

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

## *Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost*

10:00 AM Worship Service • November 10, 2024

*Setting 1*



*Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.*

**Welcome members and guests** to our worship service today. If you are visiting, we encourage you to sign the guest register located in the narthex; or, if you are online during our worship service, drop us a line to say hello or that you and your family are attending, so that we know you have joined us for worship. For those who come in person, please include your home address, email address and phone number. In each pew, there is a card that you can fill out if you wish to have a consult with the pastor and/or leave us more information about you. Sunday School begins at 8:45 followed by a worship service at 10:00 AM on Sunday mornings.

**A nursery room is available** during the service. The nursery is located off the hallway on the Huntington Avenue side of the church building. At this time, there are no nursery attendants. We also have “activity binders” available for older children to enjoy during the service. Please ask an usher about using one.

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Monday 9am-12pm; Tuesday 9-10:30am, 11:30am-12:15pm;

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Times are flexible with monthly meetings, but feel free  
to call for an appointment or drop in.

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## CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

*I Choose Love*      Lindy Thompson/Mark Miller

*In the midst of pain, I choose love.  
In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain,  
I await the sun again, I choose love.  
In the midst of war, I choose peace.  
In the midst of war, hate and anger keeping score,  
I will seek the good once more, I choose peace.  
When my world falls down, I will rise.  
When my world falls down, explanations can't be found,  
I will climb to holy ground, I will rise.  
In the midst of pain, I choose love.  
In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain,  
I await the sun again, I choose love.*

## GATHERING

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross,  
the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
our refuge,  
our delight,  
our beginning and our end.

**Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us  
and has freed us from our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,  
we confess that sin has taken hold of us

and we are complicit in its power.

We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.

Unbind us and set us free.

Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,  
that we may live just and generous lives  
for the good of your world  
and the care of our neighbors,  
following in the servant way of Jesus.

**Amen.**

These words are trustworthy and true:

Christ bore our sins once for all, on the cross.

For his sake, you are † forgiven,  
and God remembers your sin no more.

Let your heart be glad again,  
and rejoice in your salvation.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

*As Saints of Old*  
FOREST GREEN

ELW 695

## 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

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



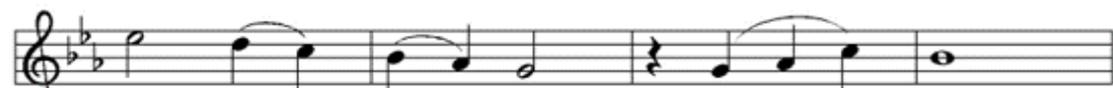
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -



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.



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The assembly is seated.*

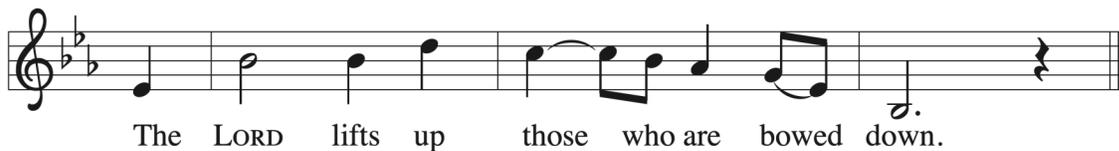
### FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17.8-16

*This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's saving acts, not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.*

The word of the Lord came to [Elijah,] saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there, for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said, but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: "The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that was spoken through Elijah.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 146** (*all sing the response before the reading and where indicated with an "R"*)



Psalm 146:8

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Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,**

**and in that day their thoughts perish. R**

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,

whose hope is in the LORD their God;

**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;**

**who keeps promises forever;**

who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the captive free.

**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;**

**the LORD loves the righteous. R**

The LORD cares for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**The LORD shall reign forever,**

**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah! R**

#### **SECOND READING: Hebrews 9.24-28**

*The letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as a high priest who offers himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ does not die again and again each year. He died once, is alive with God, and will reveal himself on the last day.*

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the holy place year after year with blood that is not his own, for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands..*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
*Repeat alleluia*

**The Lord raises up the poor | from the dust,  
to make them inherit a | seat of honor.**

## GOSPEL: Mark 12.38-44

*After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 12th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

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

*The assembly is seated.*

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Pastor Michael Burnett

SERMON

Pastor Michael Burnett

*The assembly stands.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

*We Are an Offering*  
OFFERING; sung twice

ELW 692

APOSTLE'S 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.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The assembly is seated.*

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*Praise We Sing to Thee*

Haydn/Luvaas

*Praise we sing to Thee, Thou mighty Ruler King forever,  
Praise we sing to Thee, dear Father, we would fail Thee never.*

