

# Service of Word and Sacrament

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost November 9, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

# Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Akron

In the principal service of Christian worship, the Holy Spirit gathers people around the means of grace – the saving Word of God and the sacraments. From the table of communion where Jesus Christ comes with forgiveness, life, and salvation, God sends us out to share the good news to care for those in need. The basic pattern of this service – gathering, word, meal, sending – is a structure that allows for freedom and flexibility in the ways worship may be shaped locally, while focusing on what the church holds in common. The whole people of God are joined by the same gifts of grace, for the sake of the same mission of the gospel, into the life of the one triune God. (Evangelical Lutheran Worship, pg. 91)

The asterisk (\*) invites us to stand as we are able.

Boldface type invites us to verbally respond.

The cross (+) invites us to make that same sign upon ourself in remembrance of our baptism.

# **★** GATHERING ★

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

#### Welcome and Announcements

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# \*Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand if you are able.

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

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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

God of mercy and forgiveness,

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.

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.

Amen.

# \*Gathering Hymn No. 619 I Know That My Redeemer Lives!



Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt. Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

# \*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.

# \*Canticle of Praise

# Glory to God



## Prayer of the Day

Please be seated.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Holy God,

you have told us to not be afraid and have assured us of your presence.

Amid life's trials and joys,

sorrows and the dreams, may we know your presence and rejoice, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

## ₩ WORD ₩

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

## First Reading: Job 19:23-27a

Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.

- <sup>23</sup> "O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book!
- <sup>24</sup>O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever!
- <sup>25</sup> For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last will stand upon the earth;
- <sup>26</sup> and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God,
- <sup>27a</sup> whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

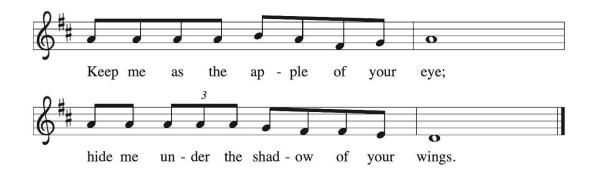
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **Psalm:** 17:1-9

Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings. (Ps. 17:8)

#### Refrain



- <sup>1</sup> Hear a just cause, O Lord; give heed <sup>1</sup> to my cry; listen to my prayer, which does not come from <sup>1</sup> lying lips.
- <sup>2</sup> Let my vindication come forth | from your presence; let your eyes be | fixed on justice.
- <sup>3</sup> Examine my heart, visit <sup>1</sup> me by night, melt me down; you will find no impuri- <sup>1</sup> ty in me.
- <sup>4</sup> I have not regarded what ¹ others do; at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways ¹ of the violent. R
- <sup>5</sup> My footsteps hold fast to your <sup>1</sup> well-worn path; and my feet <sup>1</sup> do not slip.
- <sup>6</sup> I call upon you, O God, for you will <sup>1</sup> answer me; incline your ear to me and <sup>1</sup> hear my words.
- <sup>7</sup> Show me your marvelous <sup>1</sup> lovingkindness,
  O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who <sup>1</sup> rise against them.
- <sup>8</sup> Keep me as the apple <sup>1</sup> of your eye; hide me under the shadow <sup>1</sup> of your wings,
- <sup>9</sup> from the wicked <sup>1</sup> who assault me, from my deadly enemies <sup>1</sup> who surround me. R

## **Second Reading** 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

This portion of the letter provides encouragement for the church at Thessalonica during a time of confusion and opposition, as some allowed their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.

<sup>1</sup> As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, <sup>2</sup> not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. <sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction, <sup>4</sup> who opposes and rises up above every so-called god or object of worship, taking a seat in the temple of God, and claiming to be God. <sup>5</sup> Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

<sup>13</sup> But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup> For this purpose God called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

<sup>16</sup> Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God, our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, <sup>17</sup> comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

## \*Gospel Acclamation

Please stand if you are able.



#### \*Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 20th chapter.

#### Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>27</sup> Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus <sup>28</sup> and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. <sup>29</sup> Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; <sup>30</sup> then the second <sup>31</sup> and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. <sup>32</sup> Finally the woman also died. <sup>33</sup> In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; <sup>35</sup> but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. <sup>36</sup> Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup> And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup> Now God is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to God all of them are alive."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

## Prayer of Understanding

Please be seated.

O God, quiet in us any voice but your own, that we might hear your Word to us today.

Amen.

Sermon

Pastor Becki Verbridge

## Hymn of the Day No. 666

#### What Wondrous Love Is This



Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt. Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914–1997, alt. Arr. © 1955 Augsburg Publishing House, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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## \*The Apostles' Creed

Please stand if you are able.

With the whole church let us confess our faith.

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

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God our Redeemer, bless your church universal and its leaders. Set all hearts on you from generation to generation in anticipation of Christ's return. Hear us, O God.

### Your mercy is great.

God of life, we give thanks for the fruits and grains of harvest, for rivers and streams, for all that is made of rock and iron. Renew the earth's natural resources and the lands from which they come. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of justice, we give thanks for the service of our veterans and pray for those needing support for wounds of any kind. Strengthen those charged with the governance and protection of vulnerable populations. Bring an end to war throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

## Your mercy is great.

God who leads us to belief and truth, we give thanks that you are always and already here. Nurture and support those who are unsteady in mind, unsafe in spirit, or unwell in body. We pray for all those on our prayer list, especially...Dottie, Jo's family, Becky, and John. Comfort those who suffer from trauma and exposure to traumatic events. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

God who gathers us together, we give thanks for our pastors, deacons, nurturers of faith, ministry team leaders, musicians, and building caretakers. May they find joy in leadership as we grow in faith together. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

God of the saints, we give thanks for all who have died in faith. Uplift us as we honor their memory and await your coming in glory. Hear us, O God.

