

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

23rd Sunday of Pentecost November 17, 2019

WOV Bread of Life, Setting 5

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

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.

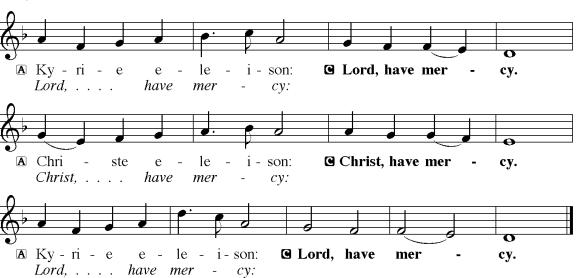
Gathering Hymn Lord, You Give the Great Commission

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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.

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HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself. We praise and bless you for those whom you have sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the gospel to all nations. We thank you that in all parts of the earth a community of love has been gathered together by their prayers and labors, and that in every place your servants call upon your name; for the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever.

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.

²O 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.

⁴Shout 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.

⁶With 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.

⁸Let 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

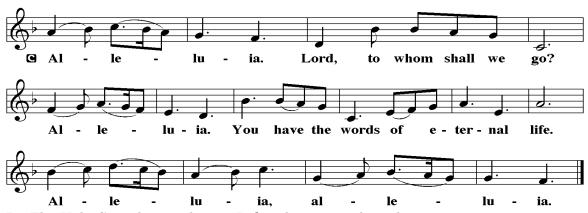
Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. Paul warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

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



- 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.

⁵ While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, Jesus said, 6"All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down." Then they asked him, "Teacher, when will this happen? And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?" 8 He answered, "See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them! 9 When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end." ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky. 12 "Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name. 13 It will lead to your giving testimony. 14 Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, 15 for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute. 16 You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put

some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name, ¹⁸ but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. ¹⁹ By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

PASTOR GARY TESKE

HYMN OF THE DAY

We All Are One in Mission

ELW HYMN 576

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 FOR GLOBAL MISSION

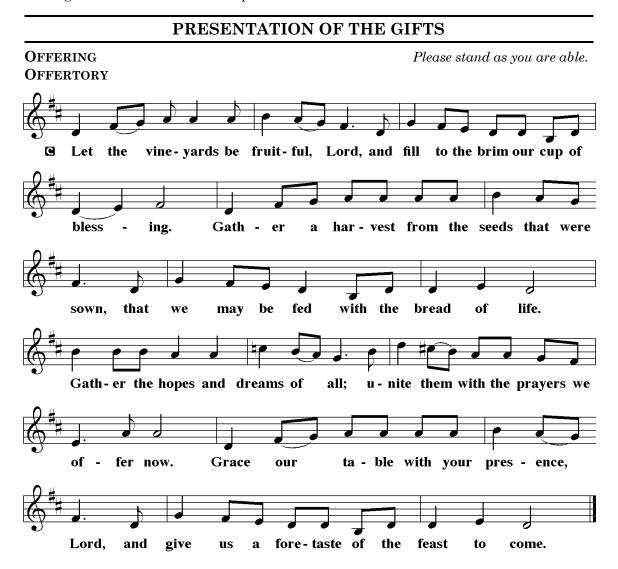
- P Leader: God of all creation, you have formed us in body, mind, and spirit.
- C You have made us to care for your world, to love one another.
- P You have called us together for worship and send us out in peace.
- C But peace is often hard to see, hard to feel, hard to do.
- P We are filled with unrest, with distrust, with sin.
- C We have walked in darkness; but you are our light.
- P You remain steadfast in your love for us.
- C You give yourself in the life of Jesus Christ.
- P You shed light on the way of peace.
- C Lord God, let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, make us members of the one body, people united across the earth in calling us to peace and love. Let us give thanks for all we have and work to make our world a better place for all.
- 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.



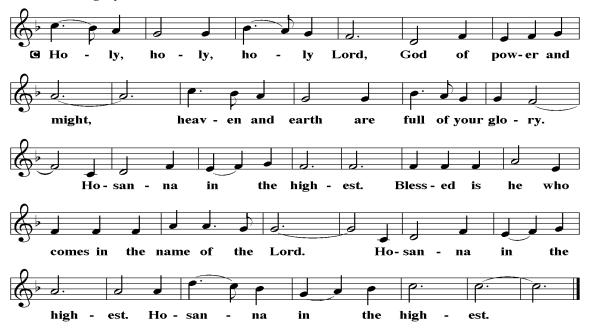
OFFERTORY PRAYER

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:



EUCHARISTIC 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

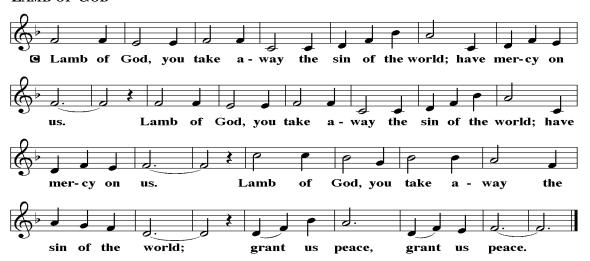
- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead 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



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

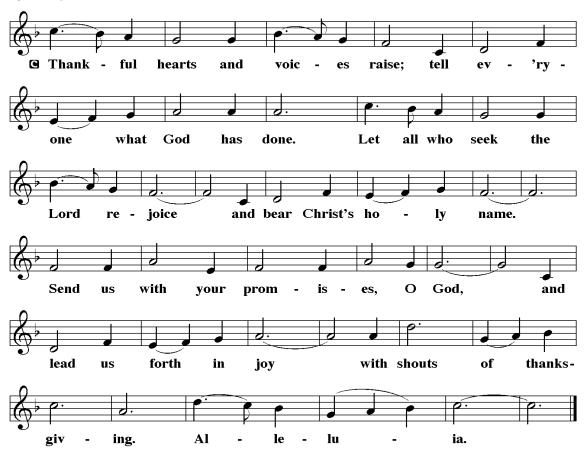
Let Us Break Bread Together Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing ELW HYMN 471 ELW HYMN 886

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



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

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW 798

DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Set your hope on Christ.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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



This is a combined service with Our Saviors Lutheran Church and St. David's Episcopal Church.

Pr. Jim Peters from Our Saviors will be preaching. The offering received that evening will be given to the Topeka Rescue Mission.

Combined choirs will rehearse at 6:30 pm.



TODAY, THANK OFFERING ENVELOPES will be received as well as on the remaining November Sundays. We bring these offerings in thankfulness to God for His many blessings to us and to benefit those who are less fortunate. The offering will be equally shared with Doorstep, Rescue Mission and the work of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. More envelopes are available on the table at the entrance.

We thank Pr. Gary Teske for being with us to talk about our companion churches in other parts of the world.

	UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY					
Today, Nov. 17 WELCA Thank Offering Sunday						
	Adult Sunday School	9:15 AM				
	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 AM				
Mon., Nov. 18 December <i>Trinity Tidings</i> deadline						
	Women's AA	5:00 PM				
Tues., Nov. 19	Quilters	9:00 AM				
	TLHA Meeting	7:30 PM				
Wed., Nov. 20	Priscilla Circle Bible Study	10:00 AM				
	Women's AA	5:30 PM				
Thurs., Nov. 21	Men's AA	7:00 PM				
•	Adult Sunday School					
	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 AM				

	Worship Assistants								
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OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
					Weekly Income	
				Average	Minus Average	
			Total Weekly	Weekly	Weekly	Attendance/
Date	General	Other	Income	Expense	Expense	Communion
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
Nov. 10	\$2,232.00	\$95.00	\$2,327.00	-\$2,648.00	-\$321.00	45/44
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	

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 Oatmeal/Cereal/Pop Tarts

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



Remember our shut-ins!

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



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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.

A DAY TO REMEMBER OUR COMPANION CHURCHES IN RUSSIA & PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The Central States Synod has been in a Companion Church relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Urals, Siberia and the Far East (ELSUSFE) with a special focus on the Far East since the early 90s. The nine congregations in the Russian Far East as well as all across Russia have been slowly reemerging following decades of persecution and suppression by the Soviet government. One 80 year old lay minister told our visitation team that he had been baptized in secret because baptism was illegal when he was born.

Since that time there have been numerous visits both to Russia as well as visits from our Russian "Cousin Christians" to the Central States Synod. Our Christian partners in Russia find our visits to be a source of great encouragement, and visitors to Russia find their



Rev. Alexander Lapochenko on the right with Pastor Jon Brudvig, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Great Bend.

generous hospitality and examples of faithfulness and resourcefulness as they live out their faith and engage in ministry in their challenging context to be very inspiring.

Pastor Alexander Lapochenko, Pastor of St. Luke Lutheran Church in Arsenyev,



Missionary Bradn Buerkle giving a presentation at the annual summer Seminar for the Russian Far East in July of 2018

is one of only two ordained pastors in the Russian Far East (RFE). It is the financial support of the Central States Synod that enables Pastor Lapochenko to continue to serve St. Luke's and the people of the Russian Far East.

Our help is also critically important in the near future as the RFE is going through a transition of leadership. Pastor Manfred Brockmann is retiring and Dean Bradn Buerkle, Bishop Scheiermann and the people of the RFE are looking to our Synod to provide both finances and personnel during an interim period while the congregation and Deanery transition from the 25+ years of Pastor Brockmann's leadership into a new chapter for the church there with a new leader.

The Central States Synod is the only synod in the ELCA that is partnering with the Lutheran Church in Asian Russia and our continued support is critically important. Please visit the Companion Synod page on the Synod Website for more information.

On behalf of all of the Central States Synod as well as our Companion Church in Papua New Guinea, we want to thank all of the congregations and individuals for your contributions to the Companion Synod Ministry which has did our very best to make this a productive and fruitful trip.

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.



Please use the offering envelope included in this bulletin for your gift.



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!

 ${f T}$ ogether in Community • ${f L}$ iving with Christ • ${f C}$ aring for Neighbors

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