

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Yet we withhold,
we pay tribute to empire,
plot to entrap the innocent,
and mock....*



October 22, 2023
Pentecost 21

PRELUDE: *El Shaddai* (M. Card and J. Thompson)

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG: *Come, All You People* (ELW 819)

U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;
1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;
2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;
3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;

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u - ya - i - mo - se Zvi - no.
come now and wor - ship the Lord.
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CALL TO CONFESSION

God does not regard us with partiality,
but with the grace of Christ Jesus
deals with each of us according to our need.
With gratitude for this amazing grace,
let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**What a debt we owe to you, O God.
You have given us all things in Christ
and yet we withhold from you
the honor and glory that are yours.
Instead, we pay tribute to empire,
plot to entrap the innocent,
mock your truth with empty praise,
and put your patience to the test.**

**Forgive us, O God, and by your grace
restore in us the image of your face;
through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS


Let the heavens be glad,
and let the earth rejoice!
Let the sea roar with laughter,
the fields shout in celebration,
and the forests sing with joy:
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

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.

KYRIE

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passionate re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

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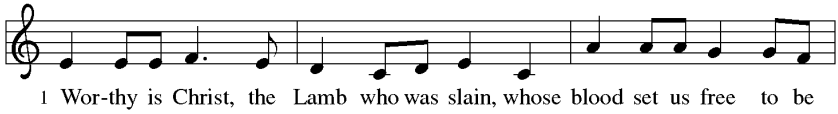
Refrain



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Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

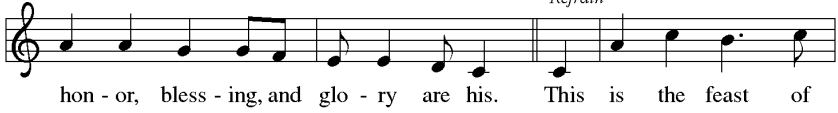


1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be

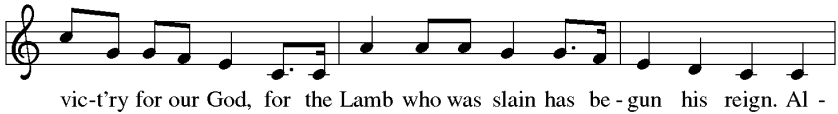


peo-ple of God. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and

Refrain



hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his. This is the feast of



vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-



le-lu-ia. 2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or,



glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together.

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:

²I will go before you

and level the mountains,

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze

and cut through the bars of iron,

³I will give you the treasures of darkness

and riches hidden in secret places,

so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,

the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,

and Israel my chosen,

I call you by your name,

I surname you, though you do not know me.

⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other;

besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me,

⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;

I am the LORD, and there is no other.

⁷I form light and create darkness,

I make weal and create woe;

I the LORD do all these things.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 96:1-9

¹Sing to the LORD a new song;

sing to the LORD, all the earth.

**²Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

³Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.

**⁴For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.**

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

**⁶Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

**⁸Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in
our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father
your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our
Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by
God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel
came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy
Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of
persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became
imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you
received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you
became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in
Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has
become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the
people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we
had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a
living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he
raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is
coming.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” ²¹They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

We Give Thee But Thine Own (ELW 686)

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

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



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Faithful God, trusting in your loving Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. Your Spirit animates the church throughout the world and binds believers near and far into the body of Christ. Equip us for the work of faith and the labor of love.

Creating God, the sea roars, the earth rejoices, and the heavens are glad at the wonder of all you have made. Bless the work of ecologists and conservationists and all those who safeguard the riches of creation. Remind us that you alone are the source of our eternal hope.

Sovereign God, your rule and authority is over the cosmos. As you once worked through the ruler Cyrus for the good of your people, accomplish your purposes through the work of elected leaders and public servants. Guide them with your wisdom and compassion.

Caring God, your arms enfold all who are lonely, oppressed, despairing, sick, and suffering. Pour out your abundant mercy on all whom this world has neglected, abandoned, and forgotten, that they may know your joy. Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

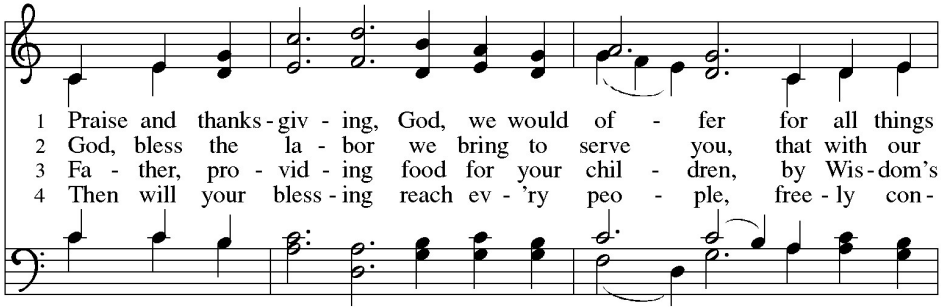
The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

ANNOUNCEMENTS


OFFERING

Please place offering in one of the Bulletin Stand offering plates at the end of worship as you leave the church.

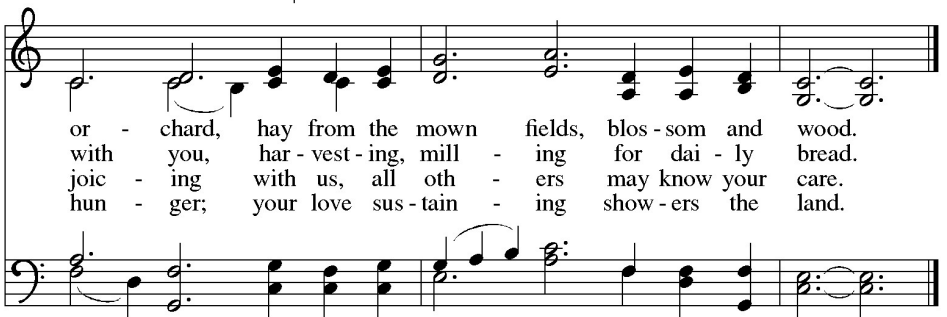
OFFERTORY: *Praise and Thanksgiving* (ELW 689)



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**All honor and majesty, strength and beauty
are yours, Almighty God,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**Let these simple offerings we bring
be a sign of the great glory
that is due to your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

LAMB OF GOD

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, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION

White grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

DISTRIBUTION: *Sing Alleluia to the Lord* (L. Stassen)

COMMUNION SONG:

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly (ELW 461)



- 1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
- 2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang - ers; seek - er, be a wel - come guest.
- 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

**Blessed be your name, O God,
for we have feasted on your Word,
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.
Strengthened by this food,
send us to gather the world to your banquet,
where none are left out and all are satisfied.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.**

BLESSING

Grace to you and peace
from God the Father,
through the Lord Jesus Christ ✝,
in the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

SENDING SONG:

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises (ELW 535)

Refrain— sung twice each time



Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your



ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. *End*
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.



1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain



I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE:

Trees of the Field (S. Ruben and S. Dauermann)

Serving in Worship

TODAY — Oct 22, 2023

Altar: Loseke Family

Reader: OPEN

Communion Assistant:

Larry or Carolyn Hazlett

Fellowship: Mary Baldwin

NEXT SUNDAY — Oct 29, 2023

Altar: Loseke Family

Reader: OPEN


Communion Assistant:

OPEN

Fellowship: OPEN

Trinity Happenings:

Sun, Oct 22:	9:00am 9:00am 10:15am	Worship Service w/ Band Sunday School behind Gruver Rm Fellowship in Gruver Rm
Mon, Oct 23	9:00am 5:00pm	"Becoming" in Gruver Rm Theology Pub @ Coal Creek Downtown
Wed, Oct 25:	10:00am 11:45am	Women's Study in Gruver Rm MUGG Campus Lunch @ Rendezvous Café
Sun, Oct 29:	9:00am 10:15am	Worship Service w/ J. Lawrence Fellowship in Gruver Rm
Mon, Oct 30:	9:00am	"Becoming" in Gruver Rm
Wed, Nov 1:	10:00am 11:45am 6:00pm 6:30pm	Women's Study in Gruver Rm MUGG Campus Lunch @ Rendezvous Café Wednesday Supper in Gruver Rm Wednesday Worship in Gruver Rm
Sun, Nov 5:	9:00am 9:00am 10:15am	All Saints' Worship Sunday School behind Gruver Rm Fellowship in Gruver Rm

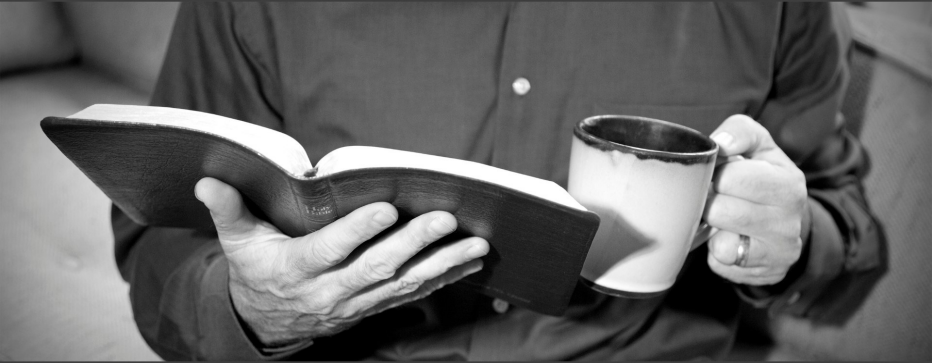


*Is there a saint you wish could
be here for All Saints Sunday?*

*Contact Lisa in the Office
before November 2nd
to have your loved one
remembered in worship.*

*telcofficermanager@gmail.com
(307) 745-4222*

Coming Oct 23rd: MONDAY "BECOMING" 9-10AM



As God's people we are always becoming. As humans we are constantly growing, changing, adjusting...how and where do scripture and theology enter our journey?



STARTING
October 23rd!



5-7pm the 2nd & 4th Mon
Coal Creek Downtown
5pm Fellowship
6pm Faith Conversation

A yellow background featuring a bundle of colorful pencils on the right side. Several speech bubbles of different colors are scattered across the page, each containing a date. A large green speech bubble in the center contains the text 'FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES!'.

9-9:30!

Oct 22nd!

Nov 5th!

Nov 19th!

Dec 3rd!

Dec 17th!

Behind the Gruver Room!

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES!

MEMBER STORY: PETER HEGG, *HALIBUT & HEALTH*

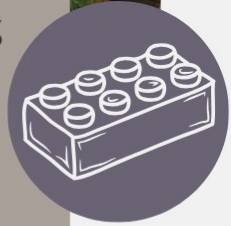


You may know Peter as *back-row guy with coffee*, but in 2003 he took his wife Katy--three years into her ALS diagnosis--10,000 miles on the back of his Harley! After her death he volunteered for fourteen years with the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the ALS Association, meeting with couple after couple facing final illnesses. He says, "I would love for people to know that there are resources, not only in their backyard, but also in this church. We are in this life to help each other...then go fishing!"

MEMBER STORY: STUART GUARNIERI, *LEGO GUY*



You may know Stuart as Lisa in the Office's slave laborer, but years ago he single-handedly doubled attendance at the Laramie Train Depot's Annual Open House by bringing in the Colorado Wyoming Adult LEGO Users Group display. This year's show is November 11-12, come out and be amazed!





Dear members of the Trinity Lutheran Church Congregation,

Currently the church council is concerned with Trinity's cash flow. *September was the lowest offering month for Trinity over the last four years.* Our general offerings, those not designated for special projects, are not keeping up with our normal monthly operating expenses. Those expenses include worship supplies, youth ministry, utilities, insurance, custodial expenses, salaries, fellowship, etc.

The past three years of our church's journey has been filled with challenges and new beginnings: The remodel of the Gruver room, the COVID-19 Pandemic, the recently completed renovation of the Rohr Fellowship Hall, and our increased focus on providing ministry not just inside of the church walls but into our communities both far and wide. All of these have provided us with excellent opportunities to share our gifts and blessings with new friends and old.

The consistent and supportive giving of our members has allowed the Trinity Council to make 2023 our year of refocusing, of planning what the future of Trinity holds and what opportunities may have been overlooked. We are looking forward to telling our story as People of God and the people of Trinity. This process includes evaluating our facilities, our ministries, and of course our finances.

Trinity's church council wanted to bring this to your attention as we are navigating options to manage ministry funding. Ministry at Trinity is something that takes all of us to support. Our mission is to engage the world with God's grace, and with your generosity we continue to support the mission before us.

Trinity's Executive Committee and Church Council

