

# Trinity Lutheran Church




October 5, 2025  
17th Pentecost

## WELCOME

### GATHERING HYMN:

*My Hope Is built on Nothing Less* (ELW 596)

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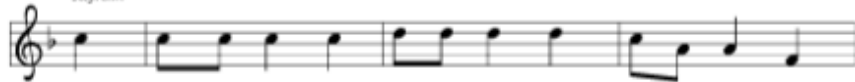


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;  
2 Whendark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un-chang-ing grace;  
3 His oath, his cov-e-nant, his blood sus-tain me in the rag-ing flood;  
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol-ly lean on Je-sus' name.  
in ev-ry high and storm-y gale my an-chor holds with-in the veil.  
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re-deemed to stand be-fore the throne!

*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; all oth-er ground is



sink-ing sand, all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the midst of war and division, we wait for God:

**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
God's mercies never come to an end.**

In the midst of devastation and loss, we wait for God:

**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
God's mercies never come to an end.**

In the midst of change and uncertainty, we wait for God:

**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.  
Great is your faithfulness, O God!**

We turn to God in praise and prayer  
not from a position of power and strength,  
but from the broken edges of our lives,  
from the broken edges of the world and the church.  
We offer our prayers of confession,  
trusting in the One who is reconciling all things.

We pray together.

**Merciful God, we confess that the world suffers because of our sin.  
Forgive us for making exiles of those you call us to love and serve.  
Forgive us for laying waste to the landscape of creation.  
Forgive us for being complicit in causing others to grieve.  
We wait on you, O God.**

**We hope in you.**

**You alone can restore all things. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

God, in Christ Jesus, grants us grace, mercy, and peace.

Let us hold to the sound teaching of the faith:

that God has the power to save us


and has given us grace through all the ages.

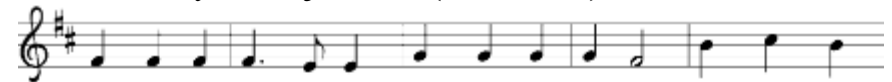
**We receive the treasure of faith entrusted to us,**

**with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Thanks be to God!**

### CONFESSIONAL HYMN:

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (ELW 773)

 = 105



1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no  
2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and  
3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear



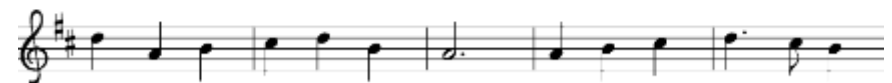
shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-  
stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in  
pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright



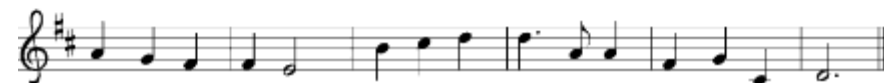
pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be,  
man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love,  
hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!



*Refrain*  
Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy



hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**God of our salvation,**

**we thank you for the gift of faith.**

**We thank you for all those who have taught us the good news.**

**Kindle in us always this gift, this good treasure,  
that we may live the life to which you have called us,  
according to your purpose and grace.**

**We pray in the name of the one  
who abolished death  
and brought life to light  
through the gospel,  
our Savior Christ Jesus. Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Lamentations 3:19-26

<sup>19</sup> The thought of my affliction and my homelessness  
is wormwood and gall!

<sup>20</sup> My soul continually thinks of it  
and is bowed down within me.

<sup>21</sup> But this I call to mind,  
and therefore I have hope:

<sup>22</sup> The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;

<sup>23</sup> they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.

<sup>24</sup> “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,  
“therefore I will hope in him.”

<sup>25</sup> The LORD is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

<sup>26</sup> It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the LORD.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10

<sup>1</sup> To you, O Lord,

I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup> **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup> Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup> **Show me your ways, O Lord,  
and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>6</sup> **Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

<sup>8</sup> **You are gracious and upright, O Lord;  
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup> You lead the lowly in justice  
and teach the lowly your way.

<sup>10</sup> **All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

## SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup> To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup> I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup> Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup> I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup> For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, <sup>7</sup> for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup> Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, <sup>9</sup> who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup> but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup> For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup> and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup> Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup> Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup> The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” <sup>6</sup> The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup> “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? <sup>8</sup> Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? <sup>9</sup> Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup> So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

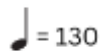
The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY:

*My God, How Wonderful Thou Art* (ELW 863)

 = 130



1 My God, how won-der - ful thou art, thy maj - es - ty how bright!  
2 How won-der - ful, how beau - ti - ful the sight of thee must be—  
3 No earth - ly fa - ther loves like thee; no moth - er, e'er so mild,  
4 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, al - might - y as thou art,  
5 My God, how won-der - ful thou art, thou ev - cr - last - ing friend!



How beau - ti - ful thy mer - cy seat in depths of burn - ing light!  
thine end - less wis - dom, bound - less pow'r, and awe - some pu - ri - ty!  
bears and for - bears as thou hast done with me, thy sin - ful child.  
for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.  
On thee I stay my trust - ing heart till faith in vi - sion end.

## 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

God of grace and God of glory, you care for the whole earth;  
even now you are reconciling all things to yourself.  
We thank you for the ancient grace  
given in Christ Jesus before the ages began.  
As age has succeeded age to this present day  
your grace is with us still.  
We rely on your power for all things.

*As the Reader closes each petition:* Great is your faithfulness;  
*the people respond:* **O God, we hope in you.**

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray.  
**Amen.**

## PEACE

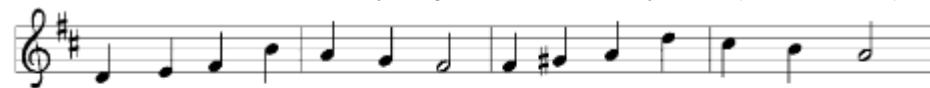
The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

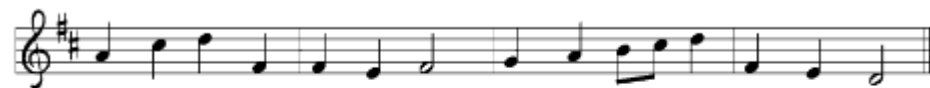
*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and  
may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OFFERTORY: *Take My Life, That I May Be* (ELW 685)**



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**Gracious God, you are good news for a weary world.**

**You are hope for people in despair, and you are home to exiles.**

**Accept, we pray, the offerings we bring this day.**

**Use them according to your own purpose and grace.**

**In Christ's name we ask it. 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.**

## COMMUNION

*All are welcome to join in the gift of Holy Communion.*

*White grape juice is available and all altar bread is gluten-free.*

*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



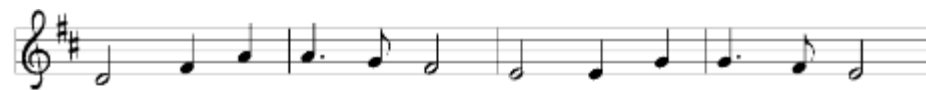
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMN:

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee (ELW 759)*



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,  
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my  
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's  
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

**O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast,  
the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to  
serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the  
hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

Let us hope always in God,  
through whom all things are possible.

And may the steadfast love of God be upon you.  
May the grace of ✙ Christ Jesus our Lord be within you.  
May the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit uphold you,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**



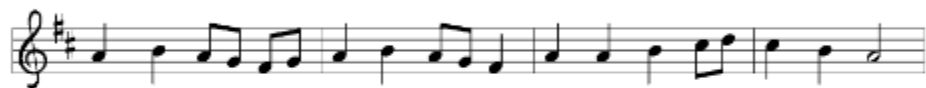
## SENDING HYMN:

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (ELW 545)*

♩ = 125



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.  
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.  
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum-mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav-'ling through this wil-der-ness.  
Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful to your truth may we be found.  
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end-less day.

## DISMISSAL

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



## Serving in Worship

**TODAY — Oct 5, 2025**

Reader: **Martin Greller**

Assistant: **Erik Boss**

Fellowship: **Cara Keith**

**NEXT SUNDAY — Oct 12, 2025**

Reader: **Erik Boss**

Assistant: **Open**

Fellowship: **Denise Greller**

## Trinity Happenings:

|                    |                                       |   |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Sun, Oct 5:        | 9:00am<br>10:15am<br>11:00am          | Worship Service<br>Fellowship in Gruver Rm<br>Extended Table Gathering  |
| <b>Mon, Oct 6:</b> | <b>9:00am</b>                         | <b>Becoming in Gruver Rm</b>  |
| Tue, Oct 7:        | 5:30pm                                | TheologyPUB<br>@ Coal Creek Downtown  |
| <b>Wed, Oct 8:</b> | <b>10:00am<br/>5:30pm</b>             | <b>Women's Study in Gruver Rm<br/>Preaching Class in Gruver Rm</b>  |
| Sun, Oct 12:       | 9:00am<br>9:00am<br>10:15am<br>2:00pm | Worship Service<br>Sunday School in Downstairs Youth Rm<br>Fellowship in Gruver Rm<br>Blessing of the Animals |

