



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Anchored in Faith. Serving Our Neighbor. Singing God's Praise.*

*Mission: To be a caring and diverse community of people who know and share the love of God through Jesus Christ.*

## Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost October 20, 2024

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Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

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**WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH.** *You are invited to join with us as we seek to be God's loving community for all who enter here. You are received as a friend . . .*

- *just as you are, created by God.*
- *whatever your color, culture and customs, your age, abilities, sexual orientation or gender identity.*
- *wherever circumstances find you... in the midst of change or challenge or pain, in need of strength and hope, or in search of spiritual fullness and friendship.*
- *whether you are a new visitor or an old friend, have no church home, have doubts or do not believe, or want to follow Christ and pursue peace and justice in Christ's name.*

*You are embraced as an expression of the diversity and beauty of the creation God has given us.*

***You are welcome here!***

*The presence of children is a gift to the church and a reminder that our congregation is growing.  
Please welcome our youngest brothers and sisters and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.*

# ✠ THE SERVICE ✠

## ↓ ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ↓ PRELUDE *Passacaglia (piano solo version)*

Johan Halvorsen, 1864-1935

Based on Suite No. 7 in G Minor by G. F. Handel, 1685-1759

## ✠ GATHERING ✠

(Arrows indicate when the congregation may sit ↓ or stand ↑ as able. **Bold print** are responses spoken by the congregation.)

### ↑ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

### ↑ HYMN *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

#712 vs. 1,2,4

**1** *Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart; consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.*

**2** *Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As you, Lord, in deep compassion*

*healed the sick and freed the soul, by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.*

**4** *Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go, to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.*

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### ↑ GREETING

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

### ↑ KYRIE

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*O Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy.  
Have mercy, O Lord. Have mercy, O Lord.*

### ↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## ✠ WORD ✠

### ↓ FIRST READING

Isaiah 53:4-12

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.  
<sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.  
<sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.  
<sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,

and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
 so he did not open his mouth.  
<sup>8</sup>By a perversion of justice he was taken away.  
 Who could have imagined his future?  
 For he was cut off from the land of the living,  
 stricken for the transgression of my people.  
<sup>9</sup>They made his grave with the wicked  
 and his tomb with the rich,  
 although he had done no violence,  
 and there was no deceit in his mouth.  
<sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.  
 When you make his life an offering for sin,  
 he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;  
 through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.  
<sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light;  
 he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.  
 The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,  
 and he shall bear their iniquities.  
<sup>12</sup>Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,  
 and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;  
 because he poured out himself to death,  
 and was numbered with the transgressors;  
 yet he bore the sin of many,  
 and made intercession for the transgressors.

Word of God, Word of Life.      **Thanks be to God.**

↓ **Psalm 91:9-16**

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your refuge,  
 and the Most High your habitation,  
<sup>10</sup>**no evil will befall you,  
 nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**  
<sup>11</sup>For God will give the angels charge over you,  
 to guard you in all your ways.  
<sup>12</sup>**Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
 lest you strike your foot against a stone.**  
<sup>13</sup>You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;  
 you will trample down the lion and the serpent.  
<sup>14</sup>**I will deliver those who cling to me;  
 I will uphold them, because they know my name.**  
<sup>15</sup>They will call me, and I will answer them;  
 I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.  
<sup>16</sup>**With long life will I satisfy them,  
 and show them my salvation.**

↓ **SECOND READING**

**Hebrews 5:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; <sup>3</sup>and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
 today I have begotten you”;

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
 according to the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

<sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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*Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.*

*Alleluia, alleluia. Christ is risen, ris'n indeed.*

↑ **GOSPEL**

**Mark 10:35-45**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup>James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.”

<sup>38</sup>But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” <sup>39</sup>They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is

for those for whom it has been prepared.”

<sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup>So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them.

<sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## ↓SERMON

### ↓CHOIR

*On Eagle's Wings \**

Words and music: Michael Joncas, b. 1951

Arr. Mark Hayes, b. 1953

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## ↑APOSTLES' CREED

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Let us profess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## ↑PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*(The congregation is encouraged to take the position which is most prayerful to you.)*

You may choose to sit or stand as you are comfortable.

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

*A brief silence.*

Holy One, we give thanks for all servant leaders of the church. Bless bishops, pastors, and deacons with

humble wisdom and ground them in your love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Creative One, we give thanks for the delicate balance of the natural world. Kindle in us a spirit of caring strength in the preservation of habitats, food availability, and centers of refuge, that all wildlife may thrive. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Empowering One, fill the leaders of governments with a spirit of service that prioritizes those on the margins due to job loss, underemployment, unsafe working conditions, and immigration status. May economic equity be achieved for all people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Restoring One, send your angels to watch over, rescue, and protect those who are injured or ill. Nurse those who suffer hardship, disease, injury, or difficulty with your comfort and peace. Today we pray especially for *the family of JoAnn Lee, Mary Waller, Gary Ward, Sally Petersen, Jeremiah Jacob Schultz, Nevi Zabilski, Saemi Ladue, Ginny Ostergren, Chuck Bangert, Ann Kenyon, Betty Ann Haskins, Matt Fleischman, Ginny Parsons, Lou and Stevie O'Connell, Ryan Simpson, Elizabeth Madaras, Jerry Stich, Sister Pat Nagle, Peter Dow, Jane McDermott, Mary Goglio, Marla Anderson, Constance Farber, Alan Petersen, Annalise Simmons, Helen Pedersen, Tricia, Pam Clisham, Deanna Madarasz, Jackson Bohm, Nancy Stich, Patricia Runo, Michael Rasmussen, Gail Cromack, Kate Ganschow, Michael Lamb, Maddy Pearce, Christine Winberg and Dorothy Wingire.* God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the ministries of your Word, for Trinity Church Council, the Strategic Exploration Team, the priesthood of all believers, St. Paul Lutheran Church in Oakland, the Lutheran Church of Kagitumba in Rwanda and our Sunday School. We give thanks for the fullness of the lives of Joyce Blamire and Sophia Hofmann as they celebrate their birthdays this week. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Abiding One, you call pastors to shepherd the congregation toward faithful living as servants and followers of Jesus. Inspire all ordained ministers and seminarians to ministry that challenges, engages, and comforts those in their care. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

At this time, you are invited to pray the prayers of your heart, either silently or aloud.

