Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost July 5 & 6, 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.*

ACTIVE AC

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 4)

God is the source of our nourishment. Jesus' invitation to "take and eat . . . take and drink" is a repeated one. In holy communion, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.

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

Prelude and Silent Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

(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.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin. *(please kneel or remain seated as you are comfortable)*

Merciful God, you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

(please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)

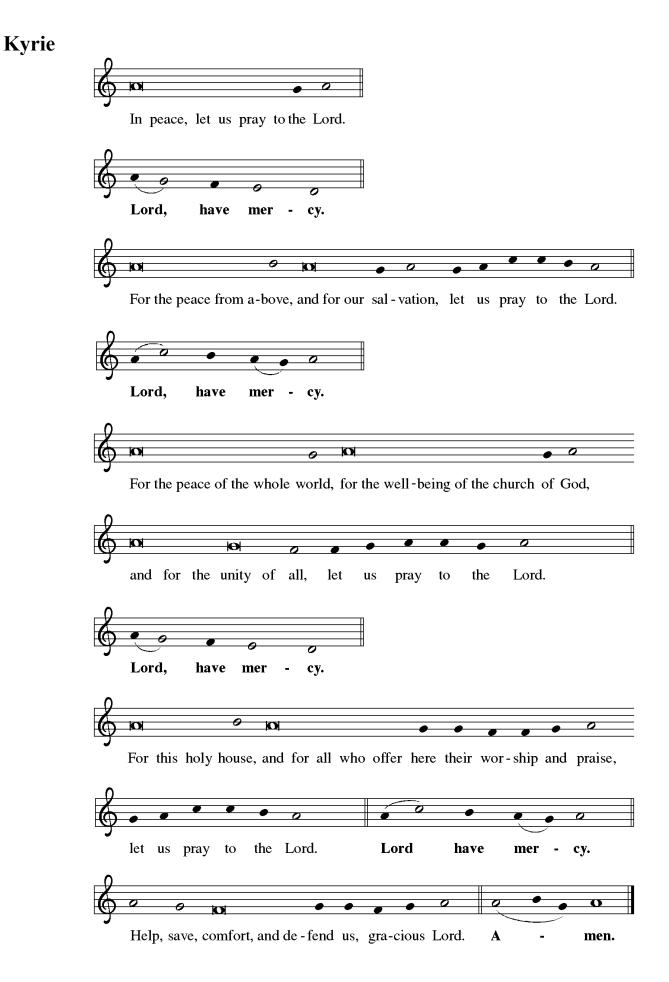
Gathering Hymn

"My God, How Wonderful Thou Art" ELV

ELW #863

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.**



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(please be seated)

WORD

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

Children's Message

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-14

In these weeks we have been hearing the stories of the great early prophets of Israel, Elijah and Elisha. This lesson is one of a series of stories about Elisha's miracles, many of which have parallels in Jesus's healings and his feeding of multitudes.

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy.² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife.³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁴ So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵ And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. ⁶ He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." ⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." ⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house.

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¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." ¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?"¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 30 (Leader/Assembly: Spoken)

This psalm could have been sung by Naaman, or by anyone (like us) who have received the blessings of God when they did not expect them.

- ¹ I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- ² O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and vou restored me to health.
- ³ You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- ⁴ Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;
- give thanks in holy remembrance.
- ⁵ God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.
 - Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.
- ⁶ While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.
- ⁷ You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
 - Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.
- ⁸ I cried to you, O LORD;
 - I pleaded with my Lord, saving,
- ⁹ "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

¹⁰ Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper."

¹¹ You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

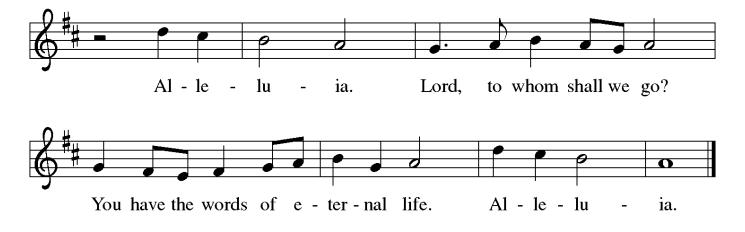
¹² Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

Second Reading: Galatians 6:1-16

For the last several weeks we have been reading through Paul's letter to the churches in Galatia. Traveling preachers had visited those churches and convinced them that Christians must obey the Jewish law (including circumcision) in order to be truly Christian. In the early verses of Galatians 6, Paul reminds his readers that truly Christian behavior is not denigrating other Christians, but humble, mutual service. Paul dictated his letters to a secretary, but he writes the close of this letter personally.

