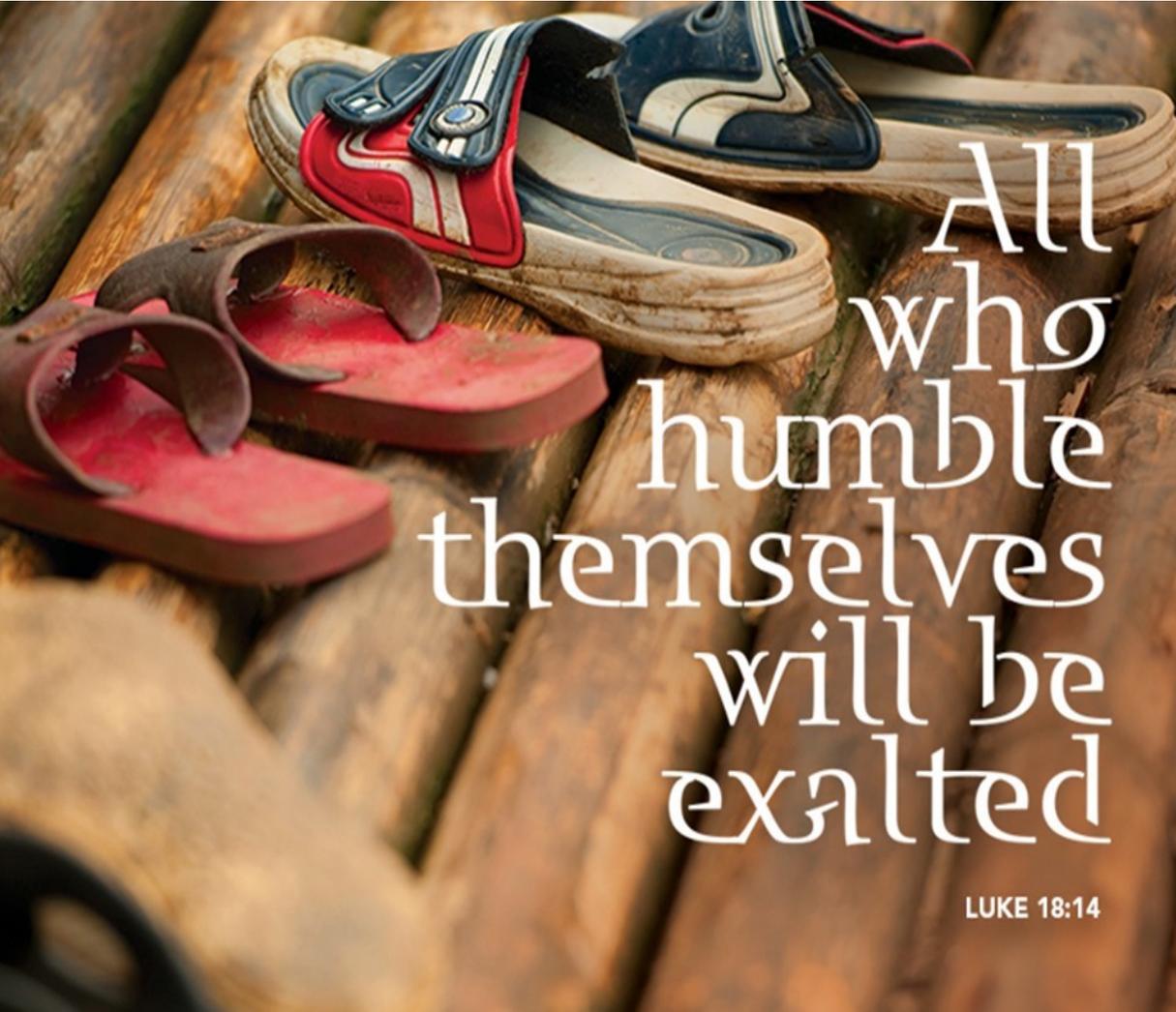


TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A photograph of two pairs of sandals resting on a stack of weathered wooden logs. One pair is red and blue with white stripes, and the other is brown. The scene is lit with warm, natural light.

