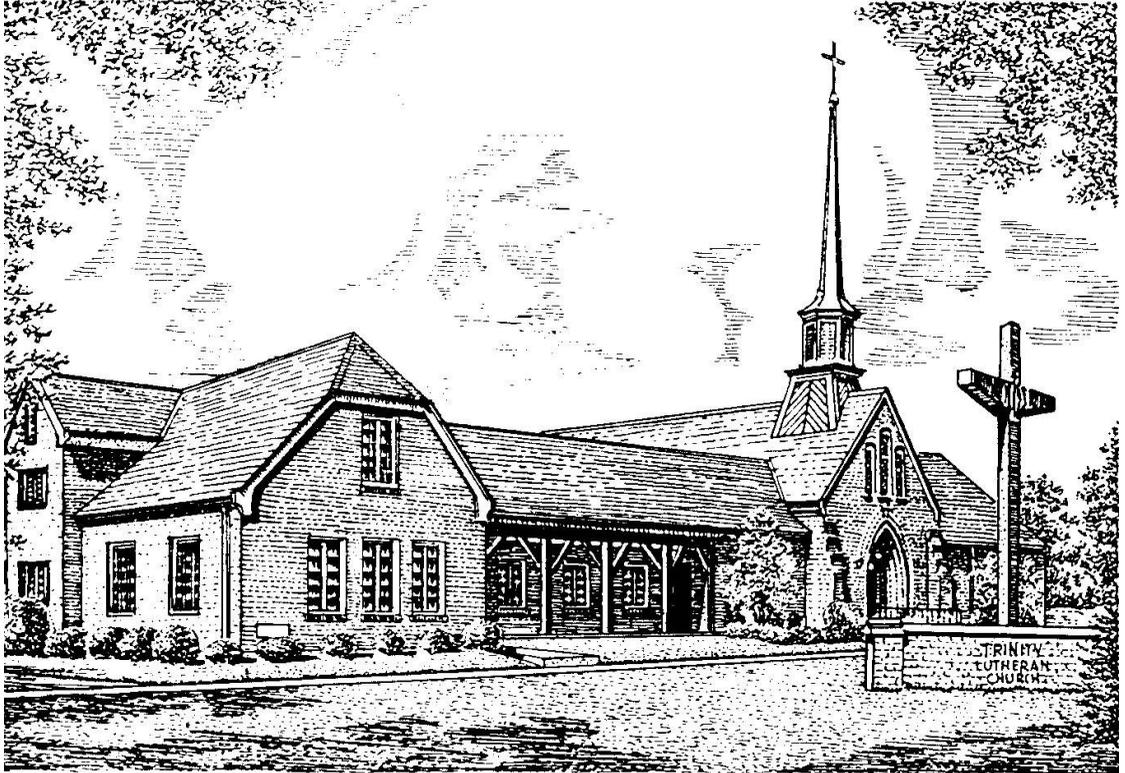


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WiFi Password – HelloFriend

Good Morning! We welcome you today as a part of God's family here at Trinity!

We hope that your experience here is meaningful and will be lasting.

Trinity is a liturgical Lutheran church using the Divine Service as written in the Lutheran Service Book. Today's Divine Service is printed for you in this bulletin. Today's service is being live streamed to YouTube and will be available later in the day on Trinity's Facebook page and Website. The receiving of communion will not be recorded to preserve the sanctity of the sacrament. During this time, the recording will be directed to the stained-glass window above the altar so communion hymns can still be shared. By entering the service, you consent to the video recording to be used for live streaming, inclusion on our web site and Facebook, and/or any other purpose by Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Visitors – We are so happy you are joining us for Worship today. If this is your first visit at Trinity, please take a moment to complete the Visitor Card found in front of you in the pew. Then place the card in the Offering Plate as it is passed during the service.

Members, Returning Visitors and Active Guests – We ask that you please fill out the Welcome Book found at the end of your pew. We do this so that our Annual Statistical Reports to LCMS reflect our attendance numbers correctly.

PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED FOR – Flo and Richard Ball, Anna Carter, Helen Everett, Pastor Charles Froehlich, Pat Gregory, Holly Hartman, Terry Ingmire, John Knickelbein, Paul Lass, Julie and Sam Locklear, John Malone, Rachel McMillan, Jane Neill, Brenda Pendry, Viola Person, Bob and Carol Petrie, Boyd Sylvester, Linda Vernick and Marc Vernick.

The flowers gracing our altar today are given to the glory of God

by Brenda Gould in honor of her birthday.

HOLY COMMUNION – In the Sacrament of Holy Communion our Lord Jesus comes to us with **His very body and blood** to eat and to drink **for the forgiveness of sins** and **to strengthen our union with Him and with one another**. He invites to His table those who trust His words, **repent of all their sin** and forgive and love one another as He forgives and loves us.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because **Holy Communion is a confession of the faith** which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the LCMS, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to **speak with the Pastor before communing**.

For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff, 10:32ff, 18:15-35, 26:26-29; Acts 2:38, 42; 1 Cor. 10:16, 11:17-34

Other Christians and children who have not completed instruction may come forward, cross their arms over their chest and receive a blessing. For those who prefer it for any reason, the cups in **the center of the tray contain a grape juice option**. Please let the pastor know if you need a **Gluten Free wafer**.

(Before communing, we ask that first time guests and visitors please speak with the Pastor.)

Today's Worship Participants

Lector

Cathy George

Communion Assistant

Roger Medlin

Host/Hostess

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Participants for Next Sunday

Lector

Cathy George

Communion Assistant

Bill Sontag

Host/Hostess

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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 16, 2022

Divine Service Setting One

Organ Prelude

Partita on *Royal Oak*

Robert W. Jones

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship *Stand and face the Processional Cross* (rear of the Church)

Processional Hymn

Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

LSB 822



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! To God the Fa -
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to the Lamb
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to the Ho -
4 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais - es ring! Un - to our tri -



ther let us bring Our songs of ad - o - ra - tion.
of God we sing, In whom we are e - lect - ed.
ly Ghost we sing, For our re - gen - er - a - tion.
une God we sing; Blest be His name for - ev - er!



To Him through ev - er - last - ing days Be wor - ship, hon -
He bought His Church with His own blood, He cleansed her in
The sav - ing faith in us He wrought And us un - to
With an - gel hosts let us a - dore And sing His prais -



or, pow'r, and praise, Whose hand sus - tains cre - a - tion.
that bless - ed flood, And as His bride se - lect - ed.
the Bride - groom brought, Made us His cho - sen na - tion.
es ev - er - more For all His grace and fa - vor!



Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;
Ho - ly, ho - ly Is our u - nion And com - mu - nion.
Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Joy e - ter - nal, Bliss su - per - nal;
Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;



Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry.
His be - friend - ing Gives us joy and peace un - end - ing.
There is man - na And an end - less, glad ho - san - na.
Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry!

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

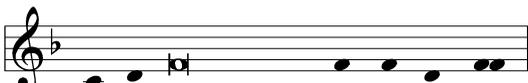
C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

C Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old,
which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!
Remember this, O LORD, how the enemy scoffs,
and a foolish people reviles your name.
Do not deliver the soul of your dove to the wild beasts;
do not forget the life of your poor forever.
Let not the downtrodden turn back in shame;
let the poor and needy praise your name.
Have regard for the covenant;
arise, O God, defend your cause.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

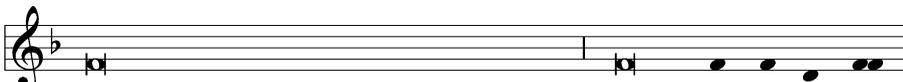
Kyrie



P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



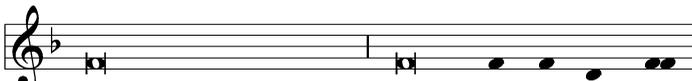
P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



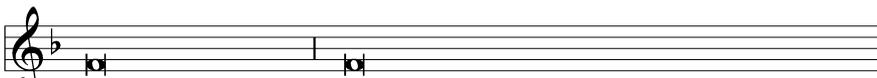
P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



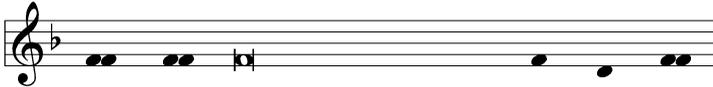
P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - - men.

This Is the Feast



C 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
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

C **O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 32:22–30

²²The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, “Let me go, for the day has broken.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.” ²⁷And he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” ²⁸Then he said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed.” ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

C **He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

Epistle

2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

¹⁴As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

¹I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ²He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ ⁴For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’” ⁶And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor-rows share?
 Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

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Children's Message

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Offering *Please take this time to sign in the Welcome Book at the end of your pew.*
(Loose coins directly support LCMS families studying for the ministry through Coins for Christ.)

Anthem

God of Great and God of Small

Natalie Sleeth

Stand

Offertory



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

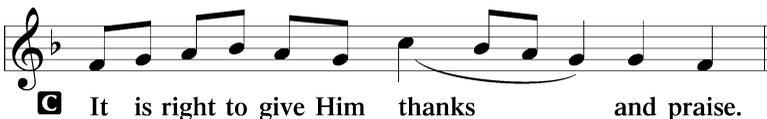
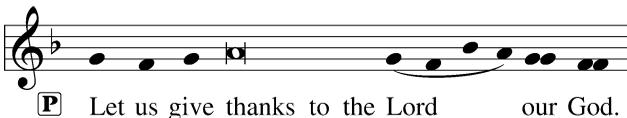
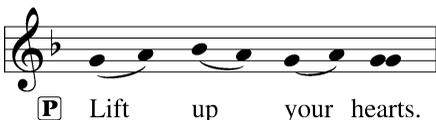
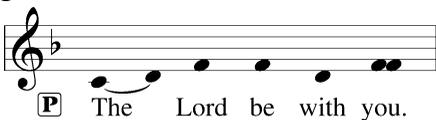
Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in your mercy...

Chear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface



P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

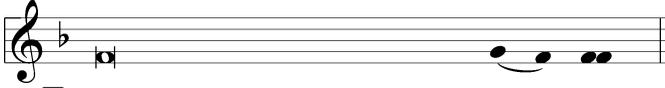
- C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Pax Domini



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei



C 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.

Sit

Please respect the time of silence at the beginning of the Eucharist before the Distribution Hymns are begun. While this is time for some to commune it is also a time for introspection and helps quiet our imagination, our worries and our toils so as to join our hearts to the prayers and be fully attentive to whatever the Holy Spirit should inspire in us. This silence is an active, not a passive disposition. This form of interior silence does not impede, and indeed favors, full and active participation in those parts of the celebration where the community is united in acclamation and song, for each person is more fully aware of what he or she is doing.

Distribution

The body and blood of Christ are distributed to those who come to receive.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

C Amen.

Distribution Hymn

Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

LSB 619



1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which
2 With Thee, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in
3 Who can con - demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is
4 Though death may threat - en with dis - as - ter, It can - not
5 My heart has now be - come Thy dwell - ing, O bless - ed,



Thou for me didst shed, These are my life and
Thee and Thou in me. No sor - row fills my
nigh, who jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and
rob me of my cheer; For He who is of
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy



strength for - ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.
soul, de - light - ed It finds its on - ly joy in Thee.
thus se - cure - ly With Je - sus I to heav - en rise.
death the mas - ter With aid and com - fort e'er is near.
prais - es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.

Refrain



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
 2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;
 3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
 4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.
 A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.
 Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.
 God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

5 O grant, most blessed Lord,
 That earth and hell combined
 May not about this sacrament
 Raise doubt within my mind.

6 Oh, may I never fail
 To thank You day and night
 For Your true body and true blood,
 O God, my peace and light.

Stand

Thank the Lord



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud - ly bear His name.



He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

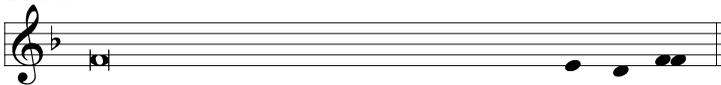
P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benediction



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.



