



Trinity Lutheran Church

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Service of Holy Communion—*Lutheran Book of Worship*, Setting II

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, October 6, 2024

In-Person at 10:15 am & Live at Facebook.com/TrinityLutheranNH

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage 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.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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.

Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

"God! When Human Bonds Are Broken" **WOV (Blue) No. 735**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

And also with you.

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing and honor and glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.**

Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Our Lord Jesus, you have endured the doubts and foolish questions of every generation. Forgive us for trying to be judge over you, and grant us the confident faith to acknowledge you as Lord.

Amen

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 2:18-24

Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other "one flesh."

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken."

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 8

¹ O | LORD our Lord,*

how exalted is your name in | all the world!

² **Out of the mouths of in- | fants and children***

your majesty is praised a- | bove the heavens.

³ You have set up a stronghold against your | adversaries,*

to quell the enemy and | the avenger.

⁴ **When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,***

the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,

⁵ what is man that you should be mind- | ful of him,*

the son of man that you should | seek him out?

⁶ **You have made him but little lower | than the angels;***

you adorn him with glo- | ry and honor;

⁷ you give him mastery over the works | of your hands;*

you put all things un- | der his feet:

⁸ **all | sheep and oxen,***

even the wild beasts | of the field,

⁹ the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,*

and whatsoever walks in the paths | of the sea.

¹⁰ O | LORD our Lord,*

how exalted is your name in | all the world!

Gloria Patri (chanted after the psalm)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the / Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be fore-/ ver. Amen

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere,
 "What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
 or mortals, that you care for them?
⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
 you have crowned them with glory and honor,
⁸subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,⁹ but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,
 "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
 in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/ALLELUIA

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In his strict teaching about marriage and by blessing children, Jesus erects a hedge of protection around those most vulnerable in society.

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall

become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "*O Christ, Our Hope*" **LBW No. 300**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

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**

THE PRAYERS

D: In our prayers today and this week, please remember: [prayer list]. We also invite your own petitions either aloud or silently in your hearts.

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus...

Almighty God, you created us in your own image, crowning us with glory and honor, and gave us to each other to know and to love. Even after we sinned against you, your Son gave himself to death on the Cross in order to bring many children to glory. We pray for all your children throughout the world, whom Jesus is not ashamed to call his brothers and sisters. Build up your whole church in love and faithfulness, that many may come to know you and call upon your Name. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are married, that you would continually pour out your blessing upon those you have joined together as one flesh. We thank you for all who follow you in singleness. We also remember with love and affection all our spouses who now rest with you. And we acknowledge the hard words your Son spoke about divorce and adultery. Help us take them to heart, and to strive for gentleness and faithfulness in our family life. Bring your forgiveness and healing to those most wounded by hurtful words and deeds. Give us grace to support all who strive to remain faithful; all who struggle to repent of offenses they have caused; and all who agonize to forgive those who have broken their trust. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the children of this congregation called Trinity, and for all children everywhere. As your Son placed his hands upon children and blessed them, making them examples of your Kingdom, so protect our children with your mighty hand, and bring them safely into your good future. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You set before the rulers of nations the paths of life and of death; give them the desire and strength to choose life for themselves and for the people in their care. Remember the hungry, the poor, and those who recover from hurricane and flooding. Protect and direct those who serve in the military and as first responders, and conform each of us to your will, so that we may peacefully live together as your people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember before you the needs of everyone afflicted by suffering, sin, or sorrow; especially the hospitalized and those facing surgery or medical treatment. Deliver them from evil; grant them refreshment, hope, and healing; and restore them to fellowship with all who love them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, keep in your tender care all who have died trusting in your promises. Renew in us child-like faith, that trusting in you we may live as members of your Kingdom. And, at the last, take us to yourself where with the whole company of heaven we will praise you forever. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord...

PEACE

OFFERING *The ushers collect the offering. You can also give electronically through our website, Facebook page, or by [clicking here](#).*

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Create in Me a Clean Heart" J.A. Freylinghausen

OFFERTORY: *"Let the Vineyards"*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

D: Let us pray...

Merciful Father,

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD

THE COMMUNION *To all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord, are baptized, and confess Jesus' real presence in the Holy Communion, we invite you to join us in the Holy Eucharist. At the usher's invitation you may come forward to kneel or stand at the altar rail. Please take an empty individual cup from the tray and bring it with you to the rail. The host wafer will be placed into your open hands to eat. Your cup will be filled from the pouring chalice, take and drink. Individual cups filled with non-alcoholic grape juice are also available, please point to receive one. Sealed pre-consecrated Communion packages are also available. Please remain at the altar rail until all have finished and a blessing is given.*

COMMUNION HYMNS: LBW No. 345

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: *"Thank the Lord"*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

D: Let us pray...

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: *"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"* **LBW No. 424**

DISMISSAL

D: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE