

Trinity Lutheran Church

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

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 28, 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: "All Who Would Valiant Be" LBW No. 498**All Who Would Valiant Be**

1 All who would val - iant be 'gainst all di - sas - ter,
 2 Who so be - set them round with dis - mal sto - ries,
 3 Since, Lord, you will de - fend us with your Spir - it,



let them in con - stan - cy fol - low the mas - ter.
 do but them - selves con - found; their strength the more is.
 we know we at the end shall life in - her - it.



There's no dis - cour - age - ment shall make them once re - lent
 No foes shall stay their might; though they with gi - ants fight,
 Then fanc - ies flee a - way! We'll fear not what they say,



their first a - vowed in - tent to be true pil - grims.
 they will make good their right to be true pil - grims.
 we'll la - bor night and day to be true pil - grims.

Text: John Bunyan, 1628–1688, adapt.
 Music: ST. DUNSTAN'S, C. Winfred Douglas, 1867–1944

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.

God of love, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them; keep us from those things that harm us; and guide us in the way of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FIRST LESSON: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

^{1a}Woe to those who are at ease in Zion
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

⁴Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and lounge on their couches
and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the stall,

⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David improvise on instruments of music,

⁶who drink wine from bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, | O my soul!*

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

**2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any | child of earth,*
for there is no | help in them.**

³ When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,*
and in that day | their thoughts perish.

**4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,*
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;**

⁵ who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;*
who keeps his prom- | ise forever;

**6 who gives justice to those who | are oppressed,*
and food to | those who hunger.**

⁷ The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes | of the blind;*
the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down;

**8 the LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares | for the stranger;*
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the
wicked.**

⁹ The LORD shall | reign forever,*
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

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: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works,

generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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 16:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is "lifted up" and the rich one is "sent away empty." Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹ "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.' ²⁵ But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' ²⁷ He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹ Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' ³⁰ He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' ³¹ He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Fight the Good Fight" SBH No. 557

PENTECOST, L. M.

WILLIAM BOYD, 1847-1928

Broadly, with spirit

1. Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is thy
 2. Run the straight race through God's good grace, Lift up thine

strength, and Christ thy right; Lay hold on life, and
 eyes, and seek his face; Life with its way be -

it shall be Thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 fore us lies, Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

3 Cast care aside, lean on thy Guide;
 His boundless mercy will provide;
 Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
 Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near;
 He changeth not, and thou art dear;
 Only believe, and thou shalt see
 That Christ is all in all to thee.

John S. B. Monsell, 1811-75

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 so loved the world you sent your only Son who, for our sake, became poor so that we might become rich in holiness and grace. Strengthen your Church, that she may fight the good fight of the faith and take hold of the eternal life to which you have called us. And bless this congregation called Trinity, that living in godliness with contentment, our faith might overflow in compassion, generosity, and kindness towards our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this world; its people, its leaders, and for our nation and communities. Be the shield of those who protect and serve among us, that all people may live together in peace and safety. Teach us your ways, guide us by your hand, and give us the strength to care for one another with tenderness and compassion along our earthly pilgrimage. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You open the eyes of the blind and lift up those who are bowed down. We pray for those who are sick, suffering, distressed, or carrying heavy burdens this day. Grant them your mercy, raise them up, and pour out upon them your healing power, restoring them to fellowship with all who love them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your faithfulness to Abraham, Lazarus, and all whom you have raised to eternal life through your beloved Son, the King of kings, and Lord of lords. With gratitude and affection we entrust to you our beloved dead. Grant us grace to live in the blessed hope of the Resurrection to eternal life and to share that hope with others. And, at the last, raise us up with all your saints, that together we may live forever in your Kingdom. 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: *"Taste and See"* Thomas Keesecker

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 HYMN: LBW Nos. 298, 205

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**

AFFIRMATION OF MARRIAGE VOWS

BLESSING

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

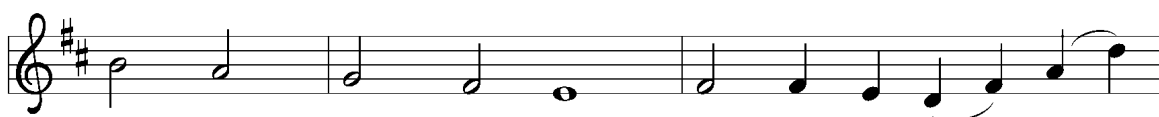
Amen

RECESSIONAL HYMN: "Jesus Shall Reign" LBW No. 530

Jesus Shall Reign



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 thron - g to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

DISMISSAL

D: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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