All
who
humble
themselves
will be
exalted

LUKE 18:14

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23RD 2016

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, October 23, 2016

Service of Holy Eucharist—Setting 8

To all who join in worship, we are grateful that you are here today!

- We invite all believers in Christ to receive the Sacrament with us. White grape juice is available in the glass chalice. Gluten-free wafers are also available. If you would like us to bring the bread and wine to you, please notify one of the ushers.
- Nursery attendants are available during worship just off the South Lobby area for children ages 5 years and younger. If you arrive and no one is in the nursery, please notify one of the ushers to get the attendant. A changing table is available in the nursery.
- Pew Pads are located at the end of each pew. Please sign in and pass them down to the end of the row so we can note that you attended worship with us today. If you or someone you know would like a visit from one of our staff, please inform the Pastor.
- Prayer request cards are in the pew racks. Please hand to an usher during the hymn following the sermon.

WELCOME... We pray this worship time is enriching for your spiritual life.

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost:

Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Keep the faith. God's people—"all who have longed for his appearing"—shall be accounted righteous for Jesus' sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For all this the assembly glorifies God forever.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
the only Sovereign, who dwells in light;
Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners;
the Holy Spirit, who lives within us.
Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of overflowing grace,

we come to you with repentant hearts.

Forgive us for shallow thankfulness.

Forgive us for passing by the ones in need.

Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures.

Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness.

Bring us home from the wilderness of sin,

and strengthen us to serve you

in all that we do and say;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

There is joy in heaven over every sinner who repents.

By the grace of God in ✝ Christ Jesus,

who gave himself up for us all,

your sins are forgiven and you are made free.

Rejoice with the angels and with one another!

We are home in God's mercy, now and forever.

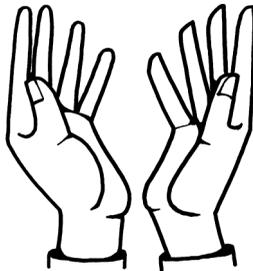
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: “*How Small Our Span of Life*” (ELW 636)

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 - passioned 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,

Refrain



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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.

The assembly is seated.

CHOIR ANTHEM: “Blest be the God of Love” (8AM Service Only)

(Text by George Herbert, Music by Arlen Clarke)

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

In a time of drought, the people pray for mercy, repenting of their sins and the sins of their ancestors. They appeal to God to remember the covenant, to show forth God’s power, and to heal their land by sending life-giving rain.

A reading from Jeremiah.

⁷Although our iniquities testify against us,
act, O LORD, for your name’s sake;
our apostasies indeed are many,
and we have sinned against you.
⁸O hope of Israel,
its savior in time of trouble,
why should you be like a stranger in the land,
like a traveler turning aside for the night?
⁹Why should you be like someone confused,
like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?
Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us,
and we are called by your name;
do not forsake us!

¹⁰Thus says the LORD concerning this people:
Truly they have loved to wander,
they have not restrained their feet;
therefore the LORD does not accept them,
now he will remember their iniquity
and punish their sins.

¹⁹Have you completely rejected Judah?
Does your heart loathe Zion?
Why have you struck us down
so that there is no healing for us?
We look for peace, but find no good;
for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.

²⁰We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD,
the iniquity of our ancestors,
for we have sinned against you.

²¹Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;
do not dishonor your glorious throne;
remember and do not break your covenant with us.

²²Can any idols of the nations bring rain?
Or can the heavens give showers?
Is it not you, O LORD our God?
We set our hope on you,
for it is you who do all this.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 84:1-7

The psalm for the day is sung.

¹How dear to me | is your dwelling,
O | LORD of hosts!

²**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts | of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the | living God.**

³Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may | lay her young,
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king | and my God.

⁴**Happy are they who dwell | in your house!
They will always be | praising you.**

⁵Happy are the people whose strength | is in you,
whose hearts are set on the | pilgrims' way.

