



24TH SUNDAY *AFTER* PENTECOST
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Mission Statement

***Trinity is a caring family where people gather to know, worship,
serve, and share Jesus.***

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY *AFTER* PENTECOST

Welcome

The darkening days of the world are a time for God's people to be looking toward the light—the light of Christ. Through our worship, we call out to our gracious God to brighten our lives as only He can. With the psalmist we call out, “Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days” (Psalm 90:14). God promises to satisfy us not only for our earthly lives but eternally as well. Looking toward that time of great surprise with confidence and hope, we say with the psalmist, “Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us” (Psalm 90:17a), and we respond to that favor with our heartfelt praise.

Holy Communion

We believe that Christ's body and blood are truly present in Holy Communion, and that we receive the forgiveness of sins along with the bread and wine in this Holy Meal. As a “Family Church,” we invite those who share this understanding, and who desire God's forgiveness and strength, to join with us in receiving Holy Communion. (Gluten free wafers are available.) If you have any questions, please speak to our pastor at any time. All worshippers are asked to fill out the “Fellowship Pad” in the pew and pass it down. After all have signed, please leave the pad at the end of the pew to be picked up after worship. Please stand where indicated with a ❖. Thank you!



PRELUDE

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **SHARING OF THE PEACE** *We encourage you to leave your pew and greet new people!*

+ *Please stand and face the cross during the procession to the altar* +

❖ **HYMN** "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" LSB 660

❖ **CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

P *In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

C **Amen.** [Matthew 28:19b]

P *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** [I John 1:8-9]

+ *Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination* +

P *Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.*

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

P *Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.* [John 20:19-23]

C **Amen.**

❖ **HYMN OF PRAISE** *Glory to God in the Highest*

A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.

C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we
 praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You
 take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
 us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a - lone are the
 Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord, You a -
 lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

❖ PRAYER

P *The Lord be with you.*

C And al - so with you.

P *Let us pray.*

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness, and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (9:00)

Deacon Betsy Lazarek

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Zephaniah 1:7-16

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is near; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. And on the day of the Lord's sacrifice--"I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. "On that day," declares the Lord, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do ill.' Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

R *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died

for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

R *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

❖ ALLELUIA

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

❖ GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:14-30

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

"For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten

talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*



C Praise to You, O Christ.

❖ **HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

LSB 783

SERMON

Pastor John Hopkins

+ *Please turn and face your fellow members across the center aisle* +

❖ **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

❖ **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

A *Lord, in your mercy,*

C **hear our prayer.**

OFFERING

+ *Please pass the Fellowship Pad at this time* +

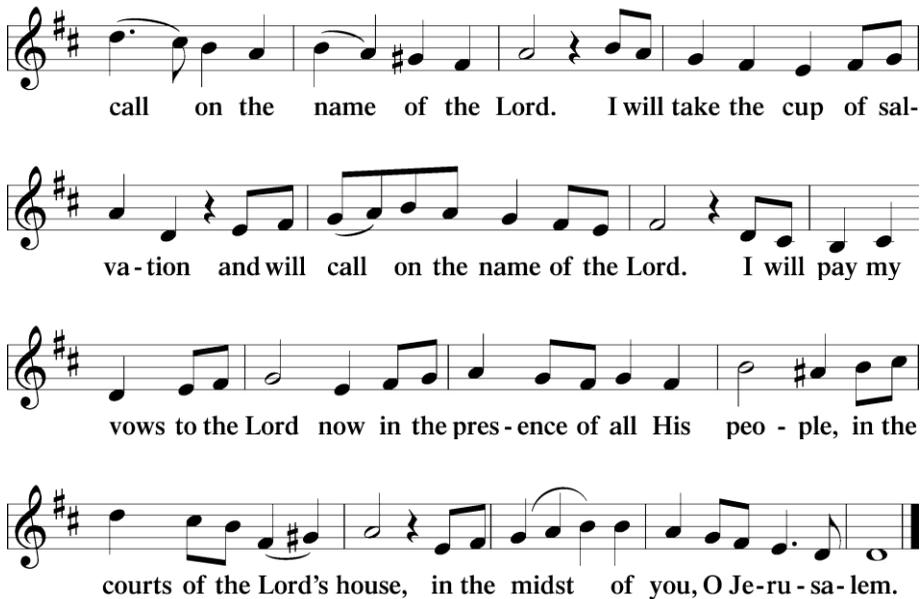
❖ **OFFERTORY** *What Shall I Render*



C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
 va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
 vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo - ple, in the
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa- lem.

❖ PREFACE

P *The Lord be with you.*



C And al-so 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 Him thanks and praise.

P *It is truly good, right, and proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, because in love You have destined us not for wrath but for salvation through Your Son, Jesus, our Lord. In Him we have the promise of His return in glory, which we await with eager anticipation. We bless You for the promises that sustain us and for the hope of heaven. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company*

of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. 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.

❖ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

❖ PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P *As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

❖ 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.

❖ AGNUS DEI *Lamb of God*



C 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, grant us peace.

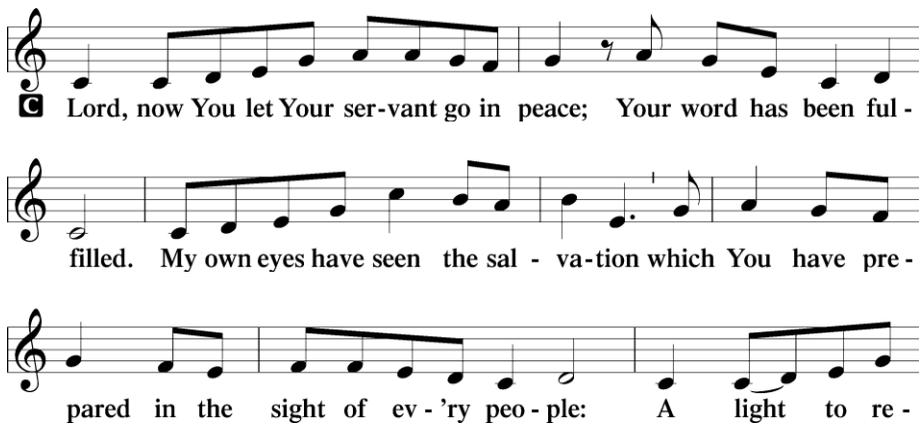
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"What Is the World to Me"

LSB 730

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord" LSB 637

❖ NUNC DIMITTIS *Song of Simeon*



C Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-
 filled. My own eyes have seen the sal-va-tion which You have pre-
 pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo-ple: A light to re-

veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

❖ **CLOSING PRAYER**

A *Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Strengthen us through this gracious Meal that we may confidently await His coming to judge all people, sharing the light of the Gospel and awaiting the perfection that is to be in Your eternal kingdom of light and joy, where darkness is no more. This we ask through our Savior, Jesus Christ, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God, world without end.*

C **Amen.**

❖ **BENEDICTION**

P *The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.*

C A - men

+ *Please stand and face the cross during the recession from the altar.* +

❖ **HYMN**

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

LSB 733

❖ **DISMISSAL**

A *Go in peace. Serve the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Wednesday Thanksgiving Eve November 22

7:15 PM Thanksgiving Eve Worship with Holy Communion

Saturday/Sunday November 25/26

6:30 PM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

10:45 AM Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion

Saturday/Sunday December 2/3

6:30 PM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

10:45 AM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion