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Twenty-sixth Sunday of Pentecost



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Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 4

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the "meantimes." The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right."

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

P In the name of God the Father of glory; in the name of God the ☩ Son, our Redeemer; in the name of God the holy and life-giving Spirit.

C Amen.

P The Sun of righteousness shall rise with shining beams of healing. Let us gather under the wings of God's mercy.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Gracious God,

C we acknowledge that we are sinners and we confess our sins—those known to us that burden our hearts, and those unknown to us but seen by you. We know that before you nothing remains hidden, and in you everything is revealed. Free us from the slavery of sin; liberate us from the bondage of guilt; and work in us that which is pleasing in your sight; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P With a heart full of mercy and compassion, God saves us and ☩ forgives us all our sins. Christ, the dawn from on high, shines upon us and by the light of the Holy Spirit guides our feet into the way of peace.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

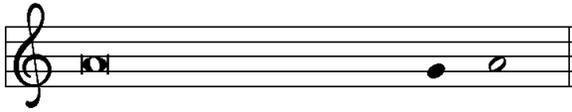
ELW HYMN 597

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



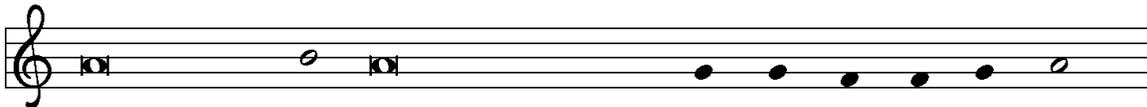
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

Assisting minister

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: MALACHI 4:1-2A

Malachi, whose name means “my messenger,” warns that the day of the Lord is coming. On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the “sun of righteousness” will shine on those who fear God.

¹See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a}But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 98

Sung responsively



¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made | known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD | with the harp,
with the harp and the | voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound | of the horn
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,
the world and those who | dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers | clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to |
judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peo- | ples with equity.

SECOND READING: 2ND THESSALONIANS 3:6-13

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. Paul warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel, according to Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

C Glory to you O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and shall be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

PR. ELWYN LUBER

HYMN OF THE DAY

When Peace like a River

ELW HYMN 785

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C 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.

THE PRAYERS

A With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A For the church, for missionaries and teachers, clergy and laity, and all ministers who proclaim the gospel in word and deed, that the Sun of righteousness enlighten the whole earth, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For rivers and lakes, hills and mountains, fruit and vegetables, and animals great and small, that creation thrive and that we care for all God has given us, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For all in authority at the local, state, provincial, national, and international levels, for those who advocate for equity, and for relief workers and their supporters, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For those who hunger or thirst, for those who doubt or are terrified, for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Charolette Brown, Marsha Chelson, Lucille Brill, and Cathy Tunnell, and for caregivers, that all experience the healing and comfort given through Christ, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For those gathered in this place to hear the gospel and receive the good gifts of God through Christ Jesus, that guided by the Holy Spirit, we serve our neighbor who is in need, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For all those for whom we pray today, especially Salem Lutheran in St. Francis; Zion Lutheran in Hutchinson, both in Kansas; and Holy Trinity Lutheran in St. Louis, Missouri, that they may always lead in Your sure Word and welcome all who come to their doors. Lord, let us pray,

C Have mercy, O God.

A For Betty Quarnstrom, Liz Utech, Monique Wyatt, Susan Fitz and Steve Cain as they celebrate their birthdays this week, and Conrad Youngblom, Marlene Hassan, Dean McGinnis and Samantha Ginter as they remember their baptism, we pray for your bountiful blessings. Lord, let us pray,

C Have mercy, O God.

A In thanksgiving for men and women of every time and place who have died in Christ, and that we follow their examples of faithful living, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

P Almighty God, you have promised to hear those who call upon your name. We commend all our spoken and silent prayers to you, trusting in your abundant mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Let us greet one another with God's peace.

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERING

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

Create In Me A Clean Heart

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The second system also has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your'.

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

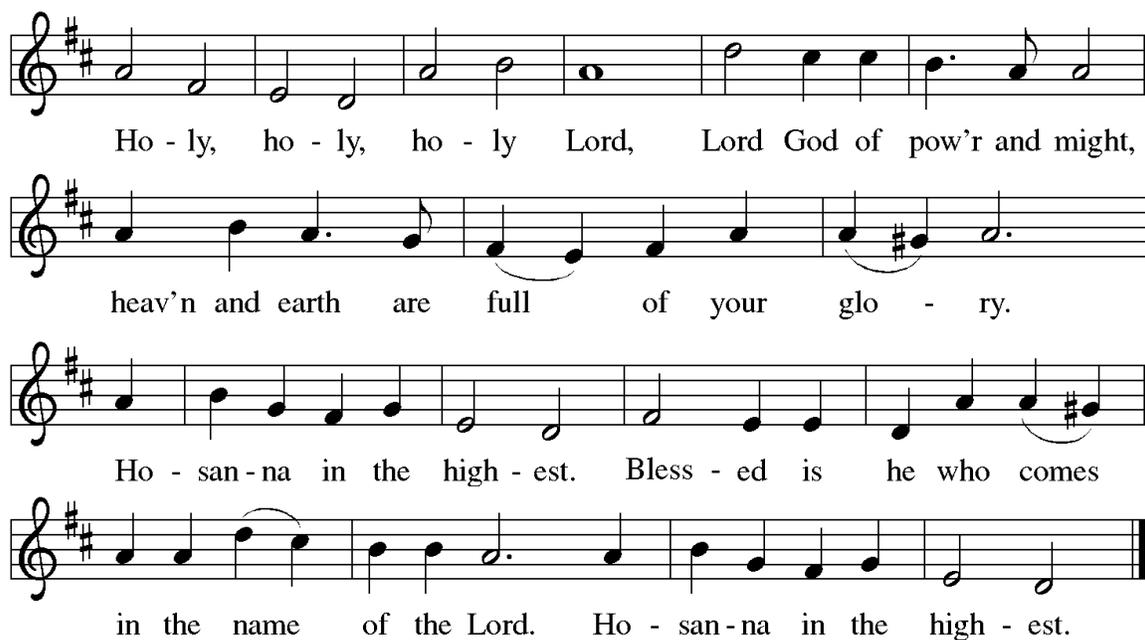
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.'; 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.'; 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'; and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P 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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, self-control and justice.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C **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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Share in the inheritance of all the saints. Come to the table prepared for you.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Welcome to worship at Trinity!

Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you have found the Spirit of God in our midst. If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, or have other questions, please contact the church office, 233-0767.

Please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for refreshments after worship.

We welcome Pastor Elwyn Luber to worship today and say “thank you” for being with us.



Altar flowers are provided to the glory of God by Marilyn Hypse and family in memory of Harold Hypse.

Remember our shut-ins!

Kathryn Axelton
Lucille Brill
Peggy Buchholz
Marlene Hassan
Marie Henriksen
Howard Kunard
Don Longren

Shawn Nowak
Roy O’Neil
Ron Owensby
Keith Springer
Naomi Walker
Evelyn Johnson



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UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Nov. 13	Children's Sunday School	9:00 AM
.....	Adult Sunday School & Confirmation Class	9:15 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 AM
.....	Worship & Music Meeting.....	after Worship
.....	Community Garden Work Meeting	5:30 PM
.....	Youth Group Meeting	4:30 PM
Mon., Nov. 14.....	Women's AA.....	5:00 PM
Tues., Nov. 15	Quilters	9:00 AM
Wed., Nov. 16.....	Priscilla Circle Bible Study.....	1:30 PM
.....	Women's AA.....	5:30 PM
Thurs., Nov. 17	December Trinity Tidings Deadline	
.....	Men's AA	6:00 PM
Sun., Nov. 20.....	Christ the King Sunday	
.....	Children's Sunday School	9:00 AM
.....	Adult Sunday School & Confirmation Class	9:15 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 AM
.....	Community Garden Work Meeting	4:30 PM



Worship & Music Committee is meeting after church today to plan for Advent and Christmas.

