

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, October 23, 2022  
Commitment Sunday

**Prelude:**

**Welcome to Worship and Announcements**

**\*Confession and Forgiveness:**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

C **Amen.**

P Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

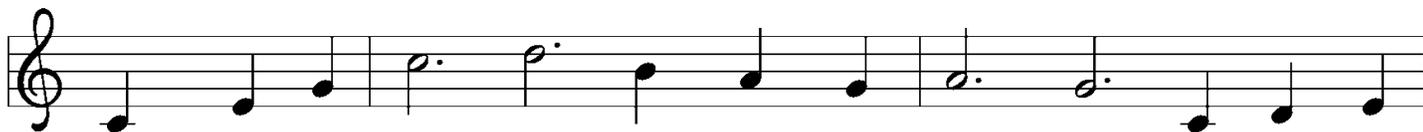
P God of mercy and forgiveness,

C **we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

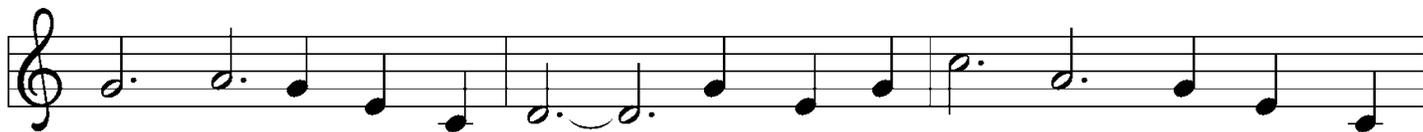
P Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven + and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**



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.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt.

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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**\*Greeting:**

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

C **And also with you.**

**\*Prayer of the Day:**

**All Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Kids Word:** Pastor Jerry O'Neal

\*Please stand as you are able.

**Our first reading is from Sirach 35:12-17**

*The author of this wisdom book urges readers to give generously to God. The author also asserts that God is a just judge who does not show partiality but listens to the prayers of those who are oppressed and poor.*

<sup>12</sup>Give to the Most High as he has given to you, and as generously as you can afford. <sup>13</sup>For the Lord is the one who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold. <sup>14</sup>Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it; <sup>15</sup>and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice; for the Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality.

<sup>16</sup>He will not show partiality to the poor; but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. <sup>17</sup>He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

L Word of God. Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation:** "Sanctuary" arr. by John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs

English:

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary

Pure and holy, tried and true

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living

Sanctuary for You

Spanish:

Señor, prepárame para ser un santuario

Puro y santo, probado y verdadero

Con Acción de Gracias, seré una vida

Santuario para ti

**\*Gospel Reading: Luke 18:9-14**

*The coming reign of God will involve unexpected reversals of fortune with judgment rooted in mercy. Jesus tells a parable in which the one who humbles himself is exalted and the one who exalts his own righteousness is humbled.*

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:<sup>10</sup>"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon:** Pastor Jerry O'Neal

The musical score is written on six staves of music. Each staff has a treble clef and a 7/8 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) on the first, third, and sixth staves. The lyrics are: "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."

**\*Apostles' Creed:**

**P&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.**

\*Please stand as you are able.

**\*Prayers:** (Congregation's response in bold type.)

L For our prayers today, I will conclude each petition with "Hear us, O God." and your response is, "**Your mercy is great.**"

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

God of mercy, you are in the midst of us and we are called by your name. Inspire your church to serve and love all people with the unceasing grace you extend to us. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of all creation, you formed a world where even the sparrow finds a home. Preserve the beauty and diversity of all creatures with whom we share the earth. Lead us to protect all living things. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of peace, you are an ever-present help in time of trouble. Rescue families and nations torn apart by violence and warfare. Unite all people toward common goals of reconciliation and peace for every person. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of hope, you stand with the suffering and give strength. Comfort your people filled with fear or anger, anxiety or shame. Bring healing to all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, especially those we now name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of restoration, you call us to trust in you and not ourselves alone. Make this congregation a community of humility and repentance, ready to encounter you in love and follow in your ways. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of expectation, through your Word, you have guided us through the ministry of Holy Trinity to help those in our midst and in the surrounding community. We ask you for courage and faith to increase our generosity so that we may help more people in need. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of eternal life, to you be the glory forever. We give you thanks for all who have fought the good fight, finished the race, kept the faith, and now live with you. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*Sharing the Peace:**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

**Offering:**

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1. Download the ELCA Giving App from Google Play or Apple Store, or
2. Go to our website [www.holytrinitylutheranchurch.com](http://www.holytrinitylutheranchurch.com) and click on the green "Give" button.
3. Using your bank's online BillPay features.

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**Offering Anthem:** "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" arr. by Craig Courtney

HTLC Choir

\*Please stand as you are able.

**\*Offertory Hymn: "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" ELW 674**

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1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,  
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

*Refrain*



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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**\*Offering Prayer:**

L Gracious God, 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.

C Amen.

**\*Words of Institution**

*(The Words of Institution will be said in Spanish, then English.)*

P La noche en que fue entregado,  
nuestro Señor Jesús tomó pan y dio gracias;  
lo partió y lo dio a sus discípulos, diciendo:  
Tomen y coman; esto es mi cuerpo, dado por ustedes.  
Hagan esto en memoria mía.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

De igual manera, después de haber cenado, tomó la copa,  
dio gracias y la dio a beber a todos, diciendo:  
Esta copa es el nuevo pacto en mi sangre,  
derramada por ustedes y por todo el mundo para el perdón del pecado.  
Hagan esto en memoria mía.

