

# Trinity Lutheran Church



*“Help is in the name of the Lord.”*

**September 29, 2024**  
**Pentecost 19**

# WELCOME

## OPENING HYMN: *Jesus Shall Reign* (ELW 434)



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his  
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners  
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -  
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved.

**Amen.**

# CONFESSIONAL HYMN: *On Eagle's Wings* (ELW 787)



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,



say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.



2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



fear; un-der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.



3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by



day; though thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.

Leader or All  
3

4 For to the an-gels God's giv-en a com-mand to

guard you in all of your ways; up-on their hands they will

bear you up, lest you dash your foot a- gainst a stone.

*Final refrain*  
All

And he will raise you up on ea- gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

**God of courage,  
you gave Esther the strength to speak out  
and the intelligence she needed to save her people.**

**Help us to believe  
that you are still present and active  
in this world**

**and that your grace remains  
as an everlasting force in our lives.**

**In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

## READING:

### **Esther 1:10-12, 16-20, 2: 1-4, 17-18, 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22**

<sup>10</sup>On the seventh day, when the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha and Abagtha, Zethar and Carkas, the seven eunuchs who attended him, <sup>11</sup>to bring Queen Vashti before the king, wearing the royal crown, in order to show the peoples and the officials her beauty; for she was fair to behold. <sup>12</sup>But Queen Vashti refused to come at the king's command conveyed by the eunuchs. At this the king was enraged, and his anger burned within him.

<sup>16</sup>Then Memucan said in the presence of the king and the officials, "Not only has Queen Vashti done wrong to the king, but also to all the officials and all the peoples who are in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus. <sup>17</sup>For this deed of the queen will be made known to all women, causing them to look with contempt on their husbands, since they will say, 'King Ahasuerus commanded Queen Vashti to be brought before him, and she did not come.' <sup>18</sup>This very day the noble ladies of Persia and Media who have heard of the queen's behavior will rebel against the king's officials, and there will be no end of contempt and wrath! <sup>19</sup>If it pleases the king, let a royal order go out from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes so that it may not be altered, that Vashti is never again to come before King Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal position to another who is better than she. <sup>20</sup>So when the decree made by the king is proclaimed throughout all his kingdom, vast as it is, all women will give honor to their husbands, high and low alike."

<sup>1</sup>After these things, when the anger of King Ahasuerus had abated, he remembered Vashti and what she had done and what had been decreed against her. <sup>2</sup>Then the king's servants who attended him said, "Let beautiful young virgins be sought out for the king. <sup>3</sup>And let the king appoint commissioners in all the provinces of his kingdom to gather all the beautiful young virgins to the harem in the citadel of Susa under custody of Hegai, the king's eunuch, who is in charge of the women; let their cosmetic treatments be given them. <sup>4</sup>And let the girl who pleases the king be queen instead of Vashti." This pleased the king, and he did so.

<sup>17</sup>The king loved Esther more than all the other women; of all the virgins she won his favor and devotion, so that he set the royal crown on her head and made her queen instead of Vashti. <sup>18</sup>Then the king gave a great banquet to all his officials and ministers — "Esther's banquet." He also granted a holiday to the provinces, and gave gifts with royal liberality.

<sup>1</sup> So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. <sup>2</sup>On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." <sup>3</sup>Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me — that is my petition — and the lives of my people — that is my request. <sup>4</sup>For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." <sup>5</sup>Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" <sup>6</sup>Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

<sup>9</sup>Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." <sup>10</sup>So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

<sup>20</sup>Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, <sup>21</sup>enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, <sup>22</sup>as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

Word of God, word of life.

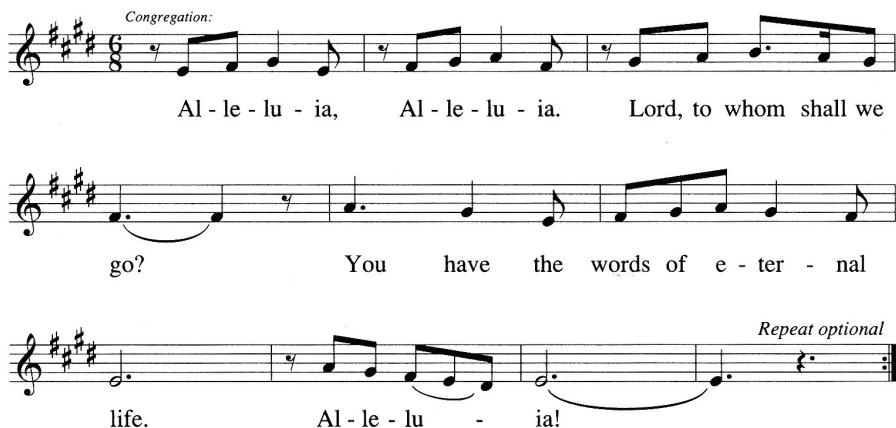
**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: PSALM 124

