

# Trinity



## LUTHERAN CHURCH

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2022

8:30 am



*Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.*

# Order of Worship

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or "All Creation Sings" (ACS)

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(sit)

### PRELUDE

**"O Waly Waly" with "Pescador de Hombres" ..... arr. David Singer  
David Singer**

(stand)

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**P**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
who looks upon us in compassion,  
forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

**C**

**Amen**

**P**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P**

Have mercy, O God,

**C**

**against you, you alone,  
we have sinned.**

**In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin  
and take away our guilt.**

**Create in us a new heart  
and give us a steadfast spirit.**

**Do not cast us away,  
but fill us with your Holy Spirit  
and restore your joy within us.**

**Amen.**

**P**

As tender as parent to child,  
so deep is God's compassion for you.  
As high as heaven is above earth,  
so vast is God's love for you.  
As far as east is from west,  
so far God removes your sin from you,  
renewing your life through Jesus Christ.  
Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

**C**

**Blessed be God forever.**

(stand) **OPENING SONG**

**“Gather Us In” - stanzas 1, 2, and 3 .....ELW #532**



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the  
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

*(stand)* **GREETING**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**G** **And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray . . .

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**G** **Amen.**

*(sit)* **FIRST READING..... 1 Timothy 6:6-19**

*Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.*

<sup>6</sup>Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup>but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup>But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>11</sup>But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup>It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

<sup>17</sup>As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life

**A** Word of God, word of life.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN’S TALK .....Pastor Scott Sessler**

(stand) **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**First time: sing together in unison.**

**Second time: sing in canon - window side starts; then organ side.**

1 2 3

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

(stand) **GOSPEL ..... Luke 21:1-4**

**P** The holy gospel according to Luke.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus and the disciples are watching people give their offerings in the treasury. Jesus uses this experience to share that true giving is not about amounts or recognition, it's about what comes from the heart.*

<sup>1</sup> [Jesus} looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; <sup>2</sup> he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. <sup>3</sup> He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them, <sup>4</sup> for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on."

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(sit) **SERMON ..... Pastor Scott Sessler**

**ANTHEM ..... Chancel Choir**  
**“Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song” .....ELW #808, arr. Highben**  
*Stanzas 1 and 3—choir only; stanzas 2 and 4—with assembly*

- 1 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;  
I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:  
you alone are our life and our peace and our love.  
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.
- 2 **Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.**  
**May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.**  
**May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.**  
**Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.**
- 3 As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,  
to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.  
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.  
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.
- 4 **I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;**  
**but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.**  
**And with all of the family you saved by your love,**  
**we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.**

*(stand)* **APOSTLES' CREED**

- P** God has made us God's people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
- C** **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.**

(stand) **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**A** As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God’s good creation.

*A brief silence for reflection*

(Each petition will end with the words: “God of grace,”  
The response is “**hear our prayer.**”)

**P** Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C** Amen.

**PEACE**

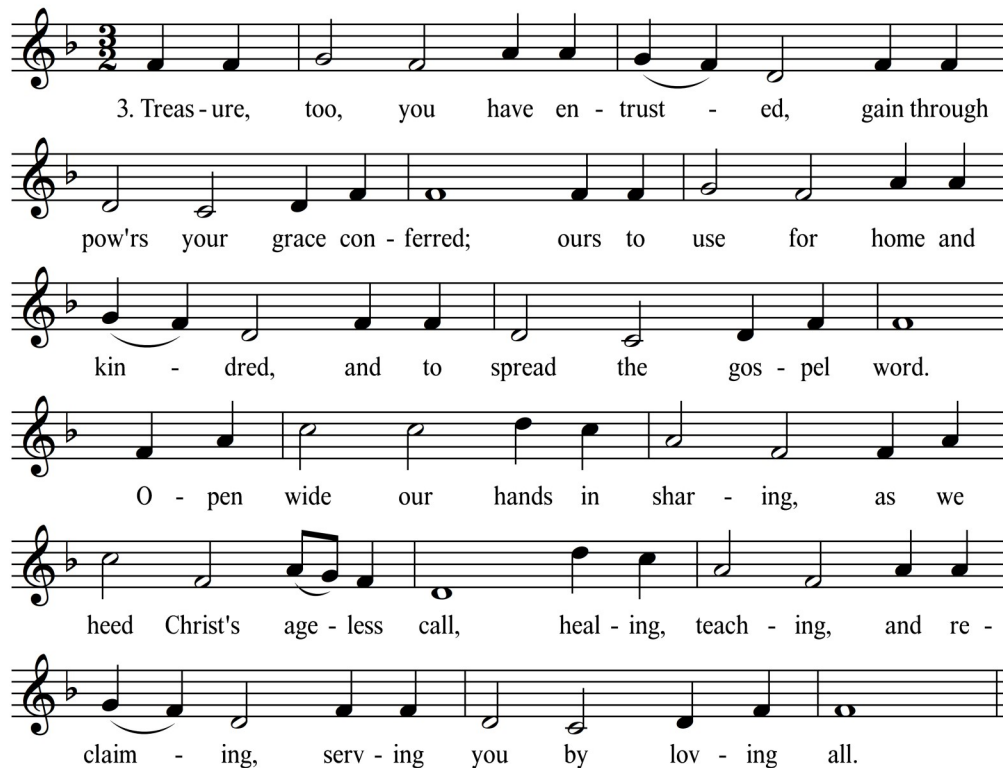
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