*All the joys of nature tell us ever of Thy wondrous power.*

*Still Thy tender grace and mercy keep us every hour.*

*Praise we sing to Thee, most Holy, praise forevermore.*

*Grateful hymns of thanks we raise for all the gifts Thou dost ordain.*

*Lord of Hosts who o'er the wondrous realm of heaven doth reign.*

*Praise we sing to Thee, most Holy, praise forevermore!*

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

ELW 181

*The assembly stands.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,  
**you offered yourself in love for the world,  
and in this meal you nourish us with your life.**  
**Fill us with your abundance,**  
**that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger,**  
**trusting in your name.**  
**Amen.**

**MEAL**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

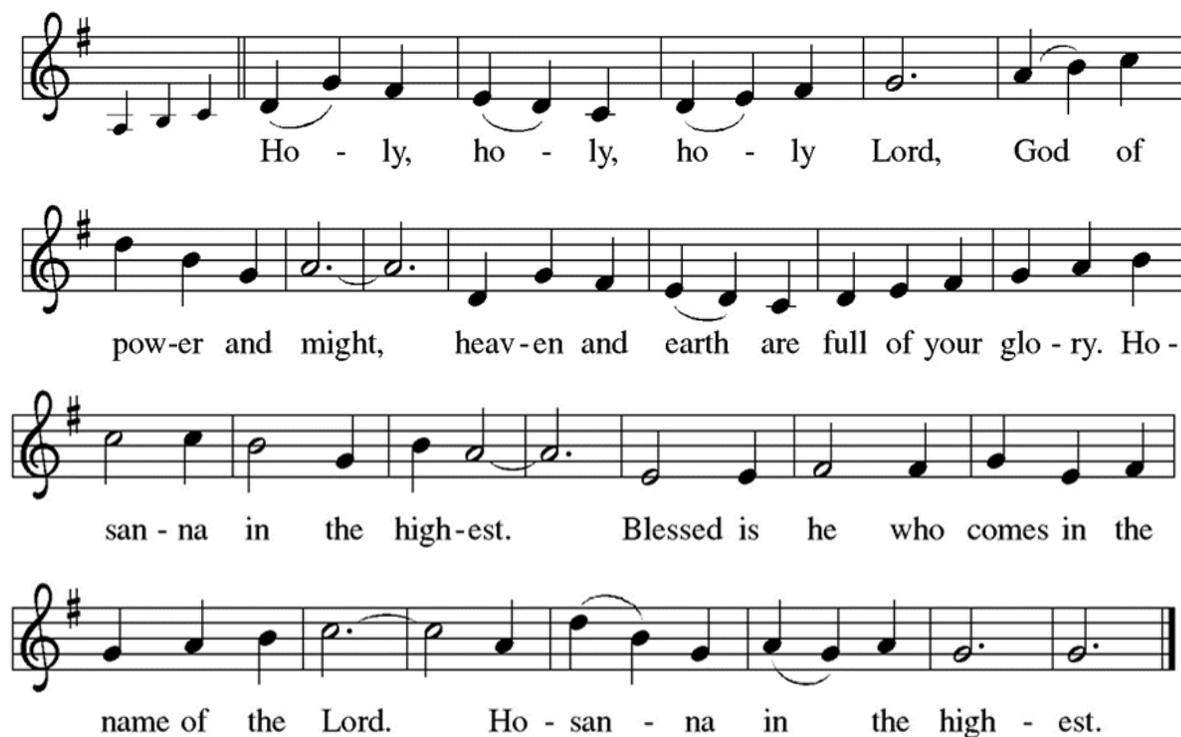
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and  
praise.**

**PROPER PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all  
places give thanks and praise...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



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

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### 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**

*The assembly is seated.*

# AGNUS DEI

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.

## COMMUNION

*Communion will be held around the table. The bread will be handed to you by the pastor. Please take a communion cup with wine from the outside edge of the tray or a grape juice cup from the center of the tray. Recycle baskets are located outside of the sanctuary doors for your plastic cups.*

## MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION *I Surrender All* SURRENDER

1 All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, all to him I free - ly give;  
2 All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, hum-bly at his feet I bow;  
3 All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, Lord, I give my - self to thee;

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I will ev - er love and trust him, in his pres-ence dai - ly live.  
 world-ly plea-sures all for - sak - en, take me, Jes - sus, take me now.  
 fill me with thy love and pow - er, let thy bless-ings fall on me.

*Refrain*

I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all,  
 I sur-ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all,

all to thee, my bless-ed Sav - ior, I sur-ren - der all.