- <sup>1</sup>If the LORD had not been on our side,  
let Israel now say;  
<sup>2</sup>**if the LORD had not been on our side,**  
**when enemies rose up against us,**  
<sup>3</sup>then would they have swallowed us up alive  
in their fierce anger toward us;  
<sup>4</sup>**then would the waters have overwhelmed us**  
**and the torrent gone over us;**  
<sup>5</sup>then would the raging waters  
have gone right over us.  
<sup>6</sup>**Blessed be the LORD**  
**who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.**  
<sup>7</sup>We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.  
<sup>8</sup>**Our help is in the name of the LORD,**  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**

## GOSPEL VERSE

*Congregation:*



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

*Repeat optional*



## **GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-50**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus], “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup>“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup>“For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

# HYMN OF THE DAY:

## *Holy God, We Praise Your Name (ELW 414)*



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred  
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,  
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with  
and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to  
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"  
set of sun through the church the song goes on.  
bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

## 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

Scripture promises us  
that the prayers of God's people  
are powerful and effective.  
In this hope, we call on God's name.

*As the lector closes each petition:*

Pour out your healing grace, O Lord;

*The people respond:*

**send forth your Spirit to save us.**

God of new life, raise us up  
in the power of the risen Lord  
so that we may lift our hearts again  
in songs of thanks and praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of the Lord 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 HYMN:

### *God Extends an Invitation (ELW 486)*



*Nues-tro Pa - dre nos in - vi - ta a la me - sa de la*  
God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -



*vi - da, don - de hay vi - no, luz y pan; y no -*  
a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we



*so - tros nos reu - ni - mos, y lo nues - tro com - par - ti - mos, pues a -*  
gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the



*sí es la co - mu - nión; pues a - sí es la co - mu - nión.*  
feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

## OFFERING PRAYER

**Let us pray together.**

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **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.**

## **BENEDICTION**

May God, who is our strength,  
help us celebrate the freedom we have received,  
and remember his great deeds and grow in trust.  
May Jesus Christ, in whose name we find power,  
help us to honor his name with everything we do and say.  
And may the Holy Spirit, who helps us to pray,  
motivate in us the practice of prayer,  
discovering, while praying,  
that there is indeed power in the name of Jesus.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN: *Blessed Assurance* (ELW 638)



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

## DISMISSAL

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

*Wednesday*  
**WORSHIP**

6PM MEAL

6:30PM WORSHIP

GRUVER RM

EVERY WEDNESDAY

STARTING

OCTOBER 2ND

# Trinity Happenings:

Sun, Sep 29:	9:00am 10:15am 10:30am	Worship Service with L. Conyers Fellowship in Gruver Rm Property Visioning Walkaround
<b>Mon, Sep 30:</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>NO Becoming</b>
Tue, Oct 1:	6:00pm	Preachers Group in Gruver Rm
<b>Wed, Oct 2:</b>	<b>10:00am</b> <b>6:00pm</b> <b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Women's Bible Study in Gruver Rm</b> <b>Wednesday Meal in Gruver Rm</b> <b>Wednesday Worship in Gruver Rm</b>
Thu, Oct 3:	11:30am	MUGG Campus Meeting @ Rendezvous Café

**TRINITY'S 140TH ANNIVERSARY**










**<6 FREE**      **6-18 \$15**      **19+ \$20**

**10.19.24 6:00PM ALICE HARDIE CENTER BYO BEVERAGE**

RESERVATIONS AVAILABLE *THRU OCT 4TH* FROM THE TRINITY OFFICE  
(or put your clearly marked ticket monies in the offering plate)

Sun, Oct 6:	9:00am 10:15am 2:00pm	Worship Service Fellowship in Gruver Rm Blessing of Pets on Iverson Grounds
<b>Mon, Oct 7:</b>	<b>9:00am</b> <b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Becoming in Gruver Rm</b> <b>TheologyPub</b> <b>@ Coal Creek Downtown</b>
Tue, Oct 8:	7:00pm	Church Council in Gruver Rm
<b>Wed, Oct 9:</b>	<b>10:00am</b> <b>6:00pm</b> <b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Women's Bible Study in Gruver Rm</b> <b>Wednesday Meal in Gruver Rm</b> <b>Wednesday Worship in Gruver Rm</b>
Thu, Oct 10:	11:30am	MUGG Campus Meeting @ Rendezvous Café
<b>Sun, Oct 13:</b>	<b>9:00am</b> <b>9:00am</b> <b>10:15am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b> <b>Sunday School</b> <b>Fellowship in Gruver Room</b>

# Serving in Worship

**TODAY — Sep 29, 2024**

**Altar:** James Apronti

**Reader:** James Apronti

**Preacher:**

Eileen Hawkey

**Fellowship:** Brenda Winter

**NEXT SUNDAY — Oct 6, 2024**

**Altar:** Lori Johnson

**Reader:** Martha Leonard

**Communion Assistant:**

OPEN

**Fellowship:** Martha Leonard



## Trinity's Alphabet Quilt

Quilted for Trinity's Centenary, Trinity's Alphabet Quilt will be displayed in the Gruver Room, accompanied by the Centenary Banquet's Alphabet, through October 19th. Copies of the detailed Centenary Alphabet will be available for review at our 140th Anniversary Fest.

Today's "H" is for "help", and the Centenary's "H" was for "Hands that help those in Need".

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