

# **Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 18 & 19, 2025

# Welcome to Worship!

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The *worship bulletin* is intended to help guide us through our worship. Sections in **bold** print are for congregation response.

We believe our risen Lord Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine of *Holy Communion* and we extend our Lord's invitation to all who are baptized to share in this meal.

Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please contact an usher if you need *communed in the pew*.

A *large print copy* of our worship service and *wireless sound enhancers* are available in the front narthex.



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Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 8:15am (Broadcast, 98.7FM, 107.5FM, 1480AM, 910AM; Livestream @www.trinitylatrobe.com), Sunday 10:45am

# **Service of Holy Communion**

(ELW Setting 1)

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

The prelude is a signal to end our conversation and prepare our hearts and minds for worship

#### **Prelude and Silent Prayer**

**Temple Talk** Saturday: Ted Massa; Sunday: Kathy Ferlin

Stewardship Hymn "Lord of All Good" All Verses Please see insert

(at the end of the bell peal, please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)

# GATHERING The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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. **Amen.** 

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(please kneel or remain seated as you are comfortable)

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)

### **Gathering Hymn**

"Day by Day"

ELW #790

#### Greeting

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

# **Hymn of Praise**





# **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

#### (please be seated)

#### **WORD**

#### God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

#### Children's Message

#### Saturday: First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

After cheating his older brother Esau of his inheritance and fooling his father into giving him the blessing intended for Esau, Jacob ran away and lived for years with his mother's family. After marrying two sisters and becoming rich, he prepared to return home. But he did not know how Esau would treat him, so after sending gifts, he sent his wives and children ahead of him.

<sup>22</sup> The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup> He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. <sup>24</sup> Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup> When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup> Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup> So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup> Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup> Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup> So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." <sup>31</sup> The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### Sunday: First Reading: Jeremiah 31:27-34

Because Luke often presents Jesus as carrying on the ministry of the Old Testament prophets, our first readings during these weeks are from several of those figures, now from Jeremiah. In this reading, the disaster foreseen by Jeremiah has come to pass: Jerusalem is sacked, the temple is destroyed, and the people taken into exile in Babylon. But now Jeremiah, the prophet of doom, offers consolation and hope to the exiles.

<sup>27</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. <sup>28</sup> And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. <sup>29</sup> In those days they shall no longer say: "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." <sup>30</sup> But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of the one who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup> But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm: 119:97-104 (Leader/Assembly: Saturday, spoken; Sunday, sung)

Jeremiah foresaw a day when the people would know the will of God by heart, and rejoice in God's commands. These verses, like much of Psalm 119 (by far the longest chapter in the Bible), describes that joy.

<sup>97</sup>Oh, how I love your teaching!

All the day long it is in my mind.

- Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.
- <sup>99</sup> I have more understanding than | all my teachers, for your decrees | are my study.
- <sup>100</sup> I am wiser | than the elders,

because I observe | your commandments.

- I restrain my feet from every evil way, that I may keep your word.
- I do not turn aside from your judgments, because you your-self have taught me.
- How sweet are your words to my taste!

  They are sweeter than honey to my mouth.
- Through your commandments I gain | understanding; therefore I hate every | lying way.

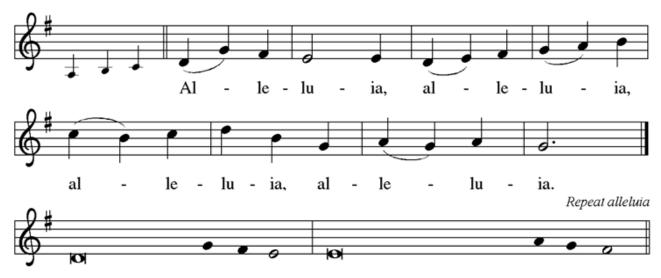
### Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Today we continue reading through the letters addressed to Timothy, the author's colleague, who seems uncertain that he is equal to the task of leading the community that has been left in his charge. "Scripture" in this passage refers to what we would call the Old Testament.

14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it 15 and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. 11 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: 2 proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

#### The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

# Gospel Acclamation (please stand to welcome the Gospel or remain seated as you are comfortable)



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

#### **Gospel: Luke 18:1-8**

Through these months we have been readings of Jesus' teaching and miracles as he makes his way to Jerusalem to suffer, die, and be resurrected. Today's reading immediately follows the warning he gives his disciples about the terrors which will accompany the revealing of the kingdom of God.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 18th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup> He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup> In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' <sup>4</sup> For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' "And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup> And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

(please be seated)

Sermon Saturday

Pastor Traci Marriott

Sermon Sunday

Pastor Jason Felici

Hymn of the Day (please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)

"How Long, O God"

**ELW #698** 

#### **Apostles' Creed**

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.

Prayers of the People (please kneel or sit as you are comfortable)

God of grace, receive our prayer.

The Peace (please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** 

(share God's peace with one another and then be seated)

# **MEAL**God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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# **Gathering of Gifts**

As we move to the time in our worship where we offer our gifts to God's church, a portion of your offering supports Equipping Congregation Leaders. The SWPA Synod seeks to serve, connect & equip congregations to tell the story of Jesus. Your offering makes possible training events and resource sharing, including stewardship seminars, council trainings, and the synod resource center.



If you prefer, scan the QR code to give online. You may then place a giving card from the pew in the offering plate as it passes by.

Anthem "Lord, Listen to Your Children" Medema Choir

#### Offertory (please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)



- 1 Ac-cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up-on your ta-ble.
- 2 The vines were plant ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea-sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be fore you.

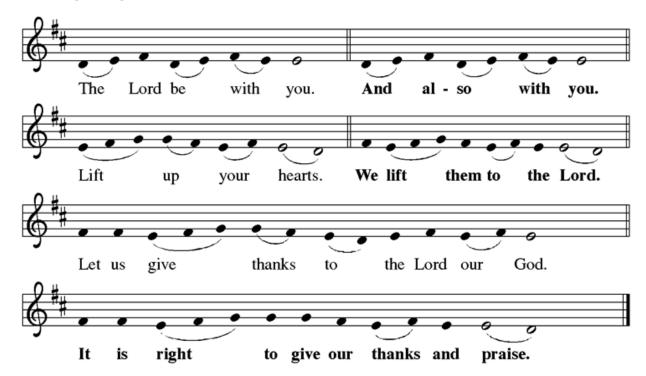


We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble. What once was com - mon, dail - y food be-comes a ho - ly trea-sure. Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum-bly we a - dore you.

#### **Offering Prayer**

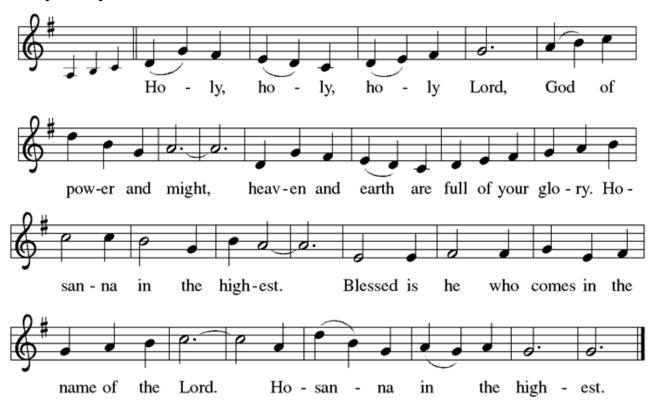
Let us pray. Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Great Thanksgiving**



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:

#### Holy, Holy, Holy



You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



#### **Lord's Prayer**

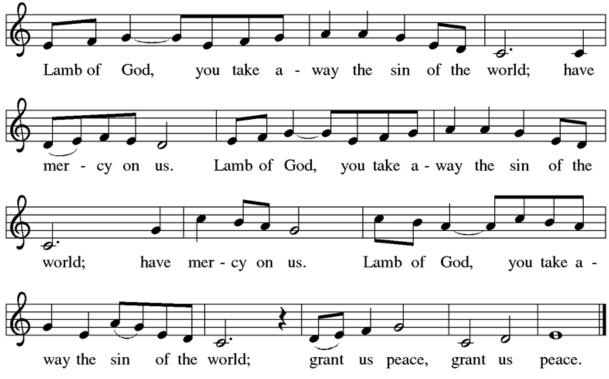
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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**

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

#### Lamb of God



(please be seated)

#### **Distribution of Communion**

To receive communion, please come down the center aisle, take a cup from the tray and gather at the altar rail. Receive the bread into your hand. Wine will be poured into your cup. The communion wine is gluten free. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. For those unable to receive wine, communion cups with water are available. Leave the altar rail, place your cup on the tray and return to your pew via the side aisles. If you would like to receive communion in the pew, please contact an usher. Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

#### Table Blessing (please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)

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

#### **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray. O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

### **SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

#### **Blessing**

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, + bless you now and forever. **Amen.** 

## **Sending Hymn**

"Jesus, Still Lead On"

**ELW #624** 

#### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

<u>THE FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND</u> are dedicated to our Lord and Savior in memory of our father, Jack Jones, on his birthday, given by Mark and Kathy Jones, Jennifer and Tom Kubit, and Phyllis and Jim O'Hara.

#### **Serving this Weekend**

Preaching and Presiding Saturday: Pastor Traci Marriott

Preaching Sunday: Pastor Jason Felici Presiding Sunday: Pastor Jess Felici

**Director of Music:** Debbie Morley

Lectors: Saturday 5:30pm: Linda McDowell

Sunday 8:15am: David Gebhart Sunday 10:45am: Cheryl Morgan

Liturgical Deacons: Saturday 5:30pm: Kathy Waldron

**Sunday 8:15am**: Nancy McHenry, Rose McLain **Sunday 10:45am**: Lindsay Deemer, Jane Lawson

Ushers: Saturday 5:30pm: Tom & Beth Dlugos, Isaiah Sherba,

Donna Showalter

Sunday 8:15am: Sandy Kisick, Keith Bronson, Sr.,

Keith Bronson, Jr., Melinda Terney

**Sunday 10:45am:** BJ and Amber Hebenthal, Mike & Jill Macey

Acolytes: Saturday 5:30pm: Kelly Stanko

Sunday 8:15am: Claire Benning, Will Benning Sunday 10:45am: Will Hebenthal, Nico Scalise

Tellers: Sunday 8:15am: Sandy Kisick, Candace Bungard, BJ Hebenthal,

Sherry Palmer

Sunday 10:45am: Linda McDowell, Christina Andrae, Mike Macey

Darlene Schultz

### **Acolytes Serving Next Weekend October 25 & 26**

Saturday 5:30pm: Kelly Stanko

Sunday 8:15am: Claire Benning, Will Benning

Sunday 10:45am: Emma Felici, Allie Glagola, Autumn Glagola

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