

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

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WOV Bread of Life, Setting 5

Every gathering for worship has elements of thanksgiving. When we are nourished with God's bounty in holy communion, when we partake of Jesus' word that gives life to the world, and even when two or three of us simply join our hearts in prayer to make our requests known to God, we do so "with thanksgiving." Let us give thanks to the Lord, who is good and whose mercy endures forever.

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.

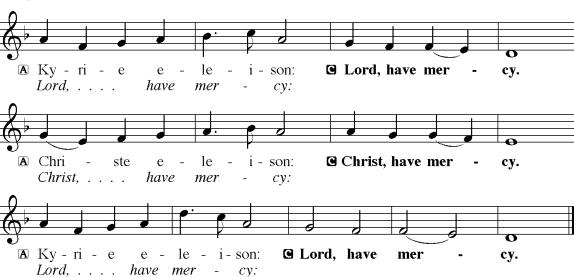
Silence is kept for reflection.

- 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.

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



HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 26:1-11

The annual harvest festival called the feast of Weeks provides the setting for today's reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land, offered back to God in thanks. As they bring their offerings, worshipers remember and proclaim God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, 2you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, 5you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, 7we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. 11Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God

Psalm 100 Sung responsively



¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all you lands!

²Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence | with a song.

³Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom | we belong; we are God's people and the sheep | of God's pasture.

⁴Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the | courts with praise; give thanks and bless God's | holy name.

⁵Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is | everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from | age to age.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

Paul urges the Christians at Philippi to rejoice, to be thankful, and to dwell on everything worthy of praise.

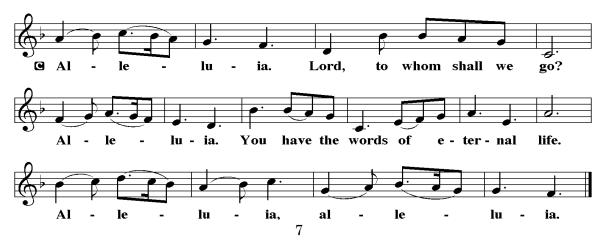
⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



- The Holy Gospel, according to John, the sixth chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: JOHN 6:24-35

The day after he multiplies bread to feed five thousand people, Jesus is pursued by the crowds clamoring for more bread. Recalling the image of manna in the wilderness, Jesus promises to provide the true bread from heaven that will never fail. Jesus himself is that bread of life.

²⁴When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵And when they found him across the sea they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" 26 Jesus answered them and said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. ²⁷Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal." ²⁸So they said to him, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" 29Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent." 30So they said to him, "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? ³¹Our ancestors at manna in the desert, as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ³²So Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34So they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." ³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.

The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

PASTOR ANDREW PATTY

HYMN OF THE DAY We Plow the Fields and Scatter

ELW HYMN 681

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 Knowing the one in whom we trust, and with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A Lord our God, we celebrate the bounty you share with us. Place in your church a heart of thanksgiving. Help us share the bread that is Jesus Christ, so that no one will ever hunger for anything. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Your creation is full of life. You provide fields and orchards, streams and lakes, animals and plants in endless variety. Fill us with wonder and awe at your handiwork as we seek to live humbly among all creatures. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Be close to people for whom this is a day of mourning. Make us mindful of all people and nations, with ears to hear and hearts to listen. Make our daily thanksgivings a path to reconciliation. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A God of peace, be with those who are suffering illness or hardship of any sort. Relieve their worried hearts by your nearness. Grant them the peace that passes all understanding. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Watch over our community and guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Be the safety of those who travel, and grant joyous times with friends and loved ones. Bring reconciliation to families in discord. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Be with Betty Patton and Debbie Pomeroy as they celebrate their birthdays and Heather Klamm, Dorothy Strom, Carl Quarnstrom, Adam Heald, and Eleanor Jewell as they remember their baptisms. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Grant blessings to First Lutheran in Shawnee Mission, Kansas, Messiah Lutheran in Springfield, and St. Thomas-Holy Spirit Lutheran in St. Louis, Missouri. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord, you are near to those who have died in you. Relieve our worries and give us the joy of your saints, who, in unending truth, purity, and excellence, praise you always. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Trusting and delighting in you, we commend all our lives into your loving hands. We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

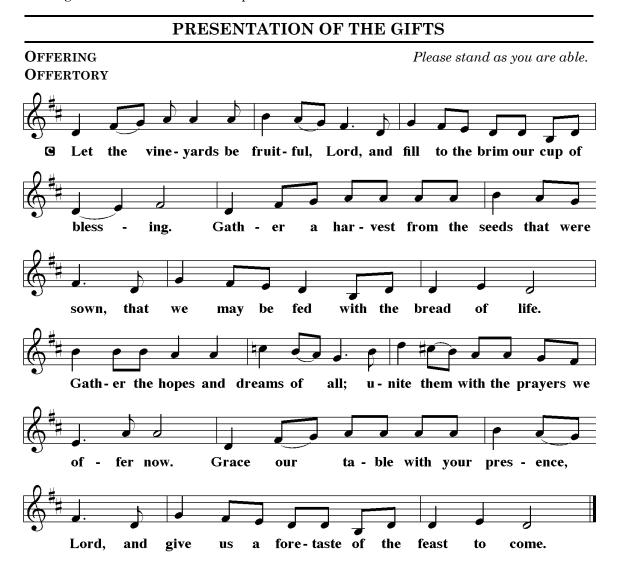
C Amen.

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.



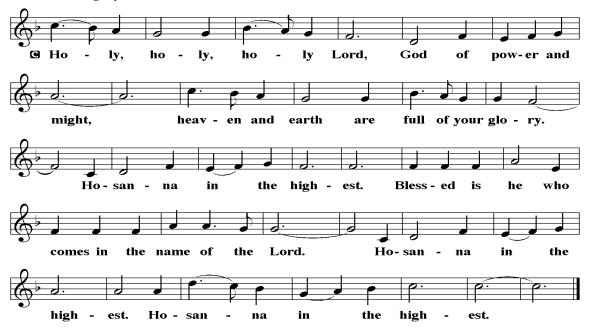
OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

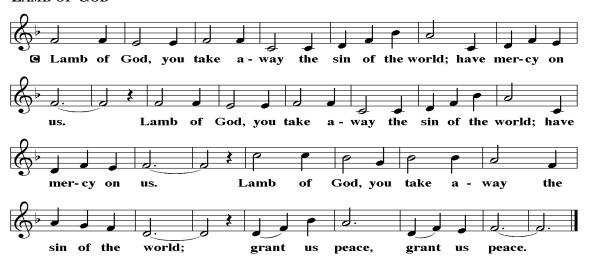
- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead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

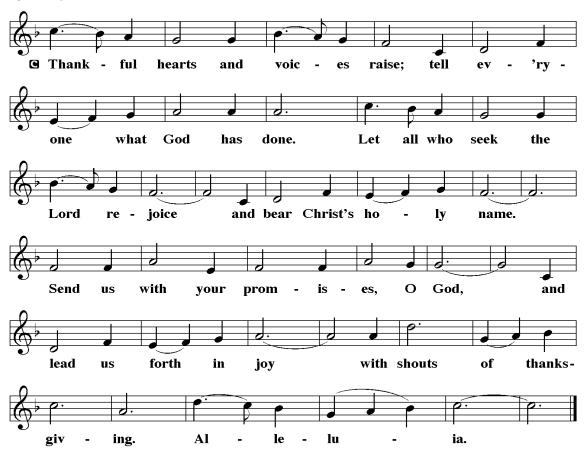
Praise and Thanksgiving All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly ELW HYMN 689 ELW HYMN 461

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

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW 712

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.



WOMEN OF ELCA THANK OFFERING ENVELOPES will continue to be received today. We bring these offerings in thankfulness to God for His many blessings to us! The offering will benefit outreach of The Women of the ELCA, Doorstep and Rescue Mission. Additional envelopes are available on the table at entrance and checks should be made to Trinity Women of ELCA.

	UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY
	Adult Sunday School
Mon., Nov. 25	
Tues., Nov. 26	
1	Thanksgiving Day office will be closed
	Adult Sunday School

Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
November 24, 2019	Martha Nemeth	Dean McGinnis	Mitchell Bean, Loretta Hoerman, Laurie Jackson, Parker Jackson	Junior Utech	Cindy McGinnis	Carol Marker & Team 1	Frank & Glenda Visocsky & Monica Spencer	Vickie Jacobs	Pr. Andrew Patty

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS								
					Weekly Income			
				Average	Minus Average			
			Total Weekly	Weekly	Weekly	Attendance/		
Date	General	Other	Income	Expense	Expense	Communion		
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		
Nov. 17	\$938.00	\$582.75	\$1,520.75	-\$2,648.00	-\$1,127.25	38/36		
The money shown in the "Other" column is restricted and not available for our general fund.								
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead			
		Oct 2019	\$10,081.95	-\$20,727.61	-\$10,645.66			
		Jan Oct	\$100,689.86	-\$116,755.04	-\$16,065.18	-		

In case you are wondering...

Our garage sale garnered \$290.80, plus we were able to donate some merchandise to Doorstep and our food pantry patrons. This money will be used for children's ministry.

We need to take moment to thank everyone who helped with the garage sale: Pr. Andrew, Junior & Liz Utech, Donna Allen, Carol Marker, Marcy Carlson, Shelley Andrews, Diane Bottorff, Laurie Jackson, Cindy McGinnis, and Linda Longren.



And we did a spectacular job of giving to the Companion Synods that Pr. Gary Teske talked about on Nov. 17th. The offering received totaled \$552.00!! We will be sending a check for that amount in the near future.

St. John's Lutheran Church, 9^{th} and Fillmore, will host their Bazaar and Luncheon on Friday, December 6, 2019. Booths will be open 10:30 am - 1:00 pm with crafts, gift items, baked goods, a Sweet Shop, and The Cookie Walk.

Luncheon served 11:00 to 1:00 pm. Dine in or carryout.

Luncheon Tickets: Adults: \$8.00 Children under 12: \$3.00. Tickets are available in the church office and will also be available at the door on December 6.

All profits from the bazaar and luncheon, will be donated to charities and mission projects.

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.

Mary and Martin



Exploring Lutheran Views on the Mother of God 6:30 pm Every Wednesday during Advent December 4, December 11, December 18

During Advent, we will be reviving our midweek sessions as we await the coming of Christ. Our theme for this Advent study season will focus on the theological foundations of what Lutherans thought of Mary's place within our faith tradition and what it means for us today. We will balance the past and the present by looking at some historical documents and statements of our church in comparison with reflections from various present ELCA clergy persons.

We will gather in the sanctuary at 6:30 for a time of worship, then go downstairs to Fellowship Hall for Bible study and refreshments. Those that are attending are asked to bring one snack item (bag of chips, cookies, etc.) to share with the group.

St. Lucia Gelebration

Julbord Dinner Christmas Potluck Dinner with Swedish Sweets Friday, December 13, 5:30 pm

Ham will be provided as the main serving. We are asking members to bring side dishes and desserts.



St. Lucia Day Candlelight Service 6:30 pm

After the meal, we will gather in the sanctuary for a traditional Swedish Christmas service with candlelight and hymns. In Sweden, St. Lucia is the major holiday celebration for all Lutheran churches and we are delighted to bring back this tradition to our congregation.

Please invite your friends and family to this evening of fellowship and worship.



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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