

Theses for Today



"Out of love for the truth and the desire to bring it to light..." -Martin Luther

22nd Sunday of Pentecost

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WOV Bread of Life, Setting 5

We worship on the first day of the week because our Savior was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.

Prelude

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

C Eternal God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give us your Holy Spirit who writes the Word of the Gospels into our hearts. May we receive and believe it and be cheered and comforted by it in eternity. Glorify your Word in our hearts and make it so bright and warm that we may find pleasure in it, through your Holy Spirit. May we think what is right, and by your power fulfill the Word in our lives, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Martin Luther

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P 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.

C Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Gracious God,

C 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.

P There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You who were lost have been found. For the sake of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice with the angels at this good news.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*

ELW 817

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



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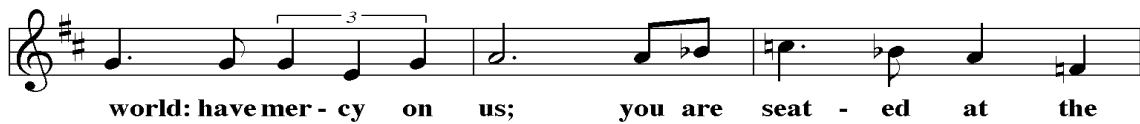


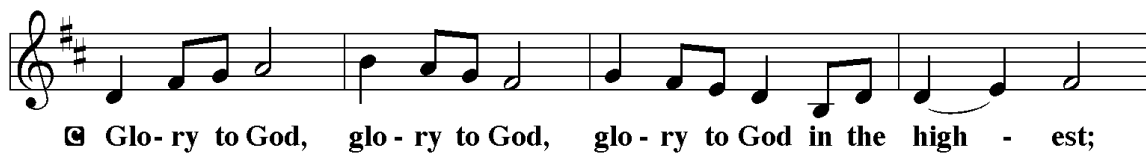
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HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P O God, the heritage of nations belongs to you and your Spirit fills the earth. Walk with our siblings who have fled all that they have known to escape war and violence, risked everything for hope, and continue to face barriers and even death for a taste of new life. Give strength to all who work to bring compassion and justice for immigrants, refugees, and other migrants struggling to navigate borders and complex judicial systems. You called a people to be your own and yet you have shown limitless love and mercy to people of every nation. Open our hearts so that, like you, we welcome the stranger in our midst. Guide our elected officials so that they reflect your faithfulness and uprightness in their work for all people. We ask all these things through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

-Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service Prayer

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: JOB 19:23-27A

Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.

²³“O that my words were written down!

O that they were inscribed in a book!

²⁴O that with an iron pen and with lead

they were engraved on a rock forever!

²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives,

and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;

²⁶and after my skin has been thus destroyed,

then in my flesh I shall see God,

^{27a}whom I shall see on my side,

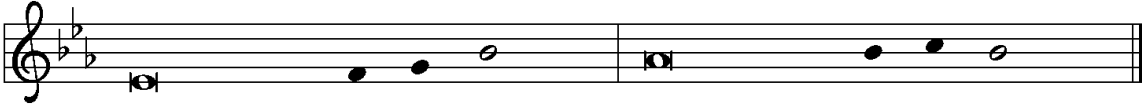
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Psalm 17:1-9

Sung responsively



- ¹Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed | to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from | lying lips.
- ²**Let my vindication come forth | from your presence;**
let your eyes be | fixed on justice.
- ³Examine my heart, visit | me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impuri- | ty in me.
- ⁴**I have not regarded what | others do;**
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways | of the violent.
- ⁵My footsteps hold fast to your | well-worn path;
and my feet | do not slip.
- ⁶**I call upon you, O God, for you will | answer me;**
incline your ear to me and | hear my words.
- ⁷Show me your marvelous | lovingkindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who | rise
against them.
- ⁸**Keep me as the apple | of your eye;**
hide me under the shadow | of your wings,
- ⁹from the wicked | who assault me,
from my deadly enemies | who surround me.

SECOND READING: 2ND THESSALONIANS 2:1-5, 13-17

Paul writes to encourage the church at Thessalonica in a time of confusion and opposition. Here, the confusion concerned the return of Christ. Paul writes to those who were allowing their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.

¹As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctifica-

tion by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. ¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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?

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel, according to Luke, the twentieth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: LUKE 20:27, 34-38

The Sadducees, who do not believe in resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate a convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God, to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

²⁷Some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, came forward. ³⁴Jesus said to them, “The children of this age marry and remarry; ³⁵but those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise.

³⁷That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the passage about the bush, when he called out ‘Lord’ the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; ³⁸and he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

PASTOR ANDREW C. PATTY

HYMN OF THE DAY

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW HYMN 583

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.

LITANY OF HOPE

P Lord, you send out your Spirit,

C and renew the face of the earth.

P Look with love on all those you have created,

C help us to see your image in the many peoples of this earth.

P Open your hand to fill all your children with good things,

C call us to care for all who are hungry and without shelter.

P For families separated at the border,

C teach us to provide protection and hope.

P For members of our church and community who suffer from fear and isolation,

C give us hearts filled with generosity and welcome.

P For refugees who long for home,

C fill us with grace to embrace them as sisters and brothers.

P Lord, you send out your Spirit,

C and renew the face of the earth.

P For all who flee poverty, persecution, war and violence,

C let us walk with them as they make new beginnings.

P For all who learn a new language, start a new enterprise, make a new friend,

C let us celebrate the many gifts they bring.

P For the whole human family, brought together in your love,

C we rejoice in the Lord.

P Lord, you send out your Spirit,

C and renew the face of the earth.

P Rejoicing in hope, we lift our prayers to you, most gracious Lord, trusting that you have received them in your care.

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

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God our creator, you give us all we are, all we have, all we bring, and all we need. Draw us together around your table with all your saints on earth and in your eternal home. Let us eat and drink your promise of new life, that we might be your promise to the world, spoken in Jesus' name.

C **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **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. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en 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. 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.

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

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 Come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more. You who have been often, and you who have not been for a long time. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

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.

We invite all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior to share with us in Holy Communion. All are welcome to join us at the Lord's table. White grape juice is available as an alternative to wine. Everyone is invited to receive communion or a blessing. Hands cupped open indicate a desire to receive communion; hands closed reflect a desire to receive a blessing. We now have gluten-free communion wafers available. If gluten-free is your preference, please let the pastor know when you are at the communion rail.

COMMUNION HYMNS

*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers
Children of the Heavenly Father*

ELW HYMN 244

ELW HYMN 781

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

CANTICLE



☞ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and
lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A We thank you, God our host, for inviting us here to taste the future when you will feed all the hungry at your table. Keep this hope alive in us and in our communities, so that we might bring hope to a suffering world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P Signed and sealed by the Holy Spirit, you are Christ's message of love for this troubled world, written by the same Sender. May our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ☩ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

ELW 538

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Set your hope on Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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



Welcome to worship at Trinity!

Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you, members and visitors, 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 at 785.233.0767

During the month of November, we will be collecting bags of groceries for our food pantry. Pastor Andrew has a challenge for the congregation. Each Sunday until Nov. 23rd, congregation members are allowed to gift one bag of groceries. If by the end of the month, we reach 60 grocery bags, the Pastor will get Thanksgiving early on Sunday, Nov. 24 when the congregation will be allowed to PIE THE PASTOR. Those that donate three bags will personally get to get their hands dirty by delivering some whip cream to the top of the pastor's head!

To prepare grocery bags during your next trip to the store, grab a paper bag and fill it with the following:

- 1 Canned Meat (Chicken, Tuna, Spam)
- 1 Pasta/Noodles & Spaghetti Sauce or
- 2 Canned Pastas
- 2 Mac & Cheese
- 1 Canned Vegetables
- 1 Canned/Dried Beans
- 1 Rice
- 1 Instant Potatoes
- 1 Canned Fruit/Applesauce/Fruit Cup
- 1 Peanut Butter
- 1 Canned Soup
- 4 Ramen Noodles
- 1 Breakfast Item (Bars/Instant Oat-meal/Cereal/Pop Tarts)

Be sure to bring it on Sundays for it to count.



UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Nov. 3.....	All Saints Sunday.....	
.....	Adult Sunday School	9:15 AM
.....	Hymn Sing Along	10:15 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM
.....	Worship & Music Meeting	during coffee hour
.....	Blood Pressure Checks	after worship
Mon., Nov. 4	Women's AA	5:00 PM
Tues., Nov. 5.....	Quilters	9:00 AM
Wed., Nov. 6	Women's AA	5:30 PM
Thurs., Nov. 7.....	Men's AA.....	7:00 PM
Sat., Nov. 9	Garage Sale.....	9:00 AM
Sunday, Nov. 10	Adult Sunday School	9:15 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM
.....	Witness/Outreach Meeting.....	during coffee hour

The THANK OFFERING ENVELOPES which were included in the November *Trinity Tidings* will be received next Sunday, November 24 and Sunday, November 31st. In thankfulness of God's many blessing to us we will remember those less fortunate. The offering will be divided among our local Doorstep, Rescue Mission, and the work of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Envelopes will also be available at the door.