Doorstep is now low on or out of several items in the clothing room. If you can help, we would greatly appreciate it!

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| Blankets – Any Size | Sheets – Any Size |
| Men's Socks | Women's Socks |
| Boy's Socks | Pots & Pans, Slow Cookers etc. |
| Silverware | |

As you reflect on the November election, please consider the “five minute rule” as a guide to reconciliation. If you are happy with the result, celebrate for four minutes and fifty-nine seconds, and then get back to the work of healing our land. If you are in despair with the result, grieve - but only for four minutes and fifty-nine seconds, and then get back to the work of healing our land. Call a Muslim, immigrant, gay,

undocumented, or transgender neighbor and surprise them with an invitation to your home with no other agenda than to be a good neighbor. If you’re not sure who your “neighbor” is in these times, then the Lutheran Church is a pretty good place to start, because for almost 500 years, we have welcomed a community of neighbors, including immigrants, dissenters, and people with whom we disa-

gree, but nevertheless break bread together on our knees. In just a few days, our Thanksgiving table will offer a stark choice. Rather than the “grown-up” table and “kids” table, will we retreat to the celebration table and slough of despond? Or will we “Gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing?” Let us choose wisely. Amen.

Courtesy of Doug Reeves.

THANK OFFERING envelopes included in the November *Trinity Tidings* will be received next Sunday, November 20th. We thereby remember with praise and Thanksgiving God's many daily blessings to us. The mission of the church through the life-changing ministries of the Women of the ELCA will be carried out through our gifts.

Thanksgiving Eve Choir Rehearsal will start at 6:00 pm, Wednesday, November 23rd. The rehearsal and worship at 7:00 pm will be at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, 2021 SW 29th Street. The music for the combined choir anthem is available from Laurie Jackson or from Cindy in the church office.

Please call the office, 233-0767.
promptly about hospitalizations in our church family.

To share a prayer request please contact Barbara Apps at 231-8402. She will get the prayer chain started.

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE						
Date	General	Building Fund	Other	Flowers	Total	Attendance
Oct. 16	\$2,108.44	\$155.00	\$250.00	\$25.00	\$2,538.44	40
Oct. 23	\$1,318.78	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,363.78	44
Oct. 30	\$1,083.16	\$20.00	\$56.00	\$25.00	\$1,184.16	42
Nov. 6	\$2,519.00	\$405.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$2,984.00	46
The money shown in the "Other" column is restricted and not available for our general fund.						

Month/Year	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Net Income	Year to Date	Budgeted Income
July 2016	\$10,252.14	\$13,812.33	-\$3,530.19	-\$19,719.49	\$13,547.18
August 2016	\$19,135.26	\$14,810.01	\$4,231.62	-\$15,674.16	\$13,547.18
Sept 2016	\$8,564.12	\$10,343.28	-\$1,779.16	-\$17,553.32	\$13,547.18
Oct. 2016	\$11,200.51	\$7716.44	\$3484.07	-\$14,069.25	\$13,547.18

Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Organist; Choir Director; Keyboard	Flowers	Lector	Altar Guild	Coffee Host(s)	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
November 13, 2016	Dorothy Strom	David McGinnis & Larry McGinnis	Laurie Jackson	Marilyn Hypse (2)	Linda Longren	Janice Greenlee & Team 2	Linda Longren	Rosie Nichols	Pr. Elwyn Luber
November 20, 2016	Bob & Linda Stone	David McGinnis & Larry McGinnis	Laurie Jackson		Loni Reece	Janice Greenlee & Team 2	Diane Bottorff & Martha Nemeth	Walt Laughlin	Pr. Shawn Norris
November 27, 2016	Ted Murphy	David McGinnis & Larry McGinnis	Mitchell Bean		Duane Pomeroy	Janice Greenlee & Team 2	Janice Greenlee	Marsha Ridinger	Pr. Michael Haar



The mission of
**Trinity Evangelical
 Lutheran Church**
 is to

- worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
- serve those in need, and
- reach out to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ!

Together in Community • **L**iving with Christ • **C**aring for Neighbors

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