*A moment is offered for prayers from the congregation*

Saving One, we give thanks for the disciples James and John and all saints who have faithfully served you. We rejoice in a promised place at the feast of victory that we receive by your grace alone. 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.**

✠ **MEAL** ✠

↑ **SHARING THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

↓ **OFFERING**

↑ **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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The Lord be 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 God thanks and praise.**

↑ **PREFACE**

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:

↑ **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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***Holy, holy, holy God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.***

***Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our  
God.***

***Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.***

***Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.***

↑ **JESUS' WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

↑ **LORD'S PRAYER**

*You are invited to pray in the version or language of your choice.*

**Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

↓ **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Jesus welcomes you to this table.

Come, here is your God. **Thanks be to God!**

↓ **DISTRIBUTION**

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

*The cup we serve is non-alcoholic. **Gluten-free wafers are offered for those who have need. Please indicate your need to the pastor as you approach to receive the host.** If you do not wish to take communion you may come forward for a blessing or remain seated.*

↓ **LAMB OF GOD**

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***O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy upon us.***

***O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy upon us.***

***O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.  
Grant us your peace. Amen.***

↑ **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

↑ **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. Holy God,  
**you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with  
dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome  
others and to be at peace with one another,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

↑ BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you,  
keep you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

↑ HYMN *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* #551

- 1** *The Spirit sends us forth to serve;  
we go in Jesus' name  
to bring glad tidings to the poor,  
God's favor to proclaim.*
- 2** *We go to comfort those who mourn  
and set the burdened free;  
where hope is dim, to share a dream  
and help the blind to see.*
- 3** *We go to be the hands of Christ,  
to scatter joy like seed  
and, all our days, to cherish life,  
to do the loving deed.*

**4** *Then let us go to serve in peace,  
the gospel to proclaim.  
God's Spirit has empowered us;  
we go in Jesus' name.*

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↑ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.  
**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

Tune: *Chesterfield*, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

Arr: Paul Manz, 1919-2009

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\* Denotes a selection from the 2024 favorite hymns list.

# THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AT TRINITY

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 42

## IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK:

Mon 10/21 9:30am Craft Group  
Tues 10/22 7:30am Tuesday Morning Bible Study (meets on Zoom)  
Thurs 10/24 1:00pm Ukuleles with Ozzy  
7:30pm Council Meeting (meets on Zoom)  
Fridays *Pastor Stephanie's Weekly Sabbath (day-off)*  
Sun 10/27 9:30am Reformation Sunday & Pastor Stephanie's last Sunday at Trinity

## COMING UP:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Oktoberfest Fellowship Dinner.** Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. 4:00pm. *Now taking reservations!*  
Menu: brats, red cabbage, German potato salad, Gunther's homemade pretzels, German apple cake. Beer and wine will be available for purchase. Enjoy some German muzik led by Gunther and Geoff. Cost is \$25 per person. Please email or call the office with the number of people in your group that will attend. RSVP deadline is Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Jessica with any questions. Invite your friends!

**NEXY SUNDAY, 10/27 is Reformation Sunday.** The color of the day is red- **please wear red to church!** It is also Pastor Stephanie's last Sunday with us. Please join us for a special coffee hour and time of fellowship in her honor. You are invited to bring something to share for coffee hour if you like!

**Have you read our online newsletter (Builder) this week?** Here's a look at some information that you will find there that isn't in the bulletin announcements: (please be sure to click the link that says "view entire message")

- An Important Message from Pastor Stephanie
- Hosting the Alameda Warming Shelter
- Ways the ELCA can help us faithfully engage in civic life during an election year
- How to help victims of Hurricane Helené
- Upcoming Events at Trinity and around the Synod
- And much more!

If you aren't receiving the email newsletter in your email inbox and would like to be, please see Jessica to get that taken care of. Visitors who would like to receive our weekly email may sign-up by going to our website- [trinityalameda.org](http://trinityalameda.org), clicking the tab "About Trinity" and then clicking on "Newsletter" to submit your email address to begin receiving it. You may unsubscribe at any time.

### **Assisting in Worship:**

#### **This morning:**

Assisting Minister: Kaye Fitzsimons  
Reader: Mark Schoenrock  
Greeters: Kathy & Stan Booker  
Children's Attendant: Candace Gutleben  
Coffee Hour: Marvera Kline  
Altar Guild: Joanne Robinson

#### **Next Sunday, 10/27**

Assisting Minister: Candace Gutleben  
Reader: Ken Gutleben  
Greeters: John Kofranek & Marilyn Ohm-Smith  
Children's Attendant: Jessica Fleischman  
Coffee Hour: Karol Luque  
Altar Guild: Joanne Robinson

### **Next Week's Scripture Readings:**

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalm 46  
Romans 3:19-28  
John 8:31-36

### **Visits from Pastor Stephanie**

If you would appreciate a visit from Pastor Stephanie, she is available by phone, text or email to make an appointment. She is happy to visit with you in your home, at her office, or a location of your convenience.

### **Pastor's Office Hours**

*Mon-10:00-Noon; Tues. 9am-Noon; Thurs.-10:00-Noon*  
You can reach Pastor Stephanie on her cell phone at (510) 846-0883