C A - men.

Recessional Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign

LSB 832



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -
2 To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end - less
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from
prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es
leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -
cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with



shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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Sharing the Peace of Christ

Following the service, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Organ Postlude

Trumpet Tune in D

Martha Sobaje

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October is Church Worker Appreciation Month - We are so very grateful for our Church Staff and for all they do for Trinity! We are especially thankful for our Vacancy Pastors who have been taking such great care of us while we are in the Call Process of looking for our new Pastor. There is a basket/cards in the Welcome Center if you wish to leave a note or card for our Church Workers. **Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO ORDER! LUTHERAN WITNESS RENEWAL – It is time once again to renew your subscription to *The Lutheran Witness*. The cost will remain the same at \$12.95 per subscription, with checks payable to Trinity, memo notation Lutheran Witness. This is a publication well worth your reading time, please consider ordering through the Church Office at this group rate. The Lutheran Witness is published 11 times a year—monthly, with a combined June/July issue—The Lutheran Witness keeps you updated with news from around the Synod.

Special Ministries will be making sandwiches for the St. Columba Ecumenical Ministries following the Worship Service today. Many hands make for light work. We hope you will be able to stay after church to help make the sandwiches. If you have never made them before it goes fast and the conversation while making the sandwiches is fun! Hope you will join us!

Third Quarter Statements are now available in the Welcome Center. Please pick yours up today. If you have any questions, please call the Church Office.

Halloween Trunk or Treat – Sunday, October 23rd from 2-4 pm. Come, park your car with the trunk/back open and decorated for Fall/Halloween. Come ready to have fun! Candy and trinkets (provided) will be handed out to our neighborhood children as they come by to Trick or Treat and view your decorations. We need more participants! Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center and join the party! For more information please contact Bud and Lynn Hubert.

Oktoberfest Luncheon - Following the Reformation service on October 30th, we will once again gather for our Oktoberfest Luncheon in Belvedere Hall. Along with some traditional German food we always enjoy the many dishes brought in to share by our Trinity family. A sign-up sheet can be found in the Welcome Center. Please let us know who will be attending and what your special dish will be! We look forward to seeing everyone there!!

SPECIAL MINISTRIES NEWS – FILLED SHOEBOXES for *Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child* are due back in the Welcome Center by OCTOBER 30th. If you find yourself unable to fill it, please return the box to Patty Malone.

Church Council Positions - We are currently looking for individuals to serve as:

Vice President (2023) moving into the position of President in 2024

Second Trustee (2023) moving into the position of First Trustee in 2024/Dir. Board of Church Properties

Director of Christian Growth (2-year term)

To learn more about these positions, please contact a member of the Nomination Committee –

Scott Thieman (Chair), Gerry Harger, or Judy Sykes.

The Spirit of Reverence

Worship is our adoring response to the eternal God; it is the central and unique act of the Church. Without it there would be no church. Worship and Christ-centered service to the community is what identifies the church as the Church. To worship is to stand in awe in the presence of the Almighty – it is to “be still, and know that I am God,” and it is also to sing with profound reverence “Glory to God in the highest!”

In worship we celebrate the saving act of God. We gather in church to remember all that our God has done for his people. This is the purpose of the liturgy; this is what we celebrate in the Word and the Sacraments. God created us. God forgives us. God upholds us in his everlasting arms. We who are baptized gather frequently to give thanks to our God and to celebrate the presence of his Son in our midst.

Reverence is a deep feeling of awe and respect and thanksgiving in the presence of the almighty God. Our reverence is expressed in the way we speak and act and in how we handle the words and actions of worship and prayer. Respect for our Lord also implies respect for our fellow worshipers.

Symbolic Actions

Certain actions have symbolic meaning for Christians – they symbolize our reverence and our faith.

Bowing our heads during meditation and prayer is an action of reverence. We bow our heads to show our respect for God. When passing the altar, we may also bow toward the cross, because it represents Christ’s presence among us; or bow when Christ’s name is mentioned in the liturgy, as a sign that we receive him as our Lord. These ceremonial acts are an acknowledgement of our devotion to our Lord and a means of signifying our reverence and adoration for the holiness of God.