(sit) **THE OFFERING**

(stand) **OFFERTORY**

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” - stanza 3 ..... ELW #678 (alt. tune)



3. Treas - ure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through  
pow'rs your grace con - ferred; ours to use for home and  
kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.  
O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, as we  
heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing, and re -  
claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

## OFFERING PRAYER

- P** Let us pray. Gracious God,,  
**C** **in your great love you richly provide for our needs.**  
**Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,**  
**and make us ready to share with all in need;**  
**through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.**  
**Amen.**

*(stand)* **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also 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 our thanks and praise.**
- P** It is right and good that we should offer you thanks and praise, O God, for with great love you have led us out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. You guided us along the way, giving us power to overcome our sin and brokenness, and, fulfilling your ancient promise you continue to lift up the brokenhearted even in our own day. You bless us so that we may be a blessing to others, growing in generosity and sharing in community. And so, with the multitude from east and west, from north and south, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we lift our voices in the unending hymn:



1\*

*Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer*  
 You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more

*än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.*  
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.

*Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,*  
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here

*väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.*  
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2

*Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,*  
 You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,

*du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!*  
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

*Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,*  
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

*ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.*  
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

## OUR LORD'S WORDS OF PROMISE AND INVITATION

### LORD'S PRAYER

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

**C** **Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** Christ invites you to this table.  
Come, taste and see.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### (sit) COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

*Communion will be distributed at the altar railing. The usher will indicate when each section of pews should come forward. Whether kneeling or standing, those wishing to receive anointing, cross your arms after reaching the rail. If you are not able or not comfortable coming to the altar, the pastor will bring the bread and wine to you at the pew. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available. Simply request these from the pastor.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“Lamb of God” ..... Weber

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 your  
peace, grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

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“We Come as Guests Invited” ..... WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN



1. We come as guests in - vit - ed when Je - sus bids us dine,  
 2. We eat and drink, re - ceiv - ing from Christ the grace we need,  
 3. One bread is ours for shar - ing, one sin - gle fruit - ful vine,



his friends on earth u - nit - ed to share the bread and wine;  
 and in our hearts be - liev - ing on him by faith we feed;  
 our fel - low-ship de - clar - ing re - newed in bread and wine:



the bread of life is bro - ken; the wine is free - ly poured  
 with won - der and thanks - giv - ing for love that knows no end,  
 re - newed, sustained, and giv - en by to - ken, sign, and word,



for us, in sol - emn to - ken of Christ our dy - ing Lord.  
 we find in Je - sus liv - ing our ev - er - pre - sent friend.  
 the pledge and seal of heav - en, the love of Christ our Lord.

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*(stand)*

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**G** **Amen!**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

- P** Let us pray . . .  
God of the abundant table,  
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal  
with bread for the journey.  
Give us your grace on the road  
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**G** **Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

- P** God, who gives life to all things  
and frees us from despair,  
bless you with truth and peace.  
And may the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.  
**G** **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

“The Church of Christ, in Every Age” ..... ELW #729



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

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## DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace with Christ beside you.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

“Gather Us In: Reprise” ..... arr. David Singer  
David Singer

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