## BLESSING of the ANIMALS

October 12  
at 2:00 p.m.  
Ivinson Mansion Lawn



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| Mon, Oct 13:        | 9:00am   | Becoming in Gruver Rm  |
| <b>Tue, Oct 14:</b> | <b>6:00pm</b>                                    | <b>Church Council in Gruver Rm</b>   |
| Wed, Oct 15:        | 10:00am  | Women's Study in Gruver Rm   |
| <b>Sun, Oct 19:</b> | <b>9:00am<br/>10:15am<br/>10:30am</b>            | <b>Worship w/ the Band and Q. Cornejo<br/>Fellowship in Gruver Rm<br/>Confirmation behind Gruver Rm</b>                      |
| Mon, Oct 20:        | 9:00am   | Becoming in Gruver Rm  |
| <b>Tue, Oct 21:</b> | <b>5:30pm</b>                                    | <b>TheologyPUB<br/>@ Coal Creek Downtown</b>   |
| Wed, Oct 22:        | 10:00am  | Women's Study in Gruver Rm   |
| <b>Sun, Oct 26:</b> | <b>9:00am<br/>9:00am<br/>10:15am<br/>10:30am</b> | <b>Worship Service<br/>Sunday School in Downstairs Youth Rm<br/>Fellowship in Gruver Rm<br/>The Bible Says So Book Study</b> |



Have you ever wondered what people mean when they say, “The Bible says so”? Scripture doesn’t always speak with one clear voice, so how do we faithfully understand what the Bible is—and isn’t—saying?

This year, I invite you to **join a congregational book study on *The Bible Says So*, by Dan McClellan**. McClellan, a biblical scholar, helps readers explore how the Bible came to be, how it has been interpreted, and how we might approach it with more understanding. His writing invites us to think deeply, ask questions, and discover new ways of engaging with God’s Word.

Dan seeks to understand the data of the Bible over the dogma of faith. So often today our narrative of the Bible carries more weight than what is actually in the Bible. The book asks questions like: Does the Bible say slavery is wrong? Does the Bible say abortion is murder? Does the Bible say Satan is God’s enemy? Does the Bible say Jesus is God? Does the Bible say sinners will be punished forever in Hell?

Whether you are new to the Bible or have read Scripture your whole life, this book offers a chance to grow in faith and in community. Bring your questions, your curiosity, and your openness as we seek to listen for God’s voice through the pages of Scripture.

**Please email Pastor Nate if you plan to attend.**

**Attendees will need to purchase the book and have the assigned chapter(s) read before the discussion. We will meet on the following Sundays from 10:30 until about 11:30am.**

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| <b>Oct 26</b> | Introduction, Chapters 1 and 2<br>How Did We Get the Bible?<br>Does the Bible Say the Bible Is Inspired?               |
| <b>Nov 23</b> | Chapters 3 and 4<br>Does the Bible Say God Created All Out of Nothing?<br>Does the Bible Say God Lies?                 |
| <b>Dec 14</b> | Chapters 5 and 6<br>Does the Bible Say Slavery Is Wrong?<br>Does the Bible Say God Has a Wife?                         |
| <b>Jan 4</b>  | Chapters 7 and 8<br>Does the Bible Say Abortion Is Murder?<br>Does the Bible Say Rape Victims Must Marry Rapist?       |
| <b>Jan 25</b> | Chapters 9 and 10<br>Does the Bible Say Satan Is God’s Enemy?<br>Does the Bible Say God Has a Body?                    |
| <b>Feb 15</b> | Chapters 11 and 12<br>Does the Bible Say to Sacrifice Your Firstborn?<br>Does the Bible Say You Should Beat Your Kids? |
| <b>Mar 15</b> | Chapter 13<br>Does the Bible Say There Is Only One God?  |
| <b>Apr 12</b> | Chapter 14<br>Does the Bible Say Homosexuality Is Abomination?   |
| <b>May 3</b>  | Chapters 15 and 16<br>Does the Bible Say Women Need to Cover Up?<br>Does the Bible Say the Messiah Born of a Virgin?   |
| <b>May 17</b> | Chapters 17 and 18<br>Does the Bible Say Jesus Is God?<br>Does the Bible Say to Beware the Beast’s Mark?               |
| <b>Jun 14</b> | Chapter 19<br>Does the Bible Say Hell Is Sinners’ Punishment?  |





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**2025 as of August 31**  
**Income** - \$148,763.77  
**Expenses** - \$149,529.89



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