

70th X7th SUNDAY

MATTHEW 18:22

Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 3

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit

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.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

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 God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN*Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death***ELW 452**

1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,
3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.

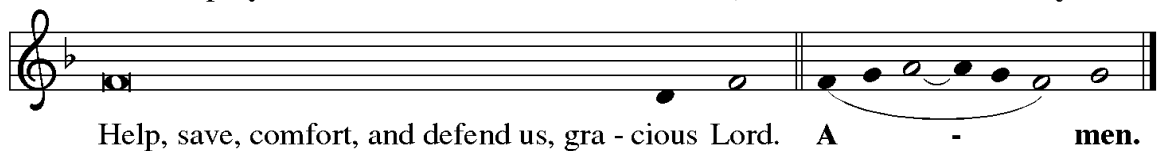
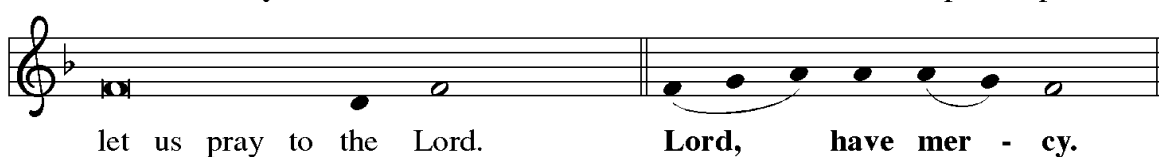
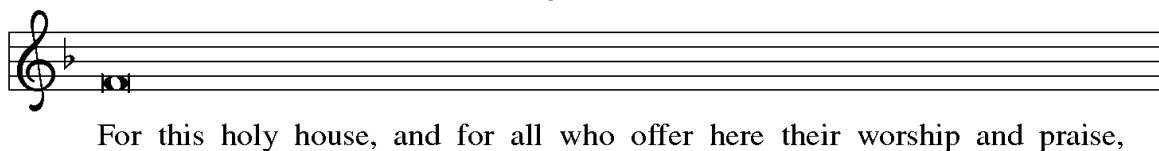
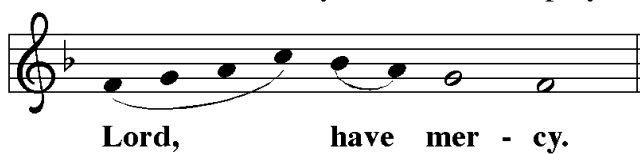
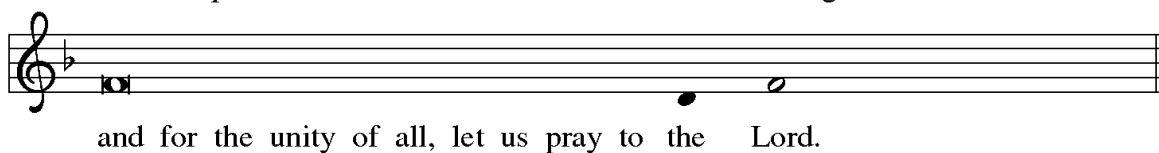
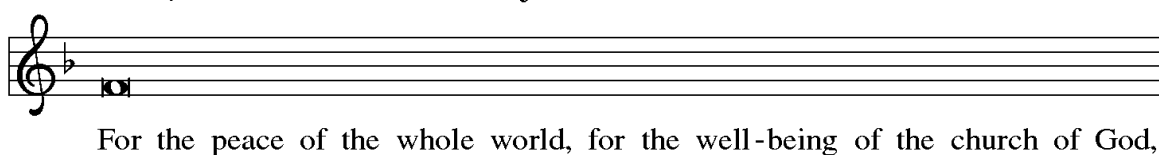
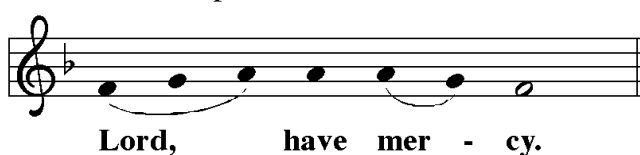
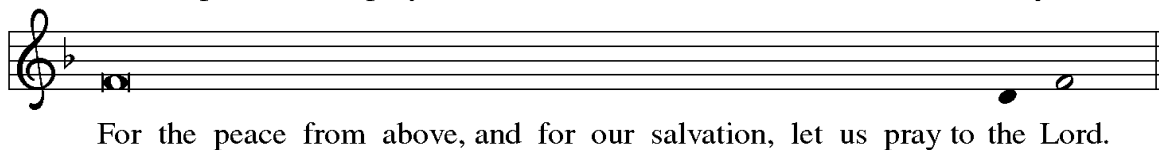
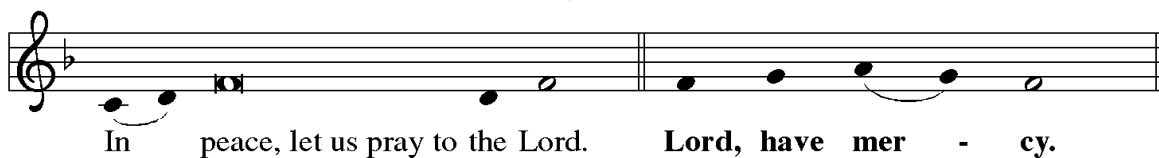
so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

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

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis-dom, and



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

Refrain



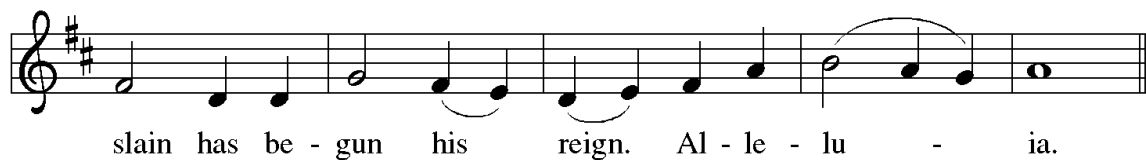
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon-or,



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness.
Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may
delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: GENESIS 50:15-21

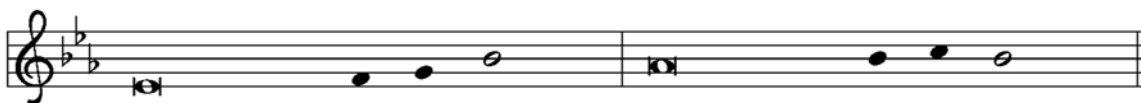
¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103:8-13

Sung responsively



**⁸LORD, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love;**

⁹you will not al- | ways accuse us,
nor will you keep your an- | ger forever.

¹⁰**You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**

¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

¹²As far as the east is | from the west,
so far have you removed our transgres- | sions from us.

¹³As a father has compassion ¹ for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear ¹ you, O LORD.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 14:1-12

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." ¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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 Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

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

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:21-35

²¹Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold,

together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

PASTOR ANDREW PATTY

HYMN OF THE DAY

Where Charity and Love Prevail

ELW 359

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
 2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un-known; let all con - ten-tions cease.
 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,

brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
 let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
 as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
 Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
 that we may love each oth - er well in Chris-tian gen - tle - ness.

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 Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

A *brief silence.*

A We pray for the church. Bless the missions and ministries of diverse congregations, including Living Lord Lutheran in Lake St. Louis, Missouri, Olsburg Lutheran in Olsburg and Walsburg Lutheran in Leonardville, Kansas, that they uplift the good news of salvation in ways that can be understood. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and healing to rivers clogged with pollution. Enrich the soil for trees and plants. Protect the crops needed to feed those who hunger. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A We pray for peace in areas of conflict. Direct us to help and offer sustenance to vulnerable people across the world, especially those affected by the war in Ukraine. Provide safety from violence and assistance to those in need and guidance for families as they lose their homes and loved ones. We continue to lift up the German Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Ukraine and our own partner synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Urals, Siberia and the Far East to you in prayer as they face these times of conflict. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A We pray for all who govern. Encourage those in positions of power to lead with empathy, practice forgiveness, and care for those who struggle. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A We pray for our neighbors who face illness of any kind. For those strained financially; for all living with chronic pain, mental illness, the disease of addiction, or otherwise afraid or in harm's way. Protect all who cry out for mercy, especially Marilyn Heckman, Naomi Walker, Linda Longren, David McGinnis, and Martha Nemeth. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A We pray for this congregation. Open our hearts to practice intentional invitation. Help us to forgive each other, practice patience, and choose welcome over judgment. Move us to care for those in our community seeking refuge and safety. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A We pray for those who celebrate this week. Today we lift up Diane Bottorff as she celebrates her birthday and Janelle Meredith as she remembers her baptism. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P We give thanks for the saints who died in faith. Show us how to live faithfully, creatively, and lovingly in your church and world. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

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

OFFERTORY SONG



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

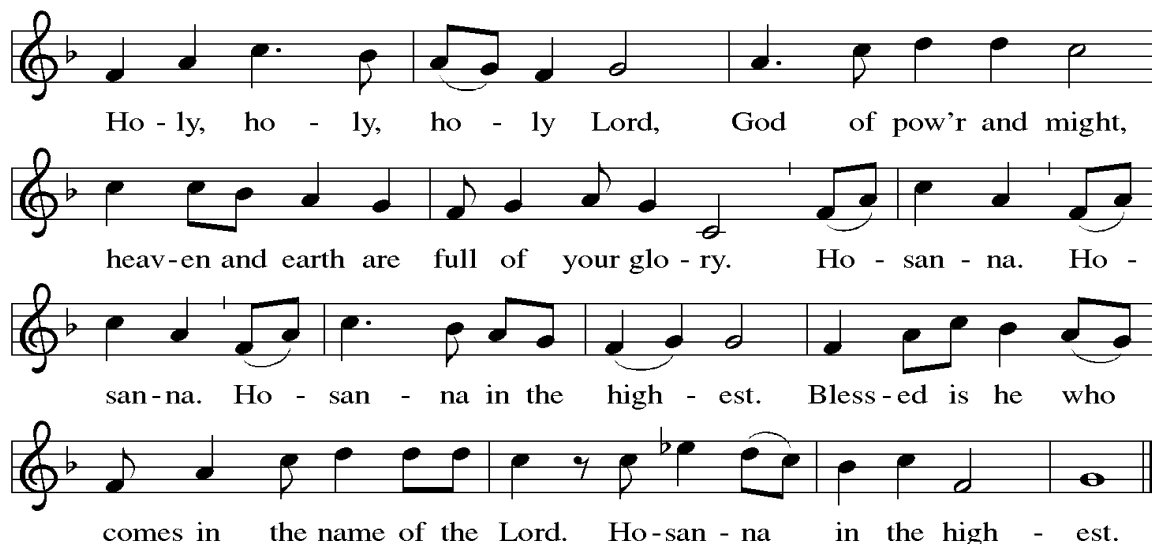
P Lift up your hearts.

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

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.

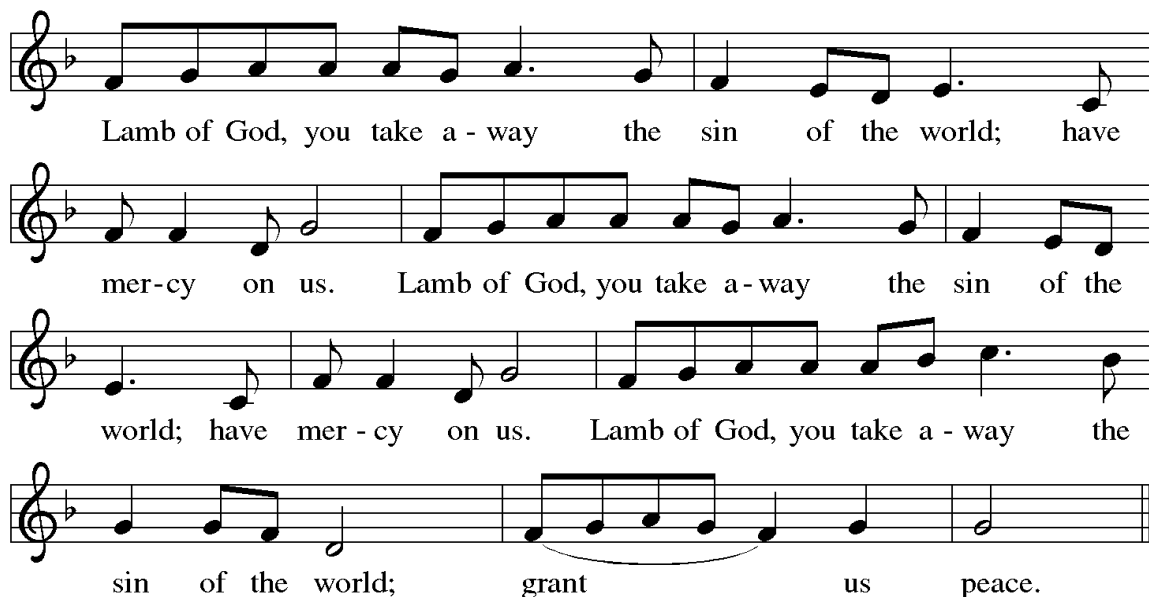
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

When We Are Living

ELW 639



1 *Pues si vi - vi - mos, pa - ra él vi - vi - mos,*
1 When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,
2 'Mid times of sor - row and in times of pain, . . .
3 A - cross this wide world, we shall al - ways find . . .
y si mo - ri - mos pa - ra él mo - ri - mos,
and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord. . .
when sens - ing beau - ty or in love's em - brace, . . .
those who are cry - ing with no peace of mind; . . .



Sea que vi - va - mos o que mu - ra - mos,
 Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,
 wheth - er we suf - fer, or sing re - joic - ing,
 and when we help them, or when we feed them,

so - mos del Se - ñor, so - mos del Se - ñor.
 we be - long to God, we be - long to God.
 we be - long to God, we be - long to God.
 we be - long to God, we be - long to God.

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P The God of glory, ✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

In Thee Is Gladness

ELW 867



1 In thee is glad-ness a-mid all sad-ness, Je-sus, sun-shine of my
2 Je-sus is ours! . . We fear no pow-ers, not of earth or sin or
heart. By thee are giv-en the gifts of heav-en, thou the
death. He sees and bless-es in worst dis-tress-es; he can
true re-deem-er art. Our souls thou wak-est; our bonds thou
change them with a breath. Where-fore the sto-ry tell of his
break-est. Who trusts thee sure-ly has built se-cure-ly
glo-ry with heart and voic-es; all heav'n re-joic-es
and stands for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! Our hearts are
in him for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! We shout for
pin-ing to see thy shin-ing, dy-ing or liv-ing,
glad-ness, tri-umph o'er sad-ness, love him and praise him
to thee are cleav-ing; naught can us sev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!
and still shall raise him glad hymns for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. God is at work in you

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Welcome to worship at Trinity!
Thank you for joining us for worship. We
hope that you 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Sept. 17.....	Community Relations committee meeting	9:30 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM
.....	Coffee Hour	after worship
Mon., Sept 18.....	Hollis Blessing Abound Gold Tournament	8:00 AM
Tues., Sept. 19.....	Quilters	9:30 AM
Thurs., Sept. 21	October Trinity Tidings deadline.....	
Sun., Sept. 24	Children's Sunday School.....	9:45 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM
.....	Coffee Hour	after worship



Walkers and runners are invited to participate in our 6th Annual

Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Run

A Fundraiser for Doorstep, Inc.

Location: Lake Shawnee Shelter Houses 1 & 2, West Edge Road

Date: Sunday, October 1, 2023

Check-in & Late Registration: 1:00pm - 1:45pm

Time: One Mile Walk & 5K Fun Run to begin at 2:00pm

Forms Available or
Register Online at:
DoorstepTopeka.org

Celebrity Starter for the Walk/Run is

Chris Fisher ~ WIBW-TV

Snacks & drinks will be provided at the finish
of the Walk/5K Run in Shelter House #1

Enjoy cookies, granola bars, fresh fruit, juice,
and water

Register by September 13th
to guarantee an event t-shirt.

Pay \$30 Entry Fee or get
sponsors to donate to Doorstep
as your entry fee! One child 10 &
under can walk for FREE with
one paid adult. (shirt extra)

Dear Friends of TRM,

It is impossible to live in our city without witnessing the pain of homelessness and hunger on our streets. During the last federal point-in-time count of those experiencing homelessness, more than 400 people were found to be homeless on the streets of Topeka. As the executive director of TRM, I want to invite you to our **First Annual Night of Praise**. This special event will be filled with worship music led by local praise and worship bands, as well as a special presentation of the spoken work by a local artist. Also included in this special night will be opportunities for you to hear about lives transformed because of the generosity of people like you! If you cannot attend, you can donate to the Night of Praise benefit through our website via <https://www.trmonline.org/nightofpraise>

The date is September 24th from 6:30-8 p.m. It will be held at Fellowship Bible Church at 6800 SW 10th St. Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate if you can. This will help to feed the food-impoveryished families and individuals who come to our food distributions seeking assistance.

Sincerely,

La Manda Broyles

Executive Director Topeka Rescue Mission

Worship Assistants								
Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Asst. Minister	Presiding Minister	Coffee Hosts
Sept. 17	Parker Jackson	Howard Reece, Curt Lewis	Laurie Jackson	Debbie Pomeroy	Cindy McGinnis & Team 3	Marcy Carlson	Pr. Andrew Patty	Duane/Debbie Pomeroy
Sept. 24		Marcy Carlson, Bob Horton	Mitchell Bean	Duane Pomeroy	Cindy McGinnis & Team 3	Ted Murphy	Pr. Andrew Patty	Diane Bortorff & Carol Marker

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion
Aug. 20	\$1,552.00	\$0.00	\$1,552.00	-\$1,653.85	-\$101.85	24/22
Aug. 27	\$2,191.00	\$0.00	\$2,191.00	-\$1,653.85	\$537.15	38/27
Sept. 3	\$3,503.00	\$0.00	\$3,503.00	-\$1,653.85	\$1,849.15	29/25
Sept. 10	\$1,161.00	\$0.00	\$1,161.00	-\$1,653.85	-\$492.85	34/29
			\$0.00	Expense		
		Aug. 2023	\$16,374.93	-\$12,500.86	\$3,874.07	
		Jan. - Aug.	\$115,595.34	-\$99,775.95	\$15,819.39	



Be sure to join us at 10:15 on the first Sunday of each month for your chance to sing some of your favorite hymns. The next date is October 1st!





TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

10:00AM-3:30PM, Monday through Thursday

Together in Community

Living with Christ

Caring for Neighbors

Living with Christ's Love

As Lutherans, we believe that we are justified by faith alone through the grace of God (*Ephesians 2:1-9*). As our namesake Martin Luther made clear, we are both sinners and saints as we live our lives of faith. Together as Christians, we are called to allow God into our lives everyday and to do our best to live according to Christ's love. We do this through being a community of faithful that welcomes all people to join us in prayer, service, study, and worship as we journey together in learning how to live out the Great Commandment.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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