

# Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, November 17, 2019 8:30 am 23rd Sunday after Pentecost Love God, Love Our Neighbors, Serve the World

#### **Prelude**

\*Please stand if able

#### Welcome

## \*Confession and Forgiveness

₱ All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ★ one God, healer of our every ill, source of unending mercy.

#### Amen.

Embraced in enduring grace and good hope, let us turn again to God, confessing the truth about ourselves...

## Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

we come before you, beloved but broken.

We have not always treated others as we would want them to treat us.

We have not always called out injustice and abuse.

We have not always been kind to ourselves.

We have not always taken care of the world we share with other living creatures.

Remind us of who we are,

beloved children bathed in your love.

Renew us by your Spirit to live as your holy people,

bringing healing to the brokenness around us.

Amen.

At every moment you are held in existence by the love of God, renewed by the Spirit within and among you, and made alive again in Christ.

Receive this assurance in Jesus' name: you are ♣ forgiven and freed to live for the healing of the world.

Amen.

\*Gathering Hymn "Word of God, Come Down on Earth" #510

# \*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.



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for ev er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## \*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

Special Music

Trina Schlifer

## First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a

Malachi, whose name means "my messenger," warns that the day of the Lord is coming. On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the "sun of righteousness" will shine on those who fear God.

<sup>1</sup>See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2a</sup>But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm: Psalm 98

<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;

all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

<sup>4</sup>Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

<sup>6</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

<sup>8</sup>Let the rivers clap their hands,

and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

## Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. Paul warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

<sup>6</sup>Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup> and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. <sup>9</sup>This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we gave you this command:

Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. <sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# \*Gospel Acclamation





Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



# \*Gospel Lesson: Luke 21:5-19

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 21st Chapter.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>5</sup>When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, <sup>6</sup>"As for these

things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

<sup>7</sup>They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" <sup>8</sup>And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

<sup>9</sup>"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup>there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.



and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup>This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup>So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; <sup>15</sup>for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

(Please be seated.)

Sermon

Pastor Dennis Hallemeier

## \*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 Intercession

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

#### \*Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(Please extend a greeting of peace to those around you.)

(Please be seated.)

## Offering

## \*Offering Prayer

God our creator,
you give us all we are, all we have,
all we bring, and all we need.
Draw us together around your table with all your saints
on earth and in your eternal home.
Let us eat and drink your promise of new life,
that we might be your promise to the world,
spoken in Jesus' name. Amen.

# \*Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

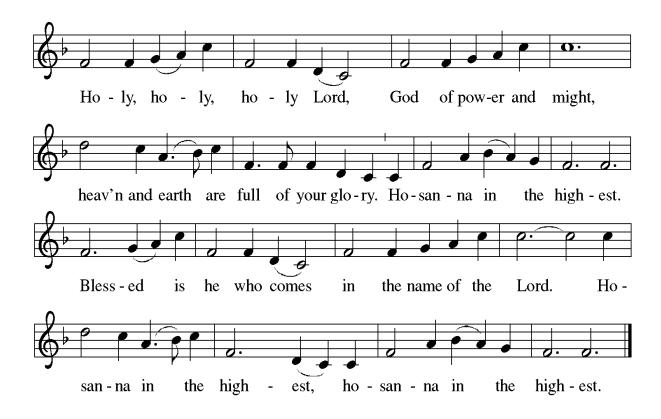
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### \*Preface



#### \*Words of Institution

# \*Lord's Prayer

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.

(Please be seated)

#### **Communion Distribution**

All who believe that Christ is truly present in this meal and are baptized are welcome to commune today. Communion today is served by intinction



which simply means to come forward to the server to receive the wafer, hold on to it, then dip it into either wine or grape juice and consume the elements.

## **Communion Hymn: O Lamb of God**



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray. you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray. e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## **Prayer After Communion**

We thank you, God our host, for inviting us here to taste the future when you will feed all the hungry at your table. Keep this hope alive in us and in our communities, so that we might bring hope to a suffering world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.** 

#### **Announcements**

## \*Benediction

Signed and sealed by the Holy Spirit, you are Christ's message of love for this troubled world, written by the same Sender.

May our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope,

★comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Amen.

\*Sending Hymn

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

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## \*Dismissal

Go in peace. Set your hope on Christ.

Thanks be to God.

#### **Postlude**