⁶**Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a | place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with | pools of water.**

⁷They will climb from | height to height,
and the God of gods will be | seen in Zion.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

The conclusion of this letter to a young minister offers a final perspective on life from one who is now facing death. Though others have let him down, Paul is sure of his faith in the Lord, who has stood by him and lent him strength.

A reading from 2 Timothy.

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



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: 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.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The 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. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³But 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!’ ¹⁴I 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.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S TIME

All children are welcome to come forward to hear a special message for them.

SERMON

The assembly is seated.

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Lead Me, Guide Me” (ELW 768)

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

Set free by the truth of God's gracious love, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

Only you are righteous, O God. Lead your church to true repentance so that we reflect your light and truth to the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Only you can bring rain, O God. Be with those who lack clean water or must walk miles to quench their thirst. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Only you can judge the nations, O God. Raise up leaders with humble hearts so that your peace spreads across the earth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Only you can bring healing, O God. Be with all whose hearts ache, who hold out empty hands, who long for forgiveness. Comfort the grieving and heal the sick. We pray especially for Rylie Heggie; Shirley Heggie; Linda Anderson; Lindsey Meyer; Eleanore Barrett; Matthew Thissell; Justin Fredin; and Peter Munson. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Only you know the depths of our hearts, O God. Call this congregation to loving action in your name and open our eyes to what you are doing among us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Those who live in your house are happy, O God. Keep us by your grace until we join the saints around your throne. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, faithful God, we place ourselves and our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN: “Seed That in Earth Is Dying” (ELW 330)

The assembly stands and sings the offertory hymn as the gifts are brought forward.

OFFERING PRAYER

After the table is set, the assisting minister leads the prayer.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills
were gathered together to become one bread,
so let your church be gathered together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.
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.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -



est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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

Take hold of the life that really is life.

Come, take your place at the table.

COMMUNION

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.

LAMB OF GOD



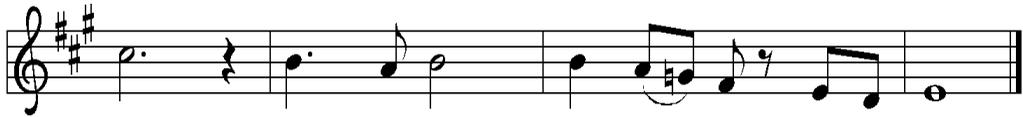
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN:

“Let Us Break Bread Together” (ELW 471)

“Holy, Holy, Holy” (ELW 473)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The assembly stands to receive the blessing.

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister leads the prayer.

We come again to you, O God,
giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy
you have embraced us and healed us,
making us one in the body of Christ.

Go with us on our way.

Equip us for every good work,
that we may continue to give you thanks
by embracing others with mercy and healing;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

God Almighty send you light and truth
to keep you all the days of your life.

The hand of God protect you;
the holy angels accompany you;
and the blessing of almighty God,

the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you now and forever.

Amen.

PARISH SHARING TIME

Brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the assembly's participation in God's mission in the world.

SENDING HYMN: “*What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*” (ELW 774)

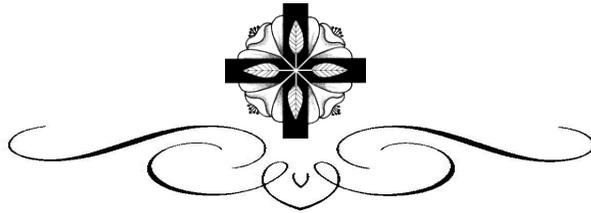
The assembly stands.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Gospel Message

The concept of privilege has become an important talking point in our society. One way of describing privilege is that some people have access to and enjoy rights and immunities that others do not get to access or enjoy. We have heard much in recent years about the many types and expressions of privilege that are present in our society, privilege related to gender, race, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, education, or ability—just to name a few.

For those of us who have some kind of privilege in this society—which includes a vast majority of members of North American Lutheran faith communities—being able to see, hear, and empathize with those who for whatever reason live life differently than we do can be a real challenge. Often, unhelpful narratives can make their way into our public and private conversations that place unjust blame on others, misinterpret or misrepresent others' motives, and create walls of division instead of open spaces of understanding.

Jesus' parable about the Pharisee and the tax collector reminds us that God does not share in our prejudices or our privileges, our name-calling or our numerous divisions. Jesus' words concerning these two people who both went to pray in the temple reverses our expectations. Jesus lifts up the tax collector's humility. Can we hear this as an invitation to put our privilege at risk by being willing to listen to those who are in different circumstances than we are? To hear their stories of joy and pain, to empathize in love, and to commit to justice and equality for all?

We are publicly baptized into a worldwide community of faith that has committed itself to love in the way Jesus loved, to care about the things Jesus cared about. Today Jesus encourages us to put our privilege at risk and to put our love on the table.

Wednesday Evening Education (WEE!) Continues!

*Please join us this Wednesday, the 26th,
for more WEE! FUN!*

Our Theme for October is “Jesus Feeds 5000!”

5:15—5:45 Supper

6:00—6:20 Holden Evening Prayer

6:30—6:55 Education Rotation

7:00—8:00 Confirmation and Choir

The “rotation” education time involves different stations, all of which get at the theme of the month.

Holy Communion Instruction & Baking!

All children in Kindergarten through Sixth Grade (and their parents!) are invited to attend Holy Communion Instruction today, **Sunday October 23rd**, at **9:15am**.

Come learn about the Bible stories, their meaning, and how to bake bread for the meal. This will be a hands-on experience for all who attend. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen.

Fall Festival Dinner!

Our annual Thanksgiving Potluck will take place on **November 6** beginning at **noon** in the Rohr Fellowship Hall. This is also All Saints Sunday, so we are calling it our Fall Festival Dinner!

Once again we are asking members of our congregation to provide turkeys and all the trimmings! A sign up list is posted in the Gruver room to aid in what you may wish to contribute. Drinks, plus plate settings will be provided.

Any and all that wish to help set up, or clean up are encouraged to contact Kris Oolman at 399-8801. We will need help more on the actual day itself, such as carving turkeys, making gravy, cleaning up, etc. Helpers should be in the kitchen by 10:45 to start getting organized.

THANK YOU and WE WILL SEE YOU THERE!

**Trinity gives thanks for all of the blessed musicians in our congregation
that shared their talents this Sunday:**

Andrea Toven, Jennifer Lyford, Amy Wright, Alice Telander, Meng Xu, Micah Schweizer, and the Trinity Chancel Choir!

Serving the Church

THIS WEEK—October 23, 2016

NEXT WEEK—October 30, 2016

Preacher: Pastor Don Holmstrom
Lector: 8:00AM Maia Anderson
 10:30AM Mark Lyford
Acolyte: 8:00AM MacKenzie Muhsman
 10:30AM Aidan Lavato
Ushers: 8:00AM Al & Bobbie Schimek
 10:30AM Trey Sherwood
 Bob Campbell
Greeters: 8:00AM The Anderson Family
 10:30AM Debbe, Lindsay, & Lily Conyers
Nursery: 8:00AM Kate Jablin
 10:30AM Derk Lyford

Preacher: Pastor Rachel Larson
Lector: 8:00AM Mark Rehwaldt
 10:30AM Eric Nye
Acolyte: 8:00AM Madie Jablin
 10:30AM Silja Alexander
Ushers: 8:00AM Wayne Sutherland
 Judi Weatherwax
 10:30AM Ray & Molly Bredehoft
Greeters: 8:00AM Tracy Bennett
 Betty Carstens
 10:30AM Shirley Heggie
 Georgina Mitchell
Nursery: 8:00AM Marygrace Buckner
 10:30AM Kelcey Anderson

Stewards: Kris Oolman & Mark Lyford

Altar Guild: Jan & Klaus Hanson

Coffee Fellowship: Ed & Lois Hiller

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