

### **Trinity Lutheran Church**

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

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 5, 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.*

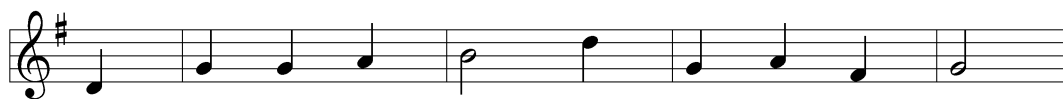
Most merciful God,

**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: "Oh, Worship the King" LBW No. 548****Oh, Worship the King**

1 Oh, wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.  
 2 Oh, tell of his might; oh, sing of his grace,  
 3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,  
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?



Oh, grate - ful - ly sing his pow'r and his love;  
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;  
 Al - might - y, your pow'r has found - ed of old;  
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,



our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
 his char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,  
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,  
 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,



pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.  
 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.  
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
 your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
 our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

6 O measureless Might, ineffable Love,  
 while angels delight to hymn you above,  
 the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
 with true adoration shall sing to your praise.

Text: Robert Grant, 1779–1838, alt.  
 Music: HANOVER, William Croft, 1678–1727

**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.**

Let us pray.

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: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4**

*Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.*

<sup>1</sup>The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"  
and you will not save?

<sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see wrongdoing  
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;  
 strife and contention arise.  
<sup>4</sup>So the law becomes slack,  
 and justice never prevails.  
 The wicked surround the righteous;  
 therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

<sup>2:1</sup>I will stand at my watchpost  
 and station myself on the rampart;  
 I will keep watch to see what he will say to me  
 and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

<sup>2</sup>Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;  
 make it plain on tablets,  
 so that a runner may read it.

<sup>3</sup>For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
 it speaks of the end and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
 it will surely come; it will not delay.

<sup>4</sup>Look at the proud!  
 Their spirit is not right in them,  
 but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 37:1-10**

<sup>1</sup> Do not fret yourself because of | evildoers;<sup>\*</sup>  
 do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.

<sup>2</sup> **For they shall soon wither | like the grass,<sup>\*</sup>  
 and like the green grass | fade away.**

<sup>3</sup> Put your trust in the LORD | and do good;<sup>\*</sup>  
 dwell in the land and feed | on its riches.

<sup>4</sup> **Take delight | in the LORD,<sup>\*</sup>  
 and he shall give you your | heart's desire.**

<sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the LORD and put your | trust in him,<sup>\*</sup>  
 and he will bring | it to pass.

<sup>6</sup> **He will make your righteousness as clear | as the light<sup>\*</sup>  
 and your just dealing | as the noonday.**

<sup>7</sup> Be still be- | fore the LORD<sup>\*</sup>  
 and wait patient- | ly for him.

<sup>8</sup> **Do not fret yourself over the | one who prospers,<sup>\*</sup>  
 the one who succeeds in | evil schemes.**

<sup>9</sup> Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone;<sup>\*</sup>  
 do not fret yourself; it leads on- | ly to evil.

<sup>10</sup> **For evildoers shall | be cut off,<sup>\*</sup>  
 but those who wait upon the LORD shall pos- | sess the land.**

**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: 2 Timothy 1:1-14***Paul's second letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.*

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup> To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup> I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup> Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup> I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup> For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, <sup>7</sup> for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup> Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, <sup>9</sup> who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup> but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup> For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup> and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup> Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup> Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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 17:5-10**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.***On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.*

<sup>5</sup> The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup> The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and

planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup>"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'?"

<sup>8</sup>Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup>Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: "How Firm a Foundation" LBW No. 507**

## How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
3 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.  
Music: FOUNDATION, early American

### 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, we thank you that you have saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to your own purpose and grace in Jesus Christ our Lord. We pray for your Church, that you make it steadfast in faith and loving in service to all for whom Christ gave his life. And re-plant within this congregation called Trinity the mustard seed of faith in you, that renewed by the Holy Spirit we might serve as you command. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant that the leaders of all nations, especially our own, may faithfully and diligently do the work you have entrusted to them. Provide for the poor, give justice to the oppressed, and lead all people to green pastures that we may dwell safely in the land. We pray on behalf of those in our military, and for first responders. Be our Mighty Fortress; and bring about your Son's reign of endless peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be the rock and salvation of all who cry out to you in sickness, suffering, or sorrow. Especially we remember before you all we have named aloud, or remember before you now. Give them patience in suffering; heal their bodies, minds, and spirits; sustain them in faith; and give gentleness and compassion to all who care for them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, you promise us that the righteous shall live by faith. We give you thanks for Lois, Eunice, and for all those who once planted faith within us, and now rest in peace in you. Comfort us in our grief, and lead us safely through this earthly life. And, at the last, bring us with all your saints to the place where we will no longer walk by faith, but shall see you face-to-face. 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:** "Show Me, Teach Me, Lead Me" Nancy M. Raabe

**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. 492, WOV (Blue) No. 746**

### 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.

**Amen****RECESSIONAL HYMN: "God, Whose Almighty Word" LBW No. 400**

### God, Whose Almighty Word



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
 2 Lord, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
 heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the  
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
 wis - dom, love, might! Bound-less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray,  
 in - ly blind: oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light!  
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place  
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide,

Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt.  
 Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

**DISMISSAL**

D: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****POSTLUDE**

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