

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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WORSHIP at 8:30 and 11:00AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9:45 AM

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 13, 2024

PRELUDE: Psalm Preludes for Violin and Organ,
Charles Callahan (1951-2023), Negar Afazel, Violin
Psalm 23: 2, *By Still Waters He Leads Me*
Psalm 84: 1, *How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place*

All are welcome at Trinity for this Sabbath time of prayer and praise!
*As the prelude begins, we observe a period of silence
in preparation for worship.*

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

The * indicates when the congregation stands, if able.
Congregational responses are in **bold**.

***WELCOME**

P. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

Mission Moment

Elyse Albertson

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P. God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

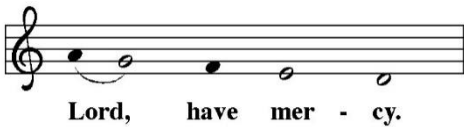
C: Amen.

***ENTRANCE HYMN** Take My Life, That I May Be **ELW #685**

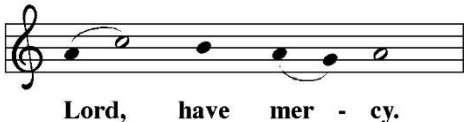
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

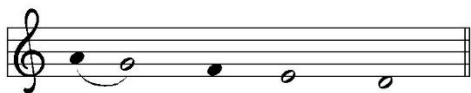
P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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



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.



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.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.



A - men.

HYMN Come, Ye Thankful People, Come – vs. 1



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;
3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har-vest home;
4 E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi-nal har-vest home.



All be safe-ly gath-ered in ere the win-ter storms be-gin.
wheat and tares to- geth-er sown, un-to joy or sor-row grown.
from his field shall in that day all of-fens-es purge a-way;
Gath-er then thy peo-ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin,



God, our mak-er, doth pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap-pear.
give his an-gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
there, for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, in thy gar-ner to a-bide.



Come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.
Lord of har-vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be.
but the fruit-ful ears to store in his gar-ner ev-er-more.
Come, with all thine an-gels, come, raise the glo-rious har-vest home!

***SALUTATION**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

⁶Seek the LORD and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.

¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.

¹⁵Hate evil and love good,

and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 90:12-17

- ¹²So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
- ¹³**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?
Be gracious to your servants.**
- ¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.
- ¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us
and as many years as we suffered adversity.**
- ¹⁶Show your servants your works,
and your splendor to their children.
- ¹⁷**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

C: **Glory to you O Lord.**

*GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a

hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

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Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring

SERMON

Pastor Ken Johnson

***CREED** *Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into Hell.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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**

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

A brief silence.

Compassionate God, embolden the church to seek all who are lost, clothe those who are naked, and mend what is broken. May we be generous bearers of your eternal love. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Sustaining God, as we approach harvest time, we pray for farmers, field workers, and those who process crops. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Steadfast God, inspire world leaders to share resources and work collectively to end global poverty, starvation, and preventable disease. Direct us to seek justice and equity, that all may live in peace. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Loving God, we pray for those who are afflicted, tormented, grieving, oppressed, and lonely (*especially*). Deliver the strength of your love and compassion to all who need it today. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

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

hear our prayer.

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

Amen.

***SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY

During this time, we worship God with our offerings.

There are a variety of gifts and a variety of ways to give!

- If you give electronically, thank you.
- If you would like to give electronically, please scan the QR code.
- If you are led to give through cash or check, simply place your offering in the plate as it passes.



“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Offertory Music: 8:30 - "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"

Enchiridion, 1524, setting by David N. Johnson

11:00 - ELW 751 "The Lord Is My Song" Jacques Berthier (1923-94),
Choir and Congregation

*Please stand as we begin singing the Offering Song
and the elements are brought forward.*

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:**

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

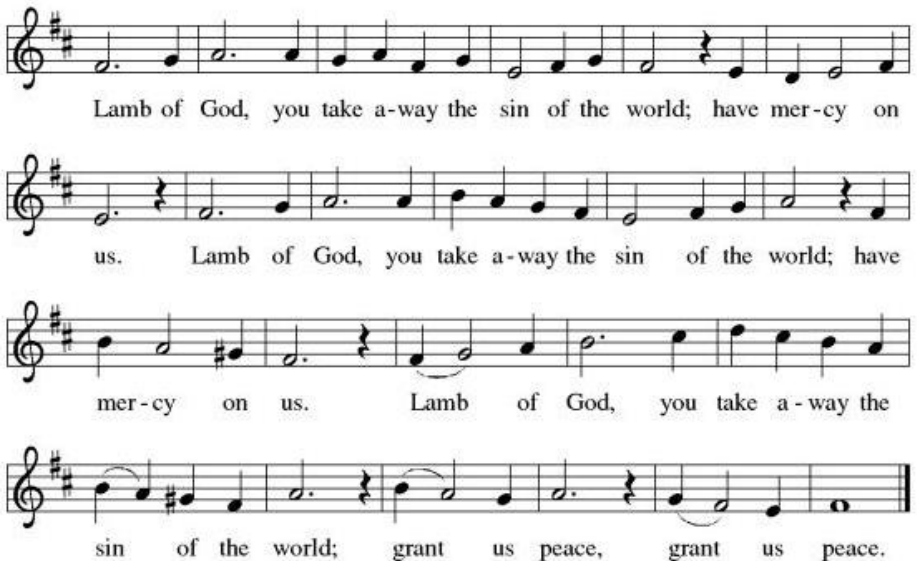
P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

Lamb of God



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.

HOLY COMMUNION by Intinction (dipping the bread into the wine)

Please come from both sides up the center aisle and return to your seat by the side aisles.

*8:30am Holy Communion by Intinction
Please kneel, if you are able, at the rail.*

*11:00am Holy Communion by Intinction
Those desiring to kneel or pause for prayer at the rail
after communing are invited to do so.*

Communion Music: 8:30 - "Duetto in E Minor" BWV802,
J.S. Bach (1685-1750) Negar Afazel, Violin; Jon Barnes, Cello
11:00 - "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior" *Enchiridion*, 1524,
setting by David N. Johnson

***THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice 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.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*HYMN We Give Thee but Thine Own

ELW #686

*BLESSING The Three-fold Amen

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: "Trumpet Finale" Tommaso Albinoni (1671-1750)

All are welcome at Trinity for this Sabbath time of prayer and praise!

Our Nursery is available for children 5 years and younger at each service. The nursery is located near the south side entrance.

OUR STAFF AT TRINITY:

Rev. Ken Johnson	Pastor
Rev. Jake Lehman	Outreach Pastor
Nathan Mattson	Organist/Director of Music
Katie Grubaugh	Office Administrator
Heidi Albertson	Dir. of Family & Youth Ministry
Terri Schmidt	Bookkeeper
Margaret Stevenson	Hospitality Host
Bob Koenes	Custodian
Dr. William Musselman	Organist/Director Emeritus

ALTAR GUILD: Joyce Magerlein, Sheree Sorensen

WELCOME TEAM: 8:30 Jeannie & Dave Grubaugh
11:00 Carolyn Kana'an, Nancy Diment

LECTORS: 8:30 Teri Koretsky
11:00 Erin Sutherland

ACOLYTES: 8:30 Avery & Nolan Fowler
11:00 Kaitlyn Albertson, Jacob Zimmerman

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God by Holly Wohlfert in memory of Dakota Ramirez's baptism on October 9 and Dave & Holly's wedding anniversary on October 15; and by Pat Mason in honor of the birthdays of son Jim, grandsons Ben and Brandon, and great granddaughter Zoe & great grandson Nolan.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Ruth Krueger, Beth Latshaw, Sandy Eschelbach, Vicky Phillips, Linda Ward, David Mason, Judy Morison, Marge Bateman, Jody Wood.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clothes Closet Coat Giveaway - Winter Coats and Gear Needed immediately!!

The Clothes Closet will be collecting all donations of gently used clothing and are looking especially for blankets and winter gear—coats, boots, hats, gloves etc. for a Winter Gear Giveaway on October 29.

New members: If you are interested in becoming a member at Trinity, please contact the church office or speak with one of the pastors. We will have a New Member Orientation and Reception in early autumn!

URGENT NEED For Egg Cartons at Pantry - Due to the high price of eggs, the pantry is currently purchasing eggs in bulk quantities and subdividing the eggs into individual cartons for distribution to our customers. Thanks.

Men's Bible Study - We will meet on Wed 16 and 30. We will be serving a light breakfast each time. We meet @ 7:00 AM and try to finish around 8:00 AM. All are welcome. "No experience necessary". We're just a group of men trying to apply what we read in Scripture to our present lives and to hopefully become a light for others

Sabbatical Presentation! On October 27th Pr. Jake will be sharing his thoughts, reflections, and lots of pictures from his time of Sabbatical with the congregation! The presentation will take place after the 11:00 worship service and will include lunch.

Meeting of the Men! - Meeting of the men is an "informal, come as you are, when you can" kind of get together with no agenda, just good conversation and a great opportunity to get to know one other guys who call Trinity home! We'll plan to gather at Hopcat on **Thursday October 17th from 5:00-6:30pm** for a relaxed time of fellowship and conversation. As a bonus incentive, the Thursday special is \$9 for a burger and beer until 6pm! Hope to see you there!

Trinity Trunk or Treat, Wednesday October 30 from 6-7:30! The kids and families of Trinity and the community are invited to join us in the parking lot for our annual Trunk or Treat! We're hoping to make this a great neighborhood event, so bring your trunks, your kids and your friends! We'll need lots of trunks, so plan to be there by 5:45 with a trunk and some candy. Sign-up is available in the Fellowship Hall. Pizza and drinks will be provided!

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sun	Oct 13	Worship with Holy Communion @ 8:30 and 11am Choir 9:25 All Sunday School classes 9:45 Infant/Toddler small group 10 Church Council 12:15 High School Youth 12:15-2
Mon	Oct 14	C.F.T. 6pm Sacred Harp 7pm
Wed	Oct 16	Men's Bible Study 7am
Thu	Oct 17	Meeting of the Men 5-6:30pm
Sat	Oct 19	Violin Ensemble 4-6
Sun	Oct 13	Worship with Holy Communion @ 8:30 and 11am All Sunday School classes 9:45 Parent small group 10 Family Ministry 12:30-2 Open Doors 5-8