

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Service of Holy Communion—*Lutheran Book of Worship,* Setting II
The Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost, November 17, 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: "Come, You Thankful People, Come" LBW No. 407

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.

Lord God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that, always keeping in mind the end of all things and the day of judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of life here and may live with you forever in the world to come, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FIRST LESSON: Daniel 12:1-3

Arising during a time of great persecution, Daniel is concerned with God's revelation about the end time and the coming kingdom of God, when God will vindicate the righteous who have been persecuted.

¹ "At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ² Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

The Word of the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16

- ¹ Protect me, O God, for I take <u>ref</u>- | uge in you;*
 - I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good a- | <u>bove</u> all other."
- ² All my delight is upon the godly that are | <u>in</u>the land,* upon those who are noble a- | <u>mong</u> the people.
- ³ But those who run after | <u>oth</u>er gods* shall have their troubles | multiplied.
- ⁴ Their libations of blood I | will not offer,* nor take the names of their gods up- | on my lips.
- ⁵ O LORD, you are my portion | <u>and</u> my cup;* it is you who up- | hold my lot.
- ⁶ My boundaries enclose a | <u>plea</u>sant land;* indeed, I have a | <u>good</u>ly heritage.
- ⁷ I will bless the LORD who | <u>gives</u> me counsel;* my heart teaches me <u>night</u> | after night.
- ⁸ I have set the LORD <u>al</u>- | ways before me;* because he is at my right hand, I | <u>shall</u> not fall.
- ⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my <u>spir</u>- | it rejoices;* my body also shall | <u>rest</u> in hope.
- ¹⁰ For you will not abandon me | <u>to</u> the grave,* nor let your holy one | <u>see</u> the pit.
- You will show me the | <u>path</u> of life;* in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for- | <u>e</u>vermore.

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 10:11-25

Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ's death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God's promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.

¹¹ Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," ¹³ and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord:I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,"

¹⁷ he also adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.]

¹⁹ Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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 13:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.

¹ As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" ² Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴"Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs." The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Take My Life, that I May Be" LBW No. 406

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON Pastor Brian Peterson

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, preserve your Church throughout the earth, that even though our buildings made with human hands may be destroyed, your Temple made of living stones may abide forever. By your Holy Spirit keep your Church in the true faith; unite us continually to Christ; and make your Church a house of prayer for all people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your Son foretold times of trial that would come upon his people as the Day approaches, and yet comforted us, "Do not be alarmed." We pray for all Christians who suffer for their faith in you, and for all who undergo times of trial. Strengthen in faith this congregation called Trinity, that we may hold fast to the confession of our hope, Jesus Christ, and use us to bring his forgiveness, life, and salvation to all people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your Son took little children into his arms and blessed them. We thank you for the ministry of Operation Christmas Child, and ask you take into your care and bless the children who will receive these shoeboxes gathered here, that together we would all gratefully receive the greatest gift of your Son. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless and guide all the peoples of this world, so that they may put their trust not in earthly rulers but in your wise governance and gracious commands. Watch over all who serve and protect others and put themselves in harm's way for the good of us all. Teach us how to live in peace with one another; to care for the poor and vulnerable among us; and to work for the common good of all, in accordance with your will. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You promise never to abandon us, but to show us the path of life, with fullness of joy in your presence. Grant healing and wholeness to all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, and remember in mercy our loved ones, our neighbors, and all for whom we pray. Bless all caretakers with the gift of gentleness, and re-establish the bonds of affection that have been unraveled by sickness or sorrow. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the midst of death you promise to be the God of Life, and we thank you for bestowing your eternal life upon all who have died trusting in you. Guard and guide us safely through this earthly life, amidst all its troubles, trials, and temptations. Fill us with confidence in your never-failing love, that we may know you are with us always, even to the end of the age. And, at the last, raise us up with all your saints into the joy of the Resurrection, that with all your people we may live with 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 <u>clicking here</u>.

CHOIR ANTHEM: "As this Broken Bread" Wayne L. Wold

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 EUCHARISTIC 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. 409, WOV (Blue) No. 759

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: "We Plow the Fields and Scatter" LBW No. 362

DISMISSAL

D: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE