



Twenty-fourth Sunday of Pentecost

November 12, 2023

**24th Sunday of Pentecost**

**November 12, 2023**

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 3**

*Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.*

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**PRELUDE**

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**GATHERING**

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**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**

*Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow*

**ELW 327**



1 Through the night of doubt and sor - row, on - ward  
 2 One the light of God's own pres - ence on the  
 3 One the strain that lips of thou - sands lift as  
 4 On - ward, there - fore, sis - ters, broth - ers; on - ward,



goes the pil - grim band, sing - ing songs of ex - pec -  
 ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the gloom and  
 from the heart of one; one the con - flict, one the  
 with the cross our aid. Bear its shame, and fight its



ta - tion, march - ing to the prom - ised land. Clear be -  
 ter - ror, bright - 'ning all the path we tread. One the  
 per - il, one the march in God be - gun. One the  
 bat - tle till we rest be - neath its shade. Soon shall



fore us through the dark - ness gleams and burns the  
 ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the faith which  
 glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the far e -  
 come the great a - wak - 'ning; soon the rend - ing



guid - ing light; pil - grim clasps the hand of  
 nev - er tires, one the ear - nest look - ing  
 ter - nal shore, where the one al - might - y  
 of the tomb! Then the scat - t'ring of all



pil - grim step - ping fear - less through the night.  
 for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.  
 Fa - ther reigns in the love for - ev - er - more.  
 shad - ows, and the end of toil and gloom.

**GREETING**

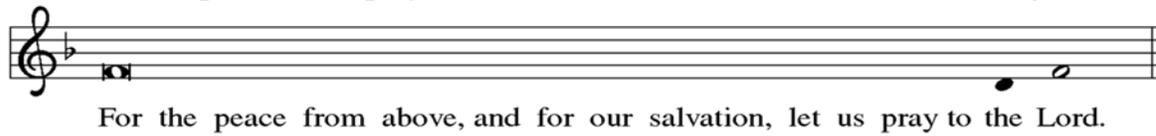
**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

**KYRIE**



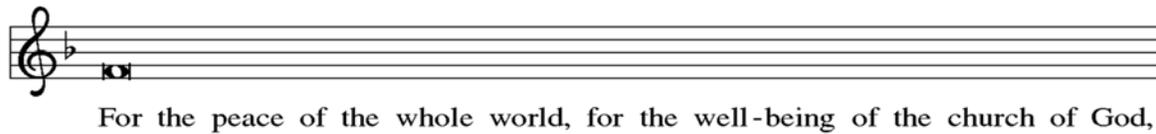
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



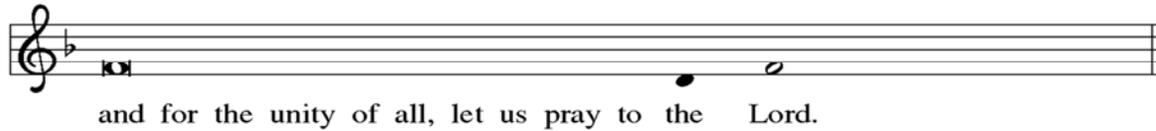
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



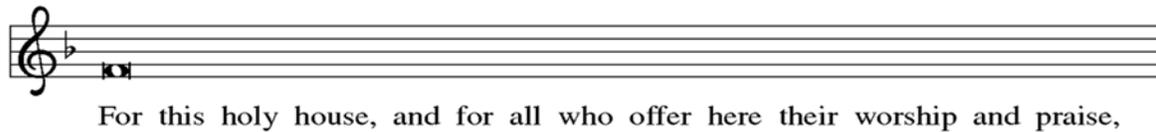
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



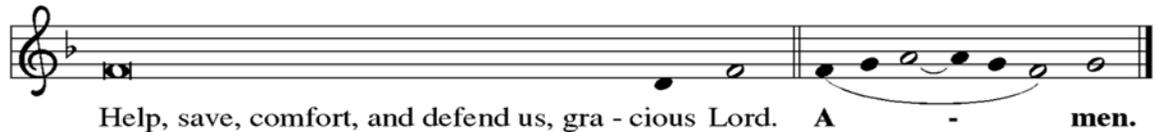
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



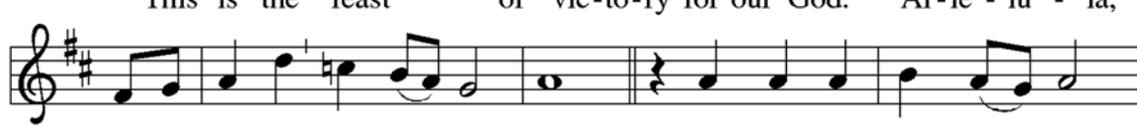
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



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

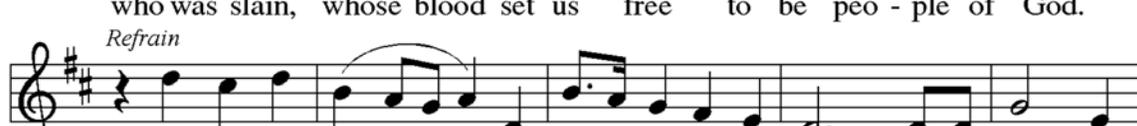


al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

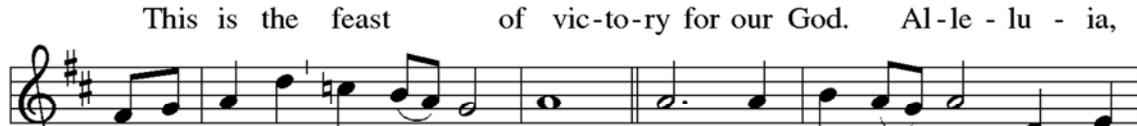


who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

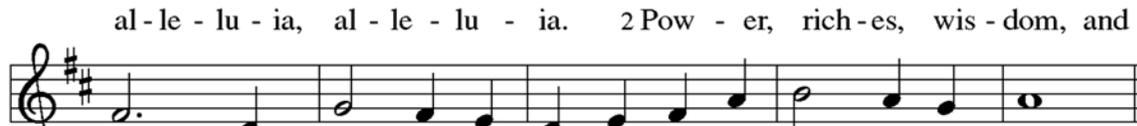
*Refrain*



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

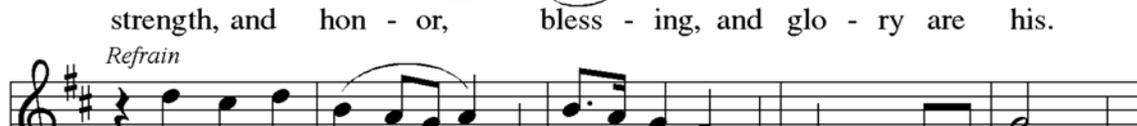


al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

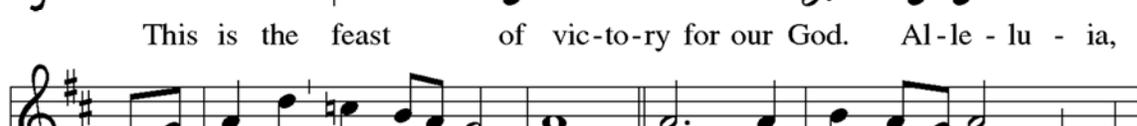


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

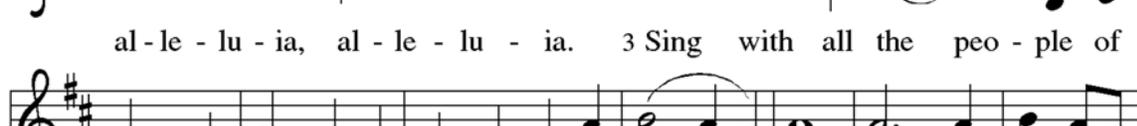
*Refrain*



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,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*



**SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18**

<sup>13</sup>We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

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

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:1-13**

Jesus said to the disciples: <sup>1</sup>“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