Making the sign of the cross is an action which reminds us of our Baptism. Christians make the sign of the cross as we remember that in Holy Baptism we die with Christ so as to rise with Him as his children in new life.

Outward signs of devotion are not enough, however. They are worthless if they do not flow out of hearts full of love for God and obedience to his will. “Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false” (Psalm 24:3-4). An inner life of prayer – with confession of sinfulness, adoration of God simply because he is God, thanksgiving for all he has done for us, and petitions for his help – is essential to the reverent spirit.

October 2022 Presentation

As a young child, did you ever eagerly sit on the front porch and wait for an out-of-town relative to arrive? Or maybe for your father to return from a long business trip? The moments passed so slowly, didn't they, as you kept scanning the horizon, looking for that special person to appear.

That same spirit of expectation and hope is what should characterize us as we await the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul described this event to Titus as "the blessed hope" when our Savior will appear in glory. And yet, is this event which could occur at any time, something which motivates us, especially in our giving?

Gene Getz wrote,

In the early days of the church, believers expected Christ to return rather quickly to set up His kingdom on earth. There is no question that this affected their desire to please the Lord with their earthly possessions. As we follow the biblical record, however, we discover that Christians became more tentative regarding the imminency of Christ's return. Predictably, this affected the way they related to their possessions. Understandably, they had to face the reality that they might live out their lives on earth before Christ returned and that they had to function as responsible citizens, caring for their material needs. The next step was to begin to focus more and more on the security and status that comes from owning houses and lands and accumulating wealth. This tendency began to permeate Christianity soon after the first century — and has continued to this very day.

What Getz describes is materialism, which has been defined as "a preoccupation with or stress upon material rather than intellectual or spiritual things." Materialism doesn't begin with the accumulation of "things" at the expense of the spiritual; that is its end result. Rather, materialism begins in the heart.

As Randy Alcorn points out, "Materialism usually surfaces in one's lifestyle, but it is first and foremost a matter of the heart." A person who centers his or her life around the accumulation of things, no matter how heated his or her denials, is a practicing materialist.

Unfortunately, as materialism becomes increasingly important in a person's life, it is easy to allow days, weeks, months and even years to go by without thinking of the return of Jesus Christ. So what, you might ask — what possible relationship could keeping Christ's return as a matter of priority have with materialism or even with giving?

As Paul instructed Titus concerning Christ's return, he described those for whom the Lord was coming as "people for his own possession who are zealous for good works." Think about it — through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, we are redeemed people who are to look for His return. As we do so, we are "to do what is good." The list of what that phrase encompasses is almost endless, but one thing is sure: All opportunities "to do what is good" will end when Jesus returns for His own.

Ministering to others in His name will end. Serving the Lord in our church will end. Singing in the choir (at least in an earthly choir!) will end. Teaching a Sunday school class will end. Sharing the good news of the Gospel with others will end. And giving to the work of the Lord here at Trinity Lutheran Church will end.

As you consider your lifestyle and your giving in light of the promised return of our Savior, may I give you this challenge:

Do your giving while you're living
So you'll be knowing where it's going.

And as you give, please remember the truth of Philippians 3:20 - "But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ."

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, October 16 th	The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
	Adult Bible Class	9:00 am
	Communion Worship Service	10:00 am
	Special Ministries Sandwich Making	Following Worship
Monday, October 17 th	Bowling League	6:30 pm
Thursday, October 20 th	Ladies Bible Study	11:30 am
	Choir Rehearsal	4:30 pm
	Men's Bible Study	6:30 pm
Sunday, October 23 rd	The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	
	Adult Bible Class	9:00 am
	Communion Worship Service	10:00 am
	Trunk or Treat	2:00 pm

Scriptures for October 23rd

Genesis 4:1-15 ~ 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 ~ Luke 18:9-17

Sunday, October 9, 2022
Worship Attendance - 70
General Offerings - \$4,977.00