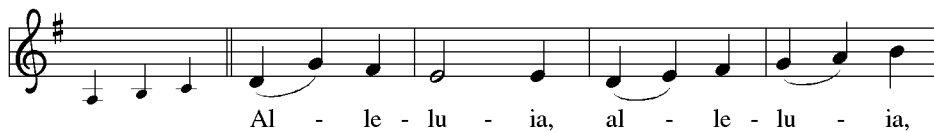
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Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Please stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Repeat alleluia



The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the seventeenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten outcasts with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When Jesus saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, upon seeing that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. This one was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then Jesus said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

Please stand as able

HYMN OF THE DAY

Baptized and Set Free

#453

We are people created, chosen by God.

Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.

**Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door
to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.**

We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed.

Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.

**For whatever the need, God is greater indeed:
endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.**

**We are nourished by water, all living things,
and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.**

**As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:
precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.**

Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.

All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.

**Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be
one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!**

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

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, you lead your people to faith. Remind the church that your word flows into the world. By your Spirit, teach the church to share the word of God for the sake of the world. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Restoring God, you provided cleansing and healing waters for Naaman. Water the earth's lands in parched places. Restore clean water to all communities and guide the work of all who advocate for safe and abundant water supplies. Remind leaders and decision makers that access to clean and healthy water is not a political issue, but a basic human right. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Righteous One, you bring justice and wholeness throughout the world, and your righteousness endures forever. By your spirit, guide leaders of all nations and lands to right relationship with you and with one another. Teach your people to advocate for peace and justice in the face of rampant division. Bring an end to violence everywhere and be with those who fall victim to its sinfulness. We pray especially for Israel and Gaza, now into the third year of war in which over 67,000 have been killed. Bring peace, O God, that is fair, swift, and steadfast. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Merciful God, you know the needs of your people. Show mercy to those suffering in the world. Comfort those in need of your healing, especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Life-giving God, you free us by your word. Help us, by your Spirit, to be transformed to live your word of freedom honestly and uprightly in our teaching, preaching, and serving. Lead us into creative ways of sharing your gospel with those the church has often left on the margins. Mark your church as an affirming home for the queer and the marginalized. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Creating One, as this country pauses to mark Indigenous People's Day, etch on our hearts a remembrance of those who walked this land before our own footsteps trod here. You formed people native to these soils to tend, to dwell, to flourish in harmony with creation. Yet, in humanity's sin, the land was stolen. We now live in the shadow of that theft. Grant us, here in the upstate of South Carolina, the courage to honor the Cherokee people—whose home this land first was—where we now work, play, live, and worship. May this remembering lead us deeper into truth and repair, so that we may resist the cruel lie that worth is measured by the color of our skin, our sexuality, or our gender. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Holy God, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. Guide us to trust in the baptismal promise of resurrection in Christ. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our 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

OFFERING

Now Thank We All Our God

Music: J. S. Bach

Text: Martin Rinkhart, translated from the German by Catherine Winkworth

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm of this world in the next.

Please stand as able

OFFERING HYMN

Take My Life, That I May Be

#583

Refrain

***Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.***

***Take my hands and let them move at the
impulse of thy love; take my feet and let
them be swift and beautiful for thee. Refrain***

***Take my silver and my gold, not a mite
would I withhold; take my intellect
and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. Refrain***

***Take my voice and let me sing always,
only for my king; take my lips and let
them be filled with messages from thee. Refrain***

***Take my will and make it thine; it shall be
no longer mine; take my heart, it is
thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Refrain***

Let us pray, Lord of the harvest,
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our 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, 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

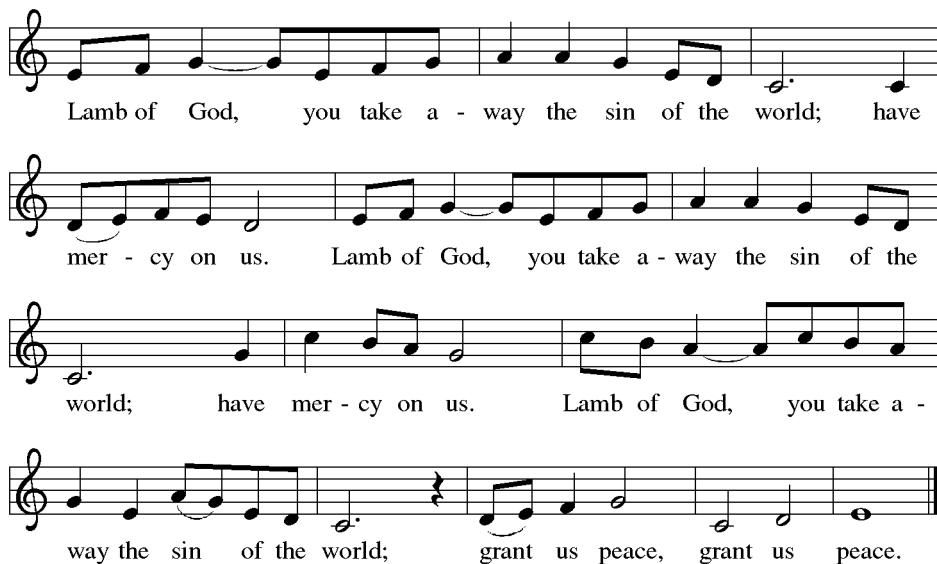
COMMUNION

All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Both wine and grape juice are available in the split chalice— wine in the larger section and grape juice in the smaller section. Christ's grace and forgiveness is found in the bread, wine, and grape juice.

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 wafer into the chalice 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.

Sonata for Flute and Keyboard in G Minor: Adagio and Presto
by G. F. Handel (Jo Lewis, flute)

In the Singing

#466

**In the singing, in the silence, in the hands expectant, open,
in the blessing, in the breaking, in your presence at the table,**

Refrain

***Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace;
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.***

**In the question, in the answer, in the moment of acceptance,
in the heart's cry, in the healing, in the circle of your people. *Refrain***

Come to the Water of Life

Adult Choir

(ACS 955)

Music and Text by Ray Makeever

All who are thirsty for mercy, all who are thirsty for love;
all who are thirsty for, love, for mercy, come: come to the Water of life.

All who are thirsty for healing, all who are thirsty for touch;
all who are thirsty for touch, for healing, come: come to the Water of life.

All who are thirsty for beauty, all who are thirsty for truth;
all who are thirsty for truth, for beauty, come: come to the Water of life.

All who are thirsty for justice, all who are thirsty for peace;
all who are thirsty for peace, for justice, come: come to the Water of life.

Here Is Bread

#483

Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.

Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.

Refrain

In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.

In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.

Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here. *Refrain*

Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.

We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified. *Refrain*

I Come with Joy

#482

**I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.**

**As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.**

**The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.**

**Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Mother/Father God,
through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.
Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need.
We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

**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.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart, your God goes with you.

Thanks be to God.

Following worship everyone is invited to gather for refreshments and fellowship in the back corner of the Gym.

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