We are looking forward to November 17 when Pr. Gary Teske will be with us to talk about our companion churches in other parts of the world.

Camp Tomah Shinga together with the Companion Synod Team are working through the ELCA International Camp Counselor Program to bring two young adults from PNG to work as counselors at Camp Tomah Shinga in the summer of 2020. Through their interaction with campers and weekend visits around the synod we will gain a greater understanding of the people and the church in Papua New Guinea and they learn camp songs, group building games and bible study methods to take back to their homes in Papua New Guinea. The 2019-20 goal for these two PNG projects is \$10,000.00.

Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Organist	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
November 10, 2019	Marilyn Hypse	Bob Horton	Laurie Jackson	Betty Quarnstrom	Ted Murphy	Carol Marker & Team 1	Bob & Janeen Horton	Rosie Nichols	Pr. Andrew Patty
November 17, 2019	Linda Longren	Curt Lewis	Laurie Jackson	Debbie Pomeroy	Duane Pomeroy	Carol Marker & Team 1	Walt & Helen Laughlin	Walt Laughlin	Pr. Andrew Patty
November 24, 2019	Martha Nemeth	Dean McGinnis	Mitchell Bean	Junior Utech	Cindy McGinnis	Carol Marker & Team 1	Frank & Glenda Visocsy & Monica Spencer	Vickie Jacobs	Pr. Andrew Patty

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion
Oct. 13	\$1,380.00	\$111.00	\$1,491.00	-\$2,648.00	-\$1,157.00	32/29
Oct. 20	\$2,044.00	\$0.00	\$2,044.00	-\$2,648.00	-\$604.00	41/39
Oct. 27	\$3,338.00	\$50.00	\$3,388.00	-\$2,648.00	\$740.00	52/43
Nov. 3	\$3,900.28	\$120.00	\$4,020.28	-\$2,648.00	\$1,372.28	43/43
The money shown in the "Other" column is restricted and not available for our general fund.						
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead	
		July 2019	\$12,248.50	-\$8,788.61	\$3,459.89	
		Jan. - July	\$74,593.54	-\$74,275.72	\$317.82	

Remember our shut-ins!

Kathryn Axelton	Marlene Hassan	Ron Owensby
Lucille Brill	Don Longren	Keith Springer
Peggy Buchholz	Roy O'Neil	Naomi Walker



As a reminder...Due to HIPPA and Privacy Laws, hospitals and care facilities are not allowed to notify us when patients are admitted. Therefore, we ask that you or a friend or family member contact the church office if you will be entering a hospital or care facility, if you are unable to attend worship due to illness or mobility, or if you would like your name or that of a friend or family member included in the prayers. Call 233-0767 or email office@topekatlc.org.

To be added to the prayer chain, please contact Barbara Apps at 785-249-7244. She will get the prayer chain started.



Lutheran Immigration
and Refugee Service

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Matthew 25:35

Rooted in faith, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service (LIRS) believes that we are called to welcome individuals fleeing persecution and seeking refuge in America. Over the years, our work has grown to encompass a wide-range of services:

- **Refugee Resettlement:** As a vital arm of the U.S. refugee resettlement program, LIRS pairs refugees with LIRS service partners who are uniquely equipped to support them.
- **Empowering New Americans:** LIRS works to empower the people we serve through employment services, targeted education, and advocacy & leadership training.
- **Foster Care & Family Reunification:** LIRS works with vulnerable migrant youth and families to ensure that children in our network grow up in a safe, loving home.
- **Immigration Detention Services:** LIRS provides legal resources, visitation ministry, and post-release services to individuals in immigration detention.
- **Community Engagement:** Leveraging a nationwide network of service partners and congregations, LIRS equips communities to walk alongside and support their new neighbors.

Learn more about our work at [LIRS.org](https://lirs.org).

A Message from the Presiding Bishop Eaton - Sanctuary Denomination



August 14, 2019

Dear siblings in Christ,

As many of you know, last week the ELCA Churchwide Assembly adopted a resolution that, among other things, declared the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) a sanctuary denomination. Many of you are asking, “What does this mean?”

Our call to love our neighbor is central to our faith. In our baptismal covenant we promise to strive for peace and justice in all the world. One of the ways we live out this vow is through our commitment to welcoming the stranger. With this declaration, we publicly state that walking alongside refugees and immigrants is a matter of faith.

We have prepared talking points to provide a better understanding and further clarification on what sanctuary means for you and your congregations. We acknowledge this will look different in different contexts across the ELCA.

*“Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you,
for the glory of God” (Romans 15:7).*

In Christ,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop



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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