\*Please stand as you are able.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**\*Lord's Prayer:**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. (Lord's Prayer)

**All 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.**

**\*Invitation to Communion:**

P In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

**Communion Hymn: "Lamb of God" (setting 6)**

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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with several triplet markings (indicated by a bracket with a '3' above the notes) and rests. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

**Distribution:**

*This is the Table of Grace for all who belong to Christ and seek his gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. We extend to you all that we have in the Lord Jesus and invite you to his Holy Supper. Those communing with us who haven't been baptized and desire God's gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation in Holy Baptism are invited to talk to the Pastor. Communion is continuous as we kneel at the altar. White grape juice is offered as an alternative to wine. Communicants come to the altar down the center aisle, fill in the communion rail from left to right and return by the side aisles.*

\*Please stand as you are able.



1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,  
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,  
3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,  
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.

Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631

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**\*Post Communion Blessing:**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All Amen.

**\*Post Communion Prayer:**

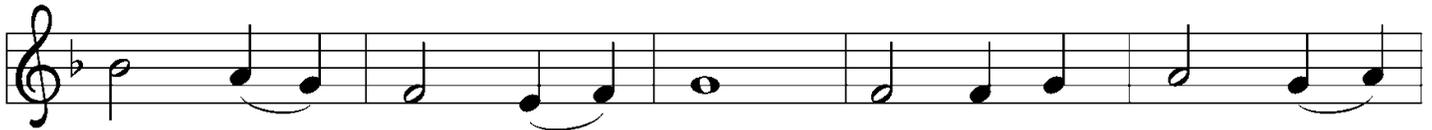
L God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen

**Commitment Presentation**



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

**Commitment Prayer**

**\*Sending Call and Response:**

L God's work!  
 C **Our hands!**  
 L God's love!  
 C **Our hearts!**  
 L God's story!  
 C **Our voices!**

**\*Benediction:**

P "Barocha" - Michael Card  
 C **Amen.**



1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood  
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly, free - ly,  
3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest  
4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood



as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -  
of your own. With the sun - shine of your good - ness melt our  
char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious sen - tence, "You have  
as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -



men - dous sac - ri - fice; and with that have free - ly giv - en  
thank - less hearts of stone till our cold and self - ish na - tures,  
done it all to me." Na - ked, sick, in pris - on, hun - gry—  
men - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust you bold - ly,



bles - sings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful  
warmed by you, at length be - lieve that mere hap - py  
in the least, your face we view, say - ing by your  
hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of



and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.  
and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.  
poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you."  
all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818–1889, alt.  
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

**\*Dismissal:**

L Go in peace, with Christ beside you.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

\*Please stand as you are able.

## Announcements for October 23, 2022

**This week's Prayers:** Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Lou Ellen Botkin  
Stephanie and Rich Thompson  
Kent Windmiller, Karen Wenger's brother  
Gwen Carey  
Maria and her family in Ukraine  
Arlene Murphy, Mike Metzcar's sister  
Jessica Cummings  
Dan Haynes  
For all who are sick and suffering  
Roberta Debolt  
Sue Metzcar  
John Paul Metzcar  
Liam, 2 year-old great grandson of Nancy Brown  
Mary Broughton  
For all who are suffering with Covid  
For the people of Ukraine

### **Flowers at the Altar:**

The bouquets of flowers are given to the glory of God.

*(If you would like to purchase a \$10 flower arrangement to decorate the altar, please fill out the flower chart on the closet door in the lobby/narthex and make sure to fill out a slip and put the slip in the envelope with your check or money and put it in the offering plate or send it to the church office. Thank you.)*

### **Serving in Worship Today:**

**Lay Worship, Communion Assistant and Lector:** Amy Norris

**Acolyte:** Micah Smith

**Usher:** John Huff and Larry Ahlersmeyer

**Greeter:** Diane Scholer

**Altar Guild:** Diane Calvin and Ann Santoni

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries for October 23-29, 2022:**

Birthdays:

October 23 - Eva Stough

October 26 - Virginia Finchum

October 29 - Judy Bostater

Anniversaries:

October 28 - Mark and Dawn-Marie Oberly

### **Worship Will Be In Fellowship Hall October 23:**

We will be worshipping the this Sunday morning at 10:00 A.M. in Fellowship Hall due to the installation of the HVAC system.

**All Saints Sunday, November 6:**

Once again this year, we will be preparing a video of our loved ones who have passed away. If you have any special people in your life who have passed and would like to have them included in the video, please bring a photo into the church office. It will be copied and returned to you. If we included a picture in last year's video and you want to use the same picture, please contact the church office with the information. This is such a moving and memorable service of remembrance.

**Sunday, October 30, We Will Be Celebrating Stewardship!**

Please plan on bringing a dish to share on Sunday, October 30 for a carry-in meal as we gather after worship in Fellowship Hall for fellowship and a meal. Holy Trinity will provide the meat.

**Grace Village Donations:**

Grace Village is in need of these items for their Grab and Go Breakfasts on Wednesdays from 8am - 10am: Individual Trail Mix Packets, Gluten-Free Breakfast Bars, and Individual Bottled Coffees (such as Starbucks Frappuccino). There is a bin in the narthex/lobby outside of the sanctuary to put them in. Thank you!

**Calendar of Events for the Week of October 16:**

**Sunday, October 23** - Bible Study in room 102 (9am), and Worship in Fellowship Hall (10am)

**Monday, October 24** - Bible Study (10am) and Choir Practice (4pm)

**Tuesday, October 25** - Walking Group meets in parking lot (8am), Binding Ties Group Meets (9:30am), and Staff Meeting (9:30am)

**Wednesday, October 26** - Riverside/Normal City Neighborhood Association Meeting (7pm)

**Saturday, October 29** - Step Aerobics (9:30am)