

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost October 24, 2021 Welcome in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ! If you come as a visitor today, we hope you will leave as a friend. We count it a privilege and a blessing to have you with us in worship. If you are not presently a member of any congregation, please feel welcome to gather with us around Jesus in this community of his disciples at Holy Trinity. Come and worship with us again!

Invitation to Communion: Holy Communion is the body and blood of Jesus Christ by which our Lord is truly present to forgive sin and bring life and salvation. All baptized Christians who believe this promise are welcome to commune. Parents with children are encouraged to come to the altar together. Children who do not yet receive communion will receive the blessing of the Church from the Pastor.

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Gluten-free wafers are available; let Pastor know when you come forward to receive.

Service of Holy Communion

Significance of the Day: Can we pray the way Bartimaeus prays? People try to hush him up because by addressing Jesus as "Son of David" he is making a politically dangerous claim that Jesus is the rightful king. Could our prayers ever be heard as a threat to unjust powers that be? Bartimaeus won't give up or go away quietly, but repeats his call for help more loudly. Do we ask so boldly? And are our prayers an honest answer to Jesus' question, "What do you want me to do for you?"

Gathering

Prelude

Hymn variations on *Amazing Grace*

(Travis et al)

Greeting / Announcements

(The assembly stands as the minister enters.)

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

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.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen**





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.

Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading Jeremiah 31:7-9

A reading from Jeremiah:

7 For thus says the Lord:
Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel."

8 See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame,

those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

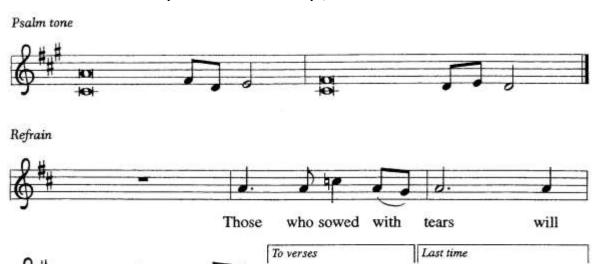
9 With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

(Saturday psalm will be spoken responsively, Sunday psalm will be sung in alternate verses by Choir and assembly.)



- 1 When the LORD restored the for- | tunes of Zion, then were we like | those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with | shouts of joy.

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Then they said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great | things for them."

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- 3 The LORD has done great | things for us, and we are | glad indeed.
- 4 Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD, like the watercourses | of the Negeb.
- 5 Those who | sowed with tears will reap with | songs of joy.

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6 Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed, will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves. (R)

Second Reading Hebrews 7:23-28

A reading from Hebrews:

23 Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; 24 but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. 25 Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

26 For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. 27 Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. 28 For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

(Saturday acclamation will be spoken, Sunday verse will be sung by the Choir.)



The Lord will rescue me from every e- | vil attack and save me for the heav- | enly kingdom.

Gospel Mark 10:46-52

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

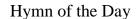
(The reading of the Gospel.)

46 They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 48 Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 49 Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." 50 So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. 51 Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." 52 Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon Pastor Brenda Martin



Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.

Prayers of Intercession

A: Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation, responding, "Hear us, O God, your mercy is great."

(Brief silence)

- A: Risen One, we give you thanks for congregations and ministries throughout the world that serve as centers of prayer and action. Empower missionaries, teachers, healers, evangelists, and all who are sent to share your song of joy. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Michael; our pastors, musicians, teachers and all who share your word. Hear us, O God,
- C: your mercy is great.
- A: Holy One, we give you thanks for generous land that produces abundant harvests. Strengthen and protect all soils, from rooftop gardens to prairie farmlands, to patio planters to fertile valleys, and bless all who lovingly tend them. Hear us, O God,
- C: your mercy is great.
- A: Ruling One, we give you thanks for leaders of nations who work to build up the common good. Strengthen efforts of reconciliation among all nations, that peace extends in every direction. We pray for our president, Joe; our governor, Tom; and our elected municipal and school leaders. Hear us, O God,
- C: your mercy is great.
- A: Healing One, we give you thanks for all who labor for the health of others, especially those in this congregation who work in medical offices and hospitals and provide health services in people's homes. Comfort and strengthen all who struggle with chronic pain. Send healing and relief to all who are sick. Hear us, O God,
- C: your mercy is great.
- A: Providing One, we give you thanks for all who provide for others. Inspire generosity in your people, so that we carry out the work of making disciples of all nations. Hear us, O God,
- C: your mercy is great.

- A: Living One, we give you thanks for the saints who have increased our faith, especially Wendy, John, and Bob. Give us courage to follow in hope until you gather us all around your table of abundance. Hear us, O God,
- C: your mercy is great.
- A: Are there others for whom we should pray?
- P: Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.
- C: Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

Meal

Music as the meal is prepared

Interlude

(Murray)

(The assembly stands. The deacon, on behalf of the people, prays.)

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you open your hand, filling our lives with all good things and renewing the face of the earth. We offer these gifts in thanksgiving for all that we have received from your bounty. Accept them for the sake of him who offered his life for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,

and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of Bread

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ.

When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all is now ready.

Communion of the Faithful

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(Following the Communion the assembly stands for the blessing.)

Music during communion

Selected Hymns

Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and preserve you unto eternal life.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Sending

Our Prayer for These Times

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

(Remain facing the altar while the Sending Hymn is sung.)



Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude Fanfare (Rawestrhorne)

Serving Tonight

Presiding Minister Pastor Brenda Martin Pianist Maidene Hackett Liturgical Deacon Dan Eppley

Serving Today

Presiding Minister Pastor Brenda Martin
Organist Maidene Hackett
Liturgical Deacon Chuck Lanning
Communion Assistant Catherine Snyder
Lector Laura Chesmer
Acolyte Zach Morgan
Head Usher Bob Massing
Altar Guild Ruth Gruber
Mary Beth Bradley

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Pastors in residence:

The Rev. Martin Roth, Pastor Emeritus, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
The Rev. Julia Fraser, chaplain at St. Paul Homes
The Rev. Brian Riddle, Thiel College Campus Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Curtis Thompson, retired, Thiel College

Attendance at the Saturday, October 16, 2021, 5:30 p.m. Service: 20. Attendance at the Sunday, October 17, 2021, 9:30 a.m. Service: 39. Total: 59.

This Week at Holy Trinity

Sunday, October 24, 2021, 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

10:45 a.m. SCS and Confirmation Classes

7:00 p.m. AA Big Book meeting

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

9:00 a.m. Flying Quilts

7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

7:00 p.m. Weekday Communion

7:00 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 28, 2021

10:00 a.m. Weekday Communion

7:00 p.m. Happy Hour

Saturday, October 30, 2021

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 31, 2021, Reformation Sunday

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

10:45 a.m. SCS and Confirmation Classes

12:00 p.m. Reformed: Always Reforming

7:00 p.m. AA Big Book meeting

Monday, November 1, 2021

7:00 p.m. Property Committee

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

6:30 p.m. CCSS

7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

10:00 a.m. Seniors for Safe Driving

7:00 p.m. Weekday Communion

7:00 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 4, 2021

10:00 a.m. Weekday Communion

7:00 p.m. Happy Hour

Saturday, November 6, 2021

9:00 a.m. Parish Ed Work Day, 2nd floor Sunday School space

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion with prayers for healing

Good Shepherd Thanksgiving Request

The Good Shepherd Center's Thanksgiving request for Holy Trinity is 100 cans of vegetables. The deadline for this donation is Sunday, November 14. Donations may be placed in the marked box in the cloister.



Work Day for Sunday Church School Painting

We began renovating out 2nd floor Sunday School place this summer, and need to complete that work. A work day has been scheduled for **Saturday, November 6**, beginning at 9:00 a.m. We will be cleaning up, organizing, painting, and doing other work. Come when you can for as long as you can. Lunch will be provided.

Turn Your Clocks Back

Remember to "Fall Back": Daylight Savings ends Sunday, November 7, 2021. Don't forget to set your clocks **back one hour Saturday** evening, November 6, 2021.

Liturgical Calendars for Every Home

If you reserved a 2022 Liturgical Calendar, you can pick your calendar up in the workroom. **Please note that they will not be mailed.** Thanks.

Celebration of All Saints' Day

We will be celebrating this church festival at our regular Saturday night and Sunday morning liturgies on November 6 and 7.

Come, remember your loved ones with thanksgiving for their lives.

Please Pray For

Permission is necessary to add a person to the prayer list. Please ask before your call the office. Thanks.

Health and Healing:

Lisa Barrett (sister of Rusty Saverino) Henry Heil

Marie Eaves Donnie Littelle (friend of Rich & Denise Hall)

Paul Yoos Fred Junk (husband of Betty K. Junk)

Dave Hollenbaugh

Donnie K. (friend of Wayne and Darla Swift)

Chuck and Traci Brown (son-in-law and Marie (sister-in-law of Henry and Ruth Heil)

daughter of Carl and Bonnie Long)

Cathy Anderson (daughter of Betty K. Junk)

Lori McCann

Jim Shaffer

Tim Hofius (friend of John Logan)

Nancy (friend of Linda Armstrong)

Tillie Schell

Brenda (sister-in-law of Betty K. Junk)

Barbara Swartz Carl Long

Danica (friend of Linda Armstrong)

Dillon (friend of Ed Pitcher and Beth Harpst)

Bonnie Gratzmiller (friend of Linda Belle (granddaughter of Linda Bateman)

Armstrong)

Christ's comfort for those who grieve the death of:

Bob Gargasz

Wendy Richardson (sister of Ray Richardson)

John L Mott (father of Catherine Mott)

In Military Service

Specialist (SPC) Andrew McCall, Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, Colorado (son of Mark and Jane McCall, grandson of Karen McKay and the late Jim McKay)

Sgt. First Class Nicholas Carman, US Army, Fredericksburg, Virginia (grandson of Nancy Ullstrom)

Admiral Richard Childs, Assistant Surgeon General of the USA (nephew of Harvey Childs)

CDR Ryan Leary, USN, Operation Officer, 7th Fleet, Yokosuka, Japan (son of David and Judy Leary)

Tim Ross, Navy Special Forces, (grandson of Rae Johnson, nephew of Lori McEwen)