



**November 15, 2020**

**24th Sunday of Pentecost**

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**Order of Service**

*Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the LORD will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.*

**PRELUDE**

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**GATHERING**

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

C **Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Holy One,

C **we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

P Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through ☩ Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

C **Amen.**


**GATHERING HYMN**

*When Peace like a River*



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1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the


sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the


taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 It is well with my soul,



**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.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray.

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

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**WORD**

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**FIRST READING: ZEPHANIAH 1:7, 12-18**

*Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the LORD as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the LORD.*

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is at hand;  
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,  
he has consecrated his guests.

<sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,  
and I will punish the people  
who rest complacently on their dregs,  
those who say in their hearts,  
"The LORD will not do good,  
nor will he do harm."

<sup>13</sup>Their wealth shall be plundered,  
and their houses laid waste.  
Though they build houses,  
they shall not inhabit them;  
though they plant vineyards,  
they shall not drink wine from them.

<sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD is near,  
near and hastening fast;  
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,  
the warrior cries aloud there.

<sup>15</sup>That day will be a day of wrath,

a day of distress and anguish,  
a day of ruin and devastation,  
a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and thick darkness,  
<sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle cry  
against the fortified cities  
and against the lofty battlements.  
<sup>17</sup>I will bring such distress upon people  
that they shall walk like the blind;  
because they have sinned against the LORD,  
their blood shall be poured out like dust,  
and their flesh like dung.  
<sup>18</sup>Neither their silver nor their gold  
will be able to save them  
on the day of the LORD's wrath;  
in the fire of his passion  
the whole earth shall be consumed;  
for a full, a terrible end  
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 90:1-12**

*Spoken responsively*

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to another.  
<sup>2</sup>**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were  
born,  
from age to age you are God.**  
<sup>3</sup>You turn us back to the dust and say,  
"Turn back, O children of earth."  
<sup>4</sup>**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past  
and like a watch in the night;**  
<sup>5</sup>you sweep them away like a dream,  
they fade away suddenly like the grass:  
<sup>6</sup>**in the morning it is green and flourishes;  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**  
<sup>7</sup>For we are consumed by your anger;  
we are afraid because of your wrath.  
<sup>8</sup>**Our iniquities you have set before you,  
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

<sup>9</sup>When you are angry, all our days are gone;  
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

<sup>10</sup>**The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty;  
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.**

<sup>11</sup>Who regards the power of your wrath?  
Who rightly fears your indignation?

<sup>12</sup>**So teach us to number our days  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

**SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11**

*Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL**

**P** The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

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

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:14-30**

*Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>14</sup>“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup>But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

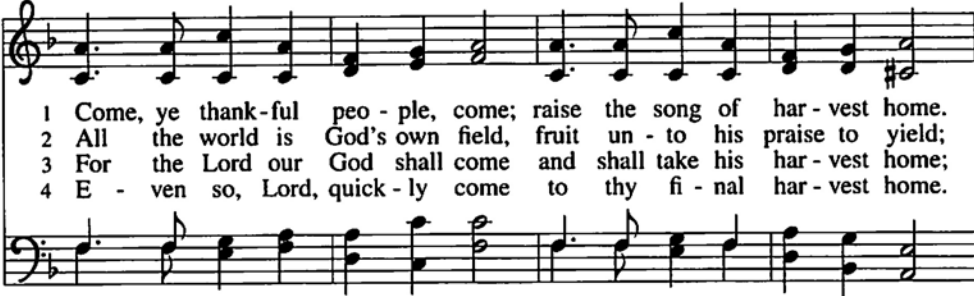
**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON**

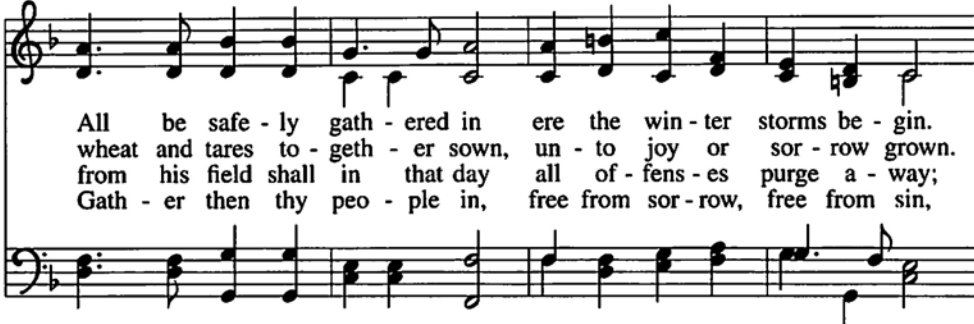
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HYMN OF THE DAY

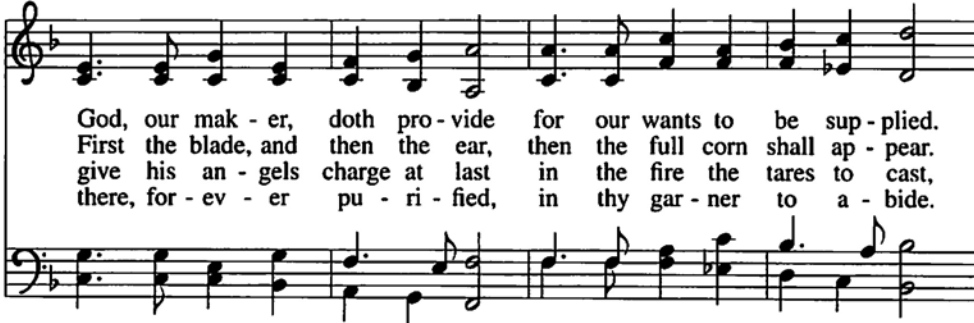
*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*



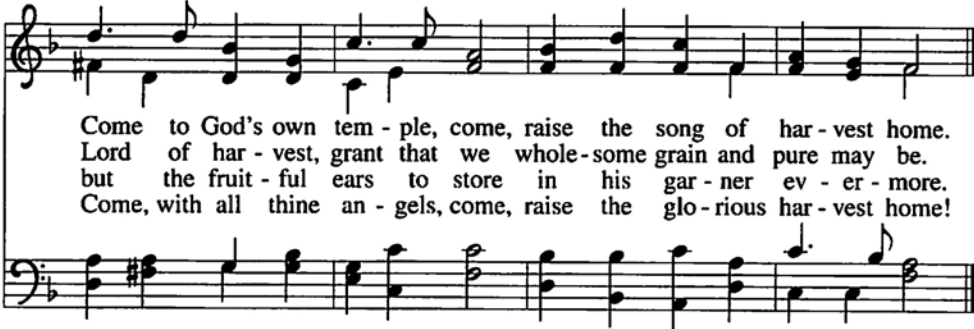
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.  
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;  
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;  
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.  
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.  
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;  
 Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.  
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.  
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
 there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.  
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.  
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.  
 Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!



- 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 Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of  
God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.
- A brief silence.*
- A Lord of the church, ignite your people with the passion of your love. By the fire  
of your Holy Spirit, unify us across ministries, congregations, and denomina-  
tions, and refine us to participate in your activity throughout the world. Hear  
us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.**
- A Lord of creation, we stand in awe at the works of your hands and praise you for  
the beauty of nature. Bless the earth for your glory and restore its integrity  
where exploitation has caused ruin. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.**
- A Lord of the nations, sound forth your justice in the ears of all leaders. Increase  
concern for those who are most vulnerable, especially as international leaders  
forge trade agreements and cooperate to end human rights abuses. Hear us, O  
God.
- C Your mercy is great.**
- A Lord of all in need, search out all who cry to you in distress. Scatter the heavy  
clouds of depression, chronic illness, unemployment, and loneliness with your  
radiant light. Send encouragement and signs of your healing to Lucille Brill,  
Don Longren, and Duane Pomeroy. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.**
- A Lord of the stranger, stir up holy restlessness in us to extend love to those at the  
margins. Release our desire for control and open us to learn from the perspec-  
tives of others. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.**

A Lord of the church, lead us to hear your word with understanding and to share it with love and compassion as we pray for Salem Lutheran in St. Francis, Zion Lutheran in Hutchinson, Kansas, and Holy Trinity Lutheran in St. Louis, Missouri. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Lord of life, bless Liz Utech, Susan Fitz, and Martha Nemeth as they celebrate their birthdays this week, and Dean McGinnis and Samantha as they remember their baptisms. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Lord of the living and the dead, we give you thanks for all the saints at rest from their labors. Rouse us to live by their example, that saints yet to come may also know your love. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

**C Amen.**

#### **THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

**C Amen.**

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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 and good that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me.

In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, 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.**

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## SENDING

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### PRAYER

A Almighty and merciful God, let your Word abide in our hearts and minds that our faith being increased may go into the world with more knowledge and love in all that we do, strengthened by our faith in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

### BLESSING

A May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God ☩ be with you today and always.

**C Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

A Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Nov. 15..... Online Worship with Holy Communion..... 10:30 AM

Mon., Nov. 16..... December Trinity Tidings Deadline.....  
 ..... Watch Facebook for posts from fellow Lutheran ministries.....

Tues., Nov. 17..... 40 Day Journey with Martin Luther on Facebook ..... 6:30 PM

Wed., Nov. 18..... Hearing the Hymns.....

Thurs., Nov. 19..... Midweek Prayer Service on Zoom ..... 6:30 PM

Sunday, Nov. 22 ..... Christ the King Sunday .....  
 ..... Online Worship with Holy Communion..... 10:30 AM

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion
Oct. 18	\$930.00	\$0.00	\$930.00	-\$2,792.00	-\$1,862.00	0
Oct. 25	\$1,520.00	\$0.00	\$1,520.00	-\$2,792.00	-\$1,272.00	0
Nov. 1	\$1,135.80	\$0.00	\$1,135.80	-\$2,792.00	-\$1,656.20	0
Nov. 8	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	\$1,600.00	-\$2,792.00	-\$1,192.00	0
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead	
		Oct 2020	\$5,920.00	-\$11,832.60	-\$5,912.60	
		Jan. - Oct	\$96,843.80	-\$102,467.04	-\$5,623.24	

### *Remember our shut-ins!*

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





## **2020 Doorstep Christmas** **Adoption Wish List**



As with everything else in this year of COVID, Doorstep's Christmas adoption will not be a "Store" this year.

We are still adopting 260 Households from the Christmas Bureau which includes 800+ individuals for Christmas, and **we greatly need your help with a few select donations!**

This year we are all trying to work together as a community and provide for Christmas. The Christmas Bureau and adopting agencies have agreed to provide each household at least a food order and \$15 Visa gift card (no activation fee) for each household member.



**This year each household will receive from Doorstep:**

- ♦ Christmas Food Order
- ♦ \$15 Visa gift card for each household member listed on their intake
- ♦ Blanket
- ♦ Health Kit



We will not have the volunteer opportunities we have had in the past. In an effort to be safe, we are keeping our circle of volunteers small, and using our regular volunteers to help with Christmas Adoption this year.

### **How You Can Help...**

This year we only need a few things, but we need larger numbers of each.

#### **Money - Our Biggest Need -**

To purchase the food, gift cards for 800+ people, and other items we don't receive in donations.

**Blankets** - Twin (40), Full/Queen & King sized (165)

**Towel Sets** - Bath & Hand (130 each)

#### **Health Kit Items - Full Size**

Shampoo & Conditioner (200 each),  
Toothpaste (75), Deodorant (250)  
& Combs (200)

**Please Bring Donations to Doorstep at 10th & Buchanan,  
Mon - Fri from 9am - 2pm (South Door) By Monday, Dec 7th.**

Send your monetary donation to Doorstep, 1119 SW 10th Avenue,  
Topeka, Ks 66604 or visit [www.DoorstepTopeka.org](http://www.DoorstepTopeka.org) - Donate.



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**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!

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