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

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 17, 2025

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 Himself Is Present" LBW No. 249**God Himself Is Present**

1 God him-self is pres-ent; let us now a-dore him and with awe ap-
 2 God him-self is pres-ent; hear the harps re-sound-ing; see the hosts the
 3 Light of light e-ter-nal, all things pen-e-trat-ing, for your rays our
 4 Come, ce-les-tial Be-ing, make our hearts your dwell-ing, ev-'ry car-nal



pear be-fore him! God is in his tem-ple; all with-in keep si-lence,
 throne sur-round-ing! "Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly!" Hear the hymn as-cend-ing,
 soul is wait-ing. As the ten-der flow-ers, will-ing-ly un-fold-ing,
 thought dis-pel-ling. By your Ho-ly Spir-it sanc-ti-fy us tru-ly,



pros-trate lie with deep-est rev-'rence. Him a-lone God we own,
 songs of saints and an-gels blend-ing. Bow your ear to us here:
 to the sun their fac-es hold-ing: e-ven so would we do,
 teach-ing us to love you on-ly. Where we go here be-low,



him, our God and Sav-ior; praise his name for-ev-er!
 hear, O Christ, the prais-es that your church now rais-es.
 light from you ob-tain-ing, strength to serve you gain-ing.
 let us bow be-fore you and in truth a-dore you.

Text: Gerhard Tersteegen, 1697–1769; tr. composite
 Music: WUNDERBARER KÖNIG, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given great and precious promises to those who believe. Grant us the perfect faith which overcomes all doubts, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who

speaks God's Word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.

²³ Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴ Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed! I have dreamed!" ²⁶ How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷ They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹ Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 82

¹ God takes his stand in the council of heaven;
he gives judgment in the midst | of the gods:

² **"How long will you | judge unjustly,
and show favor | to the wicked?"**

³ Save the weak | and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;

⁴ **rescue the weak | and the poor;
deliver them from the power | of the wicked.**

⁵ They do not know, neither do they understand; they go | about in darkness;
all the foundations of the | earth are shaken.

⁶ **Now I say to you, | 'You are gods,
and all of you children of | the Most High;**

⁷ nevertheless, you shall | die like mortals,
and fall like | any prince.'"

⁸ **Arise, O God, and | rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations | for your own.**

Gloria Patri (spoken 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 11:29—12:2

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this "cloud of witnesses," we have Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith

conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1} Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. 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: Luke 12:49-56

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the Cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹ "I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites!

You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "O God of Earth and Altar" LBW No. 428

O God of Earth and Altar



1 O God of earth and al - tar, bow down and hear our cry;
2 From all that ter - ror teach - es, from lies of tongue and pen,
3 Tie in a liv - ing teth - er the prince and priest and thrall;



our earth - ly rul - ers fal - ter, our peo - ple drift and die;
from all the eas - y speech - es that com - fort cru - el men,
bind all our lives to - geth - er; smite us, and save us all;



the walls of gold en - tomb us; the swords of scorn di - vide.
from sale and pro - fa - na - tion of hon - or, and the sword,
in ire and ex - ul - ta - tion, a - flame with faith, and free,



Take not thy thun - der from us, but take a - way our pride.
from sleep, and from dam - na - tion, de - liv - er us, good Lord!
lift up a liv - ing na - tion, a sin - gle sword to thee.

Text: Gilbert K. Chesterton, 1874–1936
Music: KING'S LYNN, English folk tune

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, and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, renew your Church by the power of your Word so that it may constantly point to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Send the purifying fire of your Holy Spirit into the midst of this congregation called Trinity, that in all our words, actions, and relationships we may be faithful to your Son. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray that your peace would be established among the nations, peoples, and communities of this world. Stretch out your hand to direct the leaders of our nation, that your will may be done, the common good served, and the needy provided for. Watch over those who serve and protect others in our midst, and make our neighborhoods places where all people can live in safety and with dignity. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for everyone who is afflicted by suffering, especially those we have named before you or remember before you now. Give them healing, comfort, and hope as their strong deliverer. Strengthen their faith in times of trial and bring them safely through their trials into closer fellowship with you and with those who love them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we humbly commend our departed loved ones into your eternal care. Keep our faith steadfastly fixed on Jesus, that surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses we too may run with perseverance the race that is set before us. And, at the last, bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your Kingdom to live with you forever. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

PEACE

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

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.*

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...

We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

BLESSING

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN: *"Hymn Lottery"*

DISMISSAL

D: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE