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Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 3

Celebrating Service Sunday with special readings and hymns taken from God's Work, Our Hands worship service.

PRELUDE

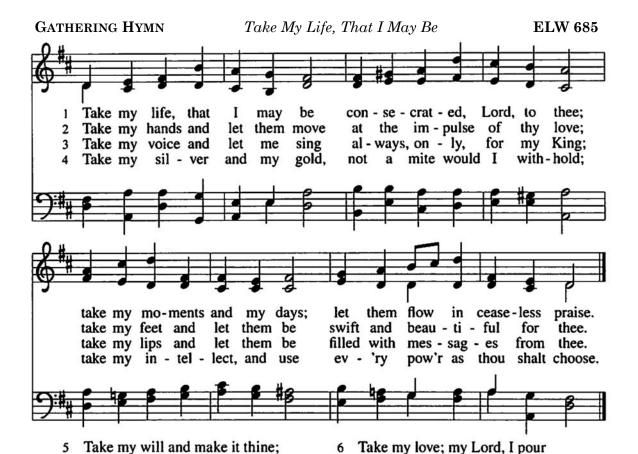
GATHERING

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.



- GREETING
- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

at thy feet its treasure store;

take myself, and I will be

ever, only, all for thee.

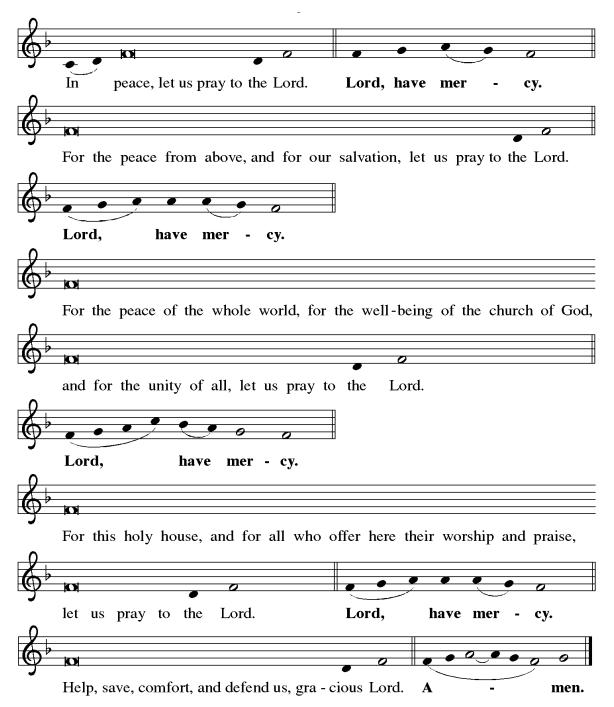
C And also with you.

it shall be no longer mine.

it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my heart, it is thine own;





HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen. Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: PROVERBS 3:21-35

²¹My child, do not let these escape from your sight: keep sound wisdom and prudence, ²² and they will be life for your soul and adornment for your neck. ²³Then you will walk on your way securely and your foot will not stumble. ²⁴If you sit down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet. ²⁵Do not be afraid of sudden panic, or of the storm that strikes the wicked; ²⁶for the LORD will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being caught.

²⁷Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it. ²⁸Do not say to your neighbor, 'Go, and come again; tomorrow I will give it'— when you have it with you. ²⁹Do not plan harm against your neighbor who lives trustingly beside you. ³⁰Do not quarrel with anyone without cause, when no harm has been done to you. ³¹Do not envy the violent and do not choose any of their ways; ³²for the perverse are an abomination to the LORD, but the upright are in his confidence. ³³The LORD's curse is on the house of the wicked, but he blesses the abode of the righteous. ³⁴Towards the scorners he is scornful, but to the humble he shows favor. ³⁵The wise will inherit honor, but stubborn fools, disgrace.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 133

Sung responsively



¹Oh, how good and pleas- | ant it is, when brethren live togeth- | er in unity!

²It is like fine oil up- | on the head

that runs down up- | on the beard,

³upon the | beard of Aaron,

and runs down upon the collar | of his robe.

⁴It is like the | dew of Hermon

that falls upon the | hills of Zion.

⁵For there the LORD has or- | dained the blessing life for- | evermore.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 12:9-21

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' ²⁰No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

- 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 fifth chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:43-48

⁴³"You have heard that it was said, *You must love your neighbor* and hate your enemy. ⁴⁴But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who harass you ⁴⁵so that you will be acting as children of your Father who is in heaven. He makes the sun rise on both the evil and the good and sends rain on both the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶If you love only those who love you, what reward do you have? Don't even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing? Don't even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸Therefore, just as your heavenly Father is complete in showing love to everyone, so also you must be complete.

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

PASTOR ANDREW PATTY

HYMN OF THE DAY

God's Work, Our Hands

ACS 1000

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 Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A Faithful God, your Spirit animates the church and binds believers into the body of Christ. Equip us and Peace Lutheran in Joplin, LuMin St. Louis Campus Ministry in St. Louis, Missouri, and Trinity Lutheran in McPherson, Kansas for our work of faith, and enlarge our hearts for the labor of love. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Creating God, the sea roars, the earth rejoices, and the heavens are glad at the wonder of all you have made. Bless the work of ecologists and conservationists and all those who safeguard the riches of creation. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Loving God, bless and comfort those affected by the war in Ukraine. We pray that they find safety from violence and assistance 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. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Sovereign God, as you work for the good of your people, accomplish your purposes through the work of elected leaders and public servants. Guide them with your wisdom and compassion. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Caring God, your arms enfold all who are lonely, oppressed, despairing, sick, and suffering, especially Peggy Buchholz, Naomi Walker, Linda Longren, David McGinnis, and Martha Nemeth. Pour out your abundant mercy on all, that they may know your joy. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Almighty God, all our life belongs to you. When earthly idols threaten to lead your church astray, remind us that you alone are the source of our eternal hope. Direct the work of church treasurers, councils, and all who manage financial matters. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Life-giving God, we celebrate Marilyn Heckman and Charlotte O'Brien as they celebrate their birthdays and Bob Horton and Curt Lewis as they remember their baptisms. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Everlasting God, the saints of every age have sung your praise and shared your word. We give you thanks for their witness and pray that we may join them as citizens of your unending kingdom. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

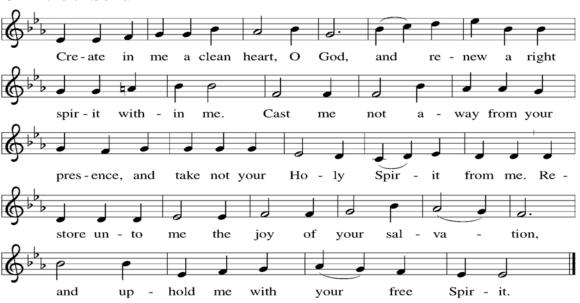
Let us greet one another with God's peace.

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG

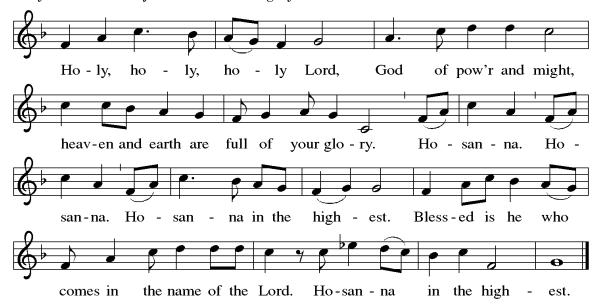


OFFERTORY PRAYER

- 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:



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.

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

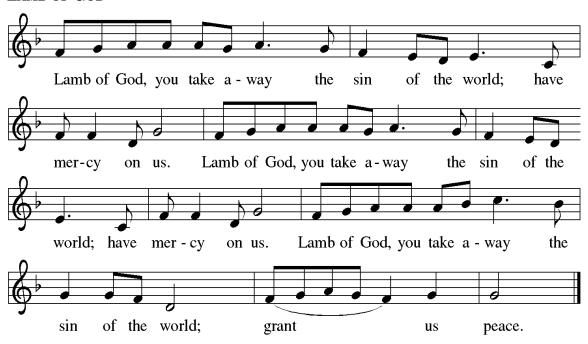
forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

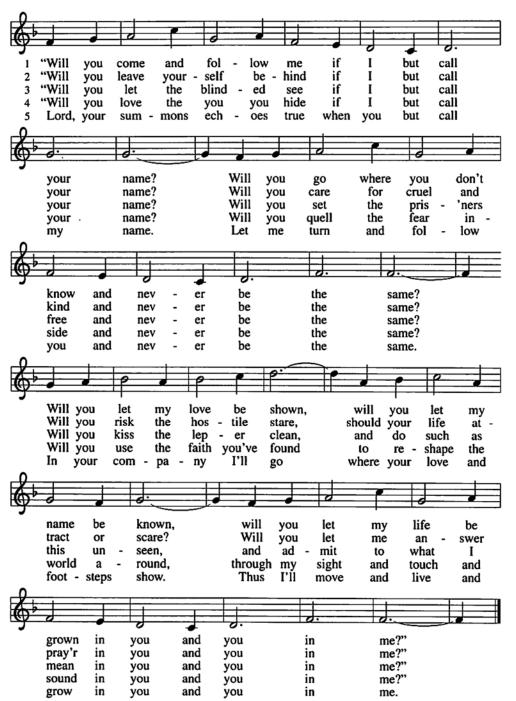
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

LAMB OF GOD





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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE CONCLUSION OF A CALL

(This Thanksgiving can be done by the Bishop or Representative of the synod office.)

L: Pastor Andrew, in 2018 you began your call to serve as pastor here at Trinity Lutheran Church. As pastor, you were called to proclaim God's word, to baptize and teach, to announce God's forgiveness, and to preside at the Lord's Table. With the gospel, you have comforted the people of Trinity in times of sickness and trouble, and at the death of loved ones. Sharing joys and sorrows, you have been important to the life of this community within the church of Jesus Christ, in their service to this community, and in God's mission to the whole world.

On October 31st, the congregation's call to you comes to an end. As you leave this community of faith and say "farewell" to one another, we give thanks for your ministry and pray for God's blessing.

PULPIT: You were invited into this pulpit. From this place, you have proclaimed the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ countless times throughout these past years. This pulpit has not belonged to you; the saving message of Christ is not something one can possess, but only bear witness to. You have been a faithful occupant of this church's pulpit and messenger of the good news of God's love in Christ. As you leave this pulpit, we thank God for your preaching ministry.

C: Thanks be to God!

FONT: At this font, you have presided at the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Through the cleansing waters of baptism, we welcome new members into the family of Christ. The gift of new life in Christ belongs to God. The church is the custodian of this rite of welcome, and you have introduced this congregation to many new siblings in the faith. You have presided as confirmands affirmed their baptismal promises. As you leave this font, we thank you for your ministry surrounding baptismal promises.

C: Thanks be to God!

ALTAR: At this altar you have presided at the Sacrament of Holy Communion. You have reminded the members here of how Jesus began this meal with his disciples. You have provided instruction to those who would receive it for the first time. The meal is the Lord's, and this congregation has offered this meal to all who seek to be fed with the living presence of Christ. You have presided over this meal so that it could be served in an orderly fashion. As you leave this table, we thank you for presiding at the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

C: Thanks be to God!

CHANCEL: Standing in front of this congregation, you have led services of thankfulness to God for people who have died. You have led this community in the midst of grief while expressing gratitude for God's gift of life. You have proclaimed the Good News of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and have encouraged the community with the comfort of the gospel. As you leave this sanctuary, we thank you for your presence in times of loss.

C: Thanks be to God!

L: People of God, as representatives of the members of Trinity and with thanks to God for the ministry of Pastor Andrew among you, do you now release them from their call as your pastor?

C We do, and we give thanks to God.

L: Pastor Andrew, with thanks to God for the members of this community and for their ministry with you, do you recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with Trinity?

AP: I do, and I give thanks to God.

L: Let us pray. Almighty God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. We give you thanks for the ministry of Pastor Andrew among the people of God in this place. You watch over our going out and our coming in: Bless this time of ending and beginning. You surround your people in every time and place: Keep us close in your love. You accompany your people in times of joy and in times of trial: Prosper all that has been done to your glory in this time together and heal and forgive all that has fallen short of your will for us. Help Pastor Andrew as well as the people of this congregation to live with courage and gladness in the future you give to us. As they have been a blessing to this congregation, so now send them forth to be a blessing to others; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Rejoicing in the blessings of God in this congregation and in the ministry of Pastor Andrew, with hope in God's abundant grace in years to come, I announce that this pastoral relationship is ended effective October 31st.

SENDING

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.



DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. You are God's hands at work in the world!
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Welcome to worship at Trinity!

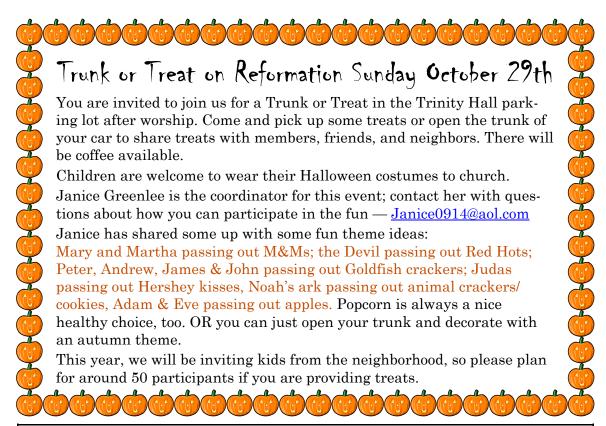
Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you found the Spirit of God in our midst. If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, or have other questions, please contact the church office at 785.233.0767.

	UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY	after worship
Mon., Oct. 23	November Trinity Tidings deadline	
Tues., Oct. 24	Quilters	9:30 AM
Sun., Oct. 29		

Please join us downstairs after worship for a potluck lunch and wish Pr. Andrew well.

We welcome Pr. Dave Whetter from the Central State Synod office as he joins us for worship today. Next Sunday, Oct. 29th, Bishop Susan Candea will be with us for worship.

Worship Assistants									
Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Asst. Minister	Presiding Minister	Coffee Hosts	
Oct. 22	Cindy McGinnis	Howard Reece, Diane Bottorff	Laurie Jackson	Bob Horton	Carol Marker & Team 1	Bob Horton	Pr. Andrew & Pr. Dave Whetter	Steve Luoma	



OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS								
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion		
Sept. 24	\$1,296.00	\$0.00	\$1,296.00	-\$1,653.85	-\$357.85	39/29		
Oct. 1	\$3,696.00	\$0.00	\$3,696.00	-\$1,653.85	\$2,042.15	29/28		
Oct. 8	\$1,493.00	\$0.00	\$1,493.00	-\$1,653.85	-\$160.85	24/19		
Oct. 15	\$305.00	\$0.00	\$305.00	-\$1,653.85	-\$1,348.85	38/26		
				Expense				
		Aug. 2023	\$16,374.93	-\$12,500.86	\$3,874.07			
		Jan Aug.	\$115,595.34	-\$99,775.95	\$15,819.39			



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OFFICE HOURS

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

Together in Community

Living with Christ

Caring for Neighbors

Together in Community

We are a faith community brought together to worship God and to be of service to the needs of the world as the Great Commandment is our guide in our lives (*Matthew 22:36-39, Mark 12:29-31, and Luke 10:26-27*). We are a congregation that seeks to reach all those in our county with members spread throughout Topeka area, while being rooted in Historic Old Town. In our faith, we hope to be a symbol of Christ's love in the world (*John 15:12*), to be a community of support and care (*Galatians 6:2*),

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

President Duane Pomeroy

Vice-President Curt Lewis (Maintenance)

Secretary Diane Bottorff (Community Relations)

Shelley Andrews (Administration)
Carol Marker (Spiritual Care)

Pam Kobbeman (Administration)
Dean McGinnis (Congregational Life)

Treasurer Bob Kobbeman