¹My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted.² Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.³ For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. ⁴ All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵ For all must carry their own loads. ⁶ Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. ⁷ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow.⁸ If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹ So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. ¹¹ See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand!¹² It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ.¹³ Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴ May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶ As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Following the Transfiguration, Jesus began his trek to Jerusalem and his crucifixion. On the way (as we heard last week in the verses leading up to this story) he has been rejected by Samaritans, and has warned prospective followers that being his disciple is not one loyalty among many, but an all-consuming relationship.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 10th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go.² He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.³ Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near." "¹⁶ "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

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¹⁷ The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸ He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹ See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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

(please be seated)

Sermon

Pastor Jason Felici

Hymn of the Day (*please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable*) "In Christ Called to Baptize" ELW #575

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, hear our prayer.

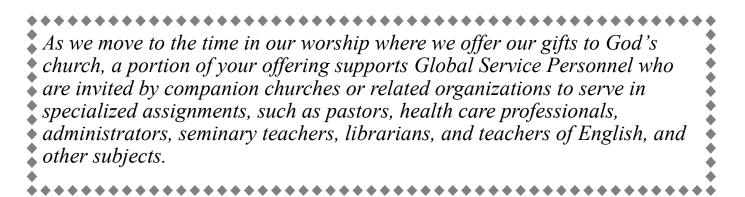
The Peace (please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)

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.

Gathering of Gifts





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.

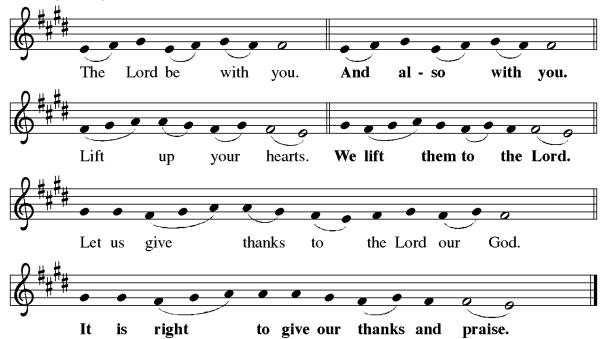
Offertory (please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)"We Are an Offering"ELW #692



Offering Prayer

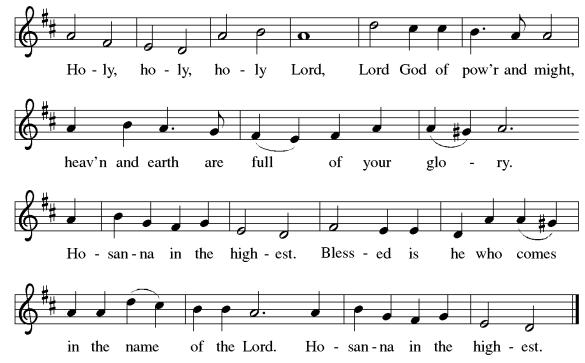
Let us pray. Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

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



Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise.
When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.
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.

Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

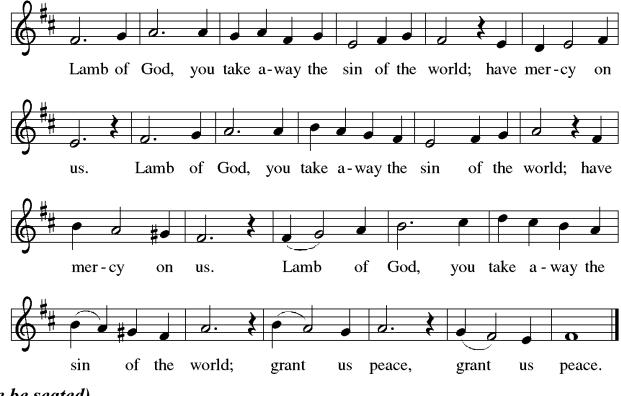
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

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. Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

SENDING

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

Blessing

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"We All Are One in Mission"

ELW #576

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

THE BROADCAST and FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND are dedicated to the Glory of God in honor and in celebration of our 25th Wedding Anniversary, given by Jay and Meri Beth Elder.

Serving this Weekend

Preaching	g: Past	or Jason Fe	elici P	residing:	Pastor Jess Felici
Director of Music: Debbie Mo			lorley		
Organist:		Christina	Andrae		
Lectors:	Sunday Sunday	5:30pm: 8:15am: 0:45am:	Nick G Melissa	ebhart 1 Brown	laionna
Liturgical	Deacons:	Sunday	8:15am		Amy Benning louck, Sandy Redinger
Ushers:	Saturday 5:30pm: Linda McDowell, David Rock, Isaiah Sherba, Donna Showalter				
	Sunday	8:15am:	Sandy Kisick, Rick Baldonieri, Herb Harris, Melinda Terney		
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Tellers:	Sunday 1	8:15am: 0:45am:	Eleanor	I I 7	hn Hugo, Kathy & Mark Jones 1 & Linda Brigaman, 1 Vargo

Acolytes Serving Next Weekend July 12 & 13

Saturday 5:30pm: Kelly Stanko Sunday 8:15am: Sunday 10:45am:

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Luke 10:1, 3