ELW 436

*Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.*



1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men  
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her  
 3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.  
 heart with joy is spring-ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.  
 an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym-bal's clear-est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the  
 Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in  
 Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to



thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.  
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.  
 bliss be-yond all dream-ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"  
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.  
 No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun-d'ring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;  
 Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,  
 of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.  
 and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.  
 There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

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 Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church,  
the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

A O God for whom we wait, come quickly to your people, bring your salvation, and  
center us in hope found only in you. Deepen our faith through meaningful wor-  
ship and send us out with your justice and truth. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A O God for whom we watch, we glimpse your power in rushing water and your  
beauty in the darkening night. Restore this creation, and provide clean water to  
all people and animals. Save us from foolish, wasteful living. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A O God, we pray for safety from violence for those living in areas of war. We lift  
the German Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Ukraine, the Evangelical  
Lutheran Church of the Urals, Siberia and the Far East, and the Evangelical  
Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land to you in prayer as they face  
these times of conflict. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A O God for whom we long, let justice roll down like waters on all nations. Bless  
citizens with wise leaders; save your children from war. We pray for the veter-  
ans of this community, that they are supported and loved. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A O God, in whom we hope, we pray for all who are in need. Provide for those who  
experience homelessness or hunger, support the under- or unemployed, and  
comfort any who are suffering this day, especially Peggy Buchholz, Naomi  
Walker, Linda Longren, David McGinnis, and Martha Nemeth. Be their rest  
and comfort. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A O God for whom we listen, inspire the music ministry of our congregation. Fill our worship with songs to proclaim your greatness. Help us to sing and dance with joy and tell boldly of your salvation. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A O God, from whom we receive life, grant joy to Liz Utech as she celebrates her birthday, and to Marlene Hassan and Dean McGinnis as they remember their baptisms. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A O God, from whom we receive blessings, we join in prayer with St. Paul Lutheran in Glasco, Zion Lutheran and St. John Lutheran in Hanover, Kansas, and Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Hazelwood, Missouri. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P O God, you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses. Grant that we be encouraged by the example of your servant Richard Heckman, that we may share in your eternal joy with all the saints in heaven. Bless and support the family and friends of this saint as they celebrate his life. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P O God, in whom we remain, we remember our loved ones who have died and now live in you. Bring comfort and the assurance of new life to all who grieve. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through 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.*

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## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

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### 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 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.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

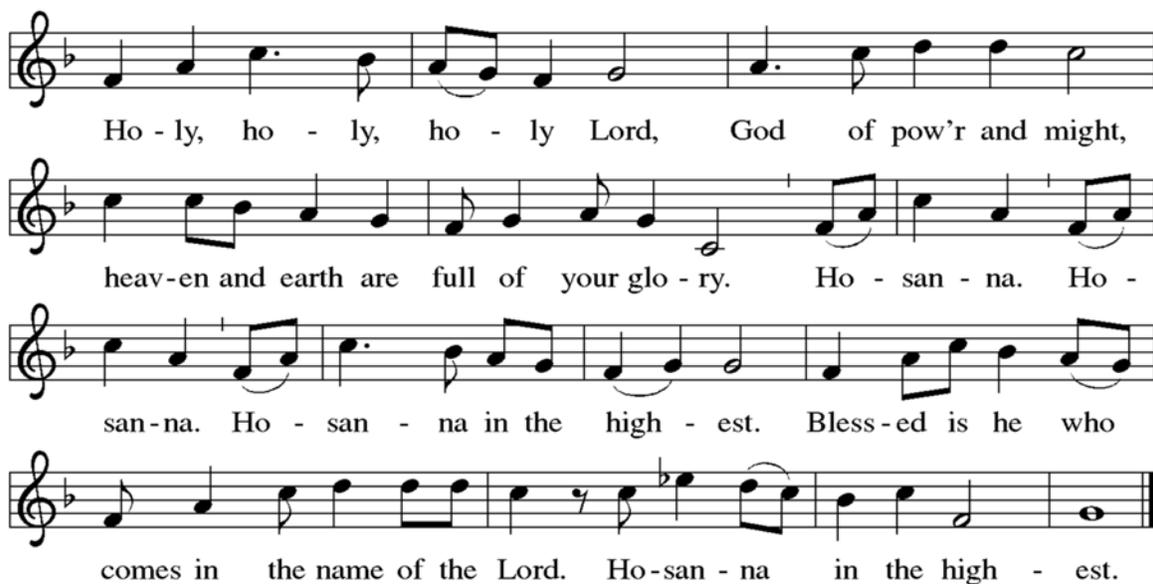
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

#### **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.**

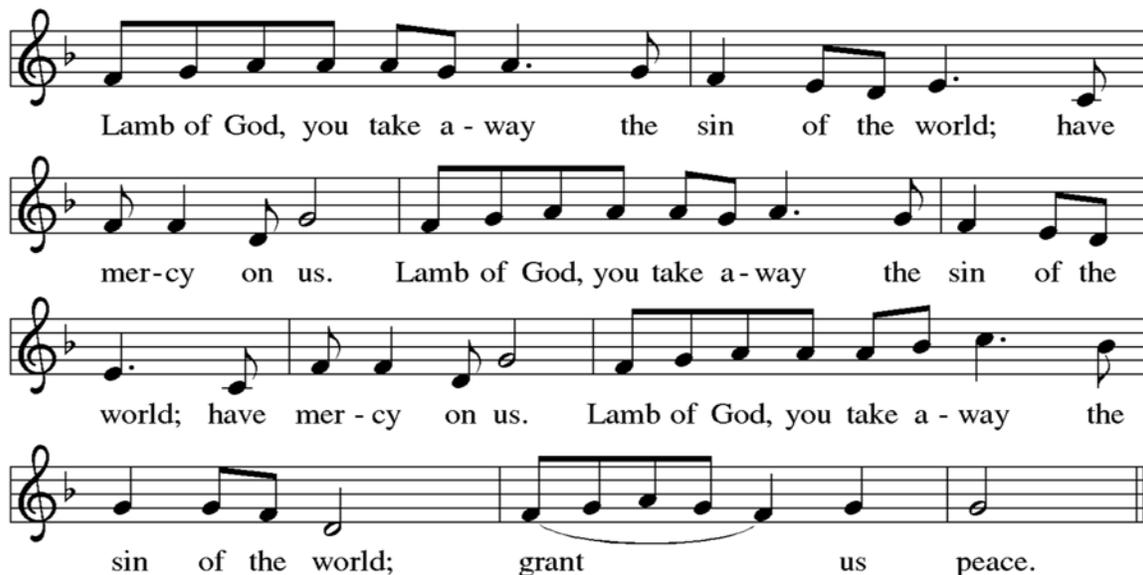
**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

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

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

### 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.

*All are welcome to join us at the Lord's table. White grape juice is available as an alternative to wine. Everyone is invited forward to receive communion or a blessing. Hands cupped open indicate an openness to receive communion; hands closed reflect a desire to receive a blessing.*

*We 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 HYMN

*When Peace like a River*

ELW 785



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,

**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** Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

**C** Amen.

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## SENDING

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### BLESSING

P 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, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

C Amen.

### SENDING HYMN

### *Blessed Assurance*

ELW 638

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



**DISMISSAL**

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

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.*



Thank you, Pr. Dinah! We are glad you are here today.

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Nov. 12..... Adult Sunday School.....9:45 AM  
 .....Worship with Holy Communion.....10:30 AM  
 ..... with special collection for Bethany Village .....

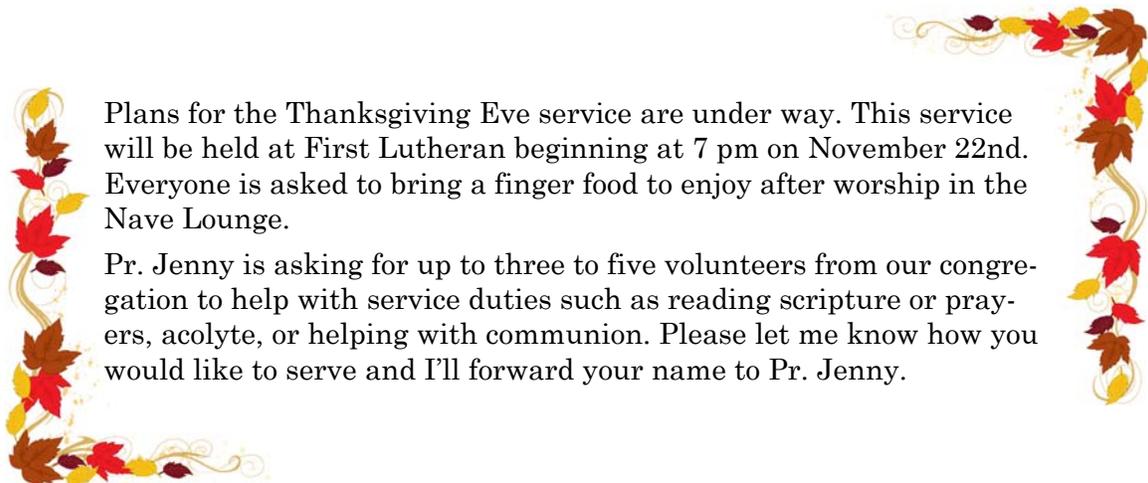
Mon., Nov. 13..... Church Council meeting.....6:00 PM

Tues., Nov. 14..... Quilters .....9:30 AM

Thurs., Nov. 16.....December Trinity Tidings deadline .....

Sun., Nov. 19 ..... Community Relations Committee meeting .....9:30 AM  
 .....Worship with Holy Communion.....10:30 AM  
 ..... Blessing of the Quilts .....

Worship Assistants								
Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Asst. Minister	Presiding Minister	Coffee Hosts
Nov. 12	Parker Jackson	Duane Pomeroy, Howard Reece	Laurie Jackson	Loni Reece	Janice Greenlee & Team 2	Marsha Ridinger	Pr. Dinah Dutta	Steve Luoma
Nov. 19	Laurie Jackson	Diane Bottorff, Marcy Carlson	Mitchell Bean	Duane Pomeroy	Janice Greenlee & Team 2	Ted Murphy	Pr. Gary Teske	Donna Allen
Nov. 26	Curt Lewis, Ella Bosch	Bob Horton, Dean McGinnis	Mitchell Bean	Shelley Andrews	Janice Greenlee & Team 2	Marcy Carlson	Pr. Michael Haar	Dean McGinnis



Plans for the Thanksgiving Eve service are under way. This service will be held at First Lutheran beginning at 7 pm on November 22nd. Everyone is asked to bring a finger food to enjoy after worship in the Nave Lounge.

Pr. Jenny is asking for up to three to five volunteers from our congregation to help with service duties such as reading scripture or prayers, acolyte, or helping with communion. Please let me know how you would like to serve and I'll forward your name to Pr. Jenny.

On Sunday, November 19th, we will bless the quilts that our quilting group has made this year. After worship, they will be taken to Doorstep so they can be gifted to the families they sponsor for Christmas.

Our quilt group includes Junior & Liz Utech, Linda Longren, Carol Marker, Jackie Berillon, and Diane Jernigan.



<b>OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS</b>						
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly	Weekly Income Minus Average	Attendance/ Communion
Oct. 15	\$1,181.00	\$0.00	\$1,181.00	-\$1,653.85	-\$472.85	38/26
Oct. 22	\$2,712.00	\$0.00	\$2,712.00	-\$1,653.85	\$1,058.15	53/41
Oct. 29	\$745.00	\$289.00	\$1,034.00	-\$1,653.85	-\$619.85	37/32
Nov. 5	\$2,657.99	\$0.00	\$2,657.99	-\$1,653.85	\$1,004.14	36/34
				Expense		
		Oct. 2023	\$9,827.00	-\$12,261.28	-\$2,434.28	
		Jan. - Oct.	\$133,780.52	-\$128,555.76	\$5,224.76	



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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*), and to proclaim the good news that Jesus Christ came to be a Savior for all people (*Colossians 1:13-14*).

### **CONGREGATION COUNCIL**

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