Text: Judson W. Van De Venter, 1855–1939  
 Music: SURRENDER, Winfield S. Weeden, 1847–1908

*The assembly stands.*

## SENDING

### TABLE BLESSING

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

### BLESSING

The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen,  
the Indwelling One, poured out, † bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

*Take My Life, That I May Be*  
PATMOS

ELW 685

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

*Festive Trumpet Tune*

David German

**The flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
Richard Davis by Laura Davis.**



## SERVING THE ASSEMBLY

CRUCIFER – Karina Stevens

ACOLYTES – Luke and Samantha Harry

LECTOR – Mark Madler

USHERS/GREETERS – Anne and Cliff Obara

CAMERA/LIVESTREAM – Cliff Obara

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Red Food box** Thank you so much for your continued donations to the Red Box! We will always need water and food donations. A reminder that if you donate fruit cups, please be sure they are applesauce cups only- other fruit cups attract critters! This is an important ministry for our community members, receiving a gift that reminds them that they are valued children of God!

**The Team Foundation** The Team Foundation Ministries Fund enables Trinity Lutheran Church to do the work of the gospel by supporting local and global outreach ministries. If you know of an organization that would benefit from this financial support, you or a representative of the organization may apply using the online form via this link: <https://forms.gle/cGKdirK1TeShTZFb7>

Request Guidelines:

1. Monies can only be dispersed to **organizations**. *They cannot be used for individuals.*
2. **One form** should be submitted for **each request**.
3. Information and/or justification for giving to this organization must be included.

Forms must be submitted by **November 17, 2024**

*\*\*If you prefer to use a printed version of the form, you may print the attached PDF, obtain one from the table in the TLC Narthex, or obtain one from the TLC administrative assistant in the church office.*

### **Everything I Learned in Confirmation...I already forgot...**

Have you ever asked, "Why do we do that?" while sitting in church? Have you ever wondered how we got to where we are? Has the Bible ever confused you? Join the club! This fall we are tackling all the things we probably learned in Confirmation and then promptly forgot! The next meeting will be Thursday November 14 and Thursday November 21, at 6:30 PM. Normal schedule to resume in December. We will gather every other Thursday throughout the fall, from 6:30-8 PM for discussion and to dive into the ins and outs of faith. If you'd like to join us, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. We will be meeting in person and on Zoom.

## PRAYER LIST

**ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS:** Nursing Homes/ Assisted Living: Jeanette Cantrell, Millie Christensen, and Barbara Olson; Shut- ins Home: Peggy Cash, and Shirley Anderson.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** **Sherry Johnston; Nancy Sumpter**, Tricia Wessler' s Mom, requested by Pastor Tina; **Mary Best**, a friend of Connie Hoover, requested by Connie Hoover; **Charlie Edmonson**, friend of Sandy and Jerry Cobb, requested by Sandy Cobb; **Nancy Allerdig**, who works with the Costa Rica mission trip, requested by Tricia Wessler ; **Dr. Bill Whitehurst**, friend of Dottie Self, requested by Dottie Self; **Sherry Johnston**, former member and sister of Donna Owens, requested by Judy Hunt; **Harlan Hamby**, requested by Katherine Harry; **The family of Carole Knopp**, by Wendy Mynoymany; **Scully, Pastor Tina's dog**, requested by Tricia Wessler; **Janet Stephan**, requested by the Dail Family; **Amanda Griegos** and her family, requested by Diane and Dave Roselius; **Karen Admano** and her husband **Matt** requested by Patricia Fielding; the **Ahlen family**, requested by Kathy Stevens; **Beth Eisdorfer**, daughter of Terri Hoffeditz; **Cousin Florence** (Alzheimer's) and **Richard**, requested by Dottie Self; Jean Wimmer--friend of Jeannette Dail.

**Those Who Serve, Military and Civilian Duty:** James Fielding, in Tokyo, Japan, Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Sierra Leone.; Tyler Obara, Virginia Air National guard, LAFB; Michael Titus, US Navy, Naval Shipyard, Washington, DC and wife, Elisabeth Bruce.

1 As saints of old their first-fruits brought of or - chard, flock, and field  
 2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la - bor, love, and give;  
 3 In grat - i - tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to - day

to God, the giv - er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,  
 to make our life an of - fer - ing to God, that all may live.  
 to serve your cause and share your love with all a - long life's way.

so we to - day first - fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,  
 The church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:  
 O God, who gave your - self to us in Je - sus Christ your Son,

of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.  
 a world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.  
 teach us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

Text: Frank von Christierson, 1900–1996, alt.

Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn "We are an Offering". It consists of six staves of music in a single system, all written in treble clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes). The lyrics are as follows:

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an  
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our  
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the  
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
 it shall be no longer mine.  
 Take my heart, it is thine own;  
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
 at thy feet its treasure store;  
 take myself, and I will be  
 ever, only, all for thee.