## Your mercy is great.

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

#### \*Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

#### And also with you.

We share the peace of Christ with one another and then we are seated.

#### **₩** MEAL **₩**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**Offertory Anthem** 

Let the Heavens be Glad
Hayley Phillips

David von Kampen

# **Offertory Response No. 188** *Create in Me a Clean Heart*



Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

## **Offertory Prayer**

God of all creation,
 all you have made is good,
 and your love endures forever.

You bring forth bread from the earth
 and fruit from the vine.

Nourish us with these gifts,
 that we might be for the world
 signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ,
 our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

#### Invitation

Christ comes to us in, with and under the bread and wine to nourish our faith.

The uncontainable presence, grace, love, forgiveness and mercy of Christ come to us in this simple meal that spans all time and space.

All of God's children – regardless of denominational background – are welcome and invited to share it with us.

## \*The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand if you are able.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

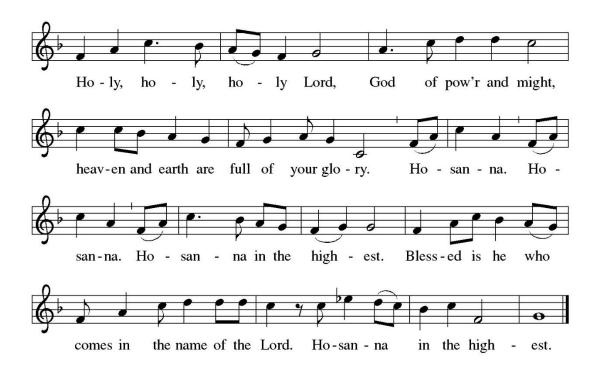
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places,
give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

And so, with the all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## \*Prayer at the Table

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.

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.

## \*The Lord's Prayer

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

Amen.

Please be seated.

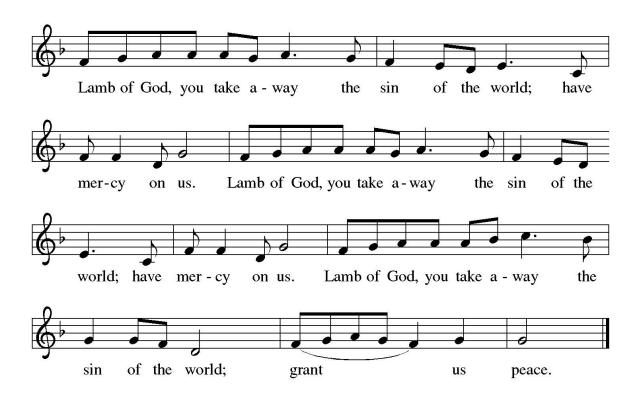
The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat, drink, and rejoice.

Amen.

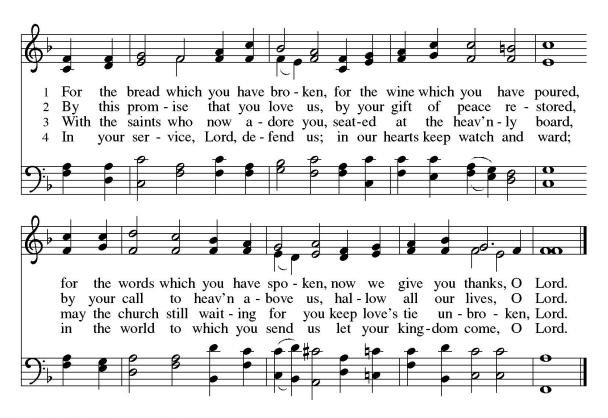
## **Holy Communion**

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please move at the direction of the ushers. We come forward by the center aisle and return to our seats by the side aisle. You may receive the wafer in open and outstretched hands and respond to receiving Communion by saying "Amen" or "Thanks Be to God." Gluten-free wafers are also available. Please make your need known to the minister. Individual cups of wine and white grape juice are in the serving trays. Please make your preference known to the server. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of receiving Communion, you may indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest. Those who wish to have Holy Communion brought to them at their seat should notify an usher.

Those celebrating Holy Communion with us at their homes should share the bread and wine or grape juice with one another using these words: The Body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. "Amen" o or "Thanks be to God" is spoken in response to receiving these gifts.



## **Communion Hymn No. 494** For the Bread Which You Have Broken



Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt. Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631; arr. William Smith Rockstro, 1823–1895 Text © Robert F. Jefferys Jr.

# **Prayer after Communion**

Please remain seated.

Loving God,

you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace.

Send us out by your Spirit

to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

Amen.

## **¥** SENDING **¥**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

# \*Blessing

Please stand if you are able.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ₱ give you peace.

Amen.

## \*Sending Hymn No. 867

#### *In Thee Is Gladness*



Text: Johann Lindemann, 1549–1631; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556–1622

#### \*Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

We go to connect people to Jesus through love and the Word of God. Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** 

Toccata on Great Day

Adolphus Hailstork

As the last act of worship, you are invited to remain for the Postlude. If you do not wish to stay, please be respectful of those who are listening.

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# This Week at Holy Trinity

Sunday, 11/9	10:00 a.m.	Worship	
	11:15 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship - Chapel Lounge	
Monday, 11/10	5:30 p.m.	Finance Team Meeting - Zoom	
Tuesday, 11/11	6:30 p.m.	Council Meeting - Zoom	
Wednesday, 11/12	9:00 a.m.	TTT's - Church Office	
	7:00 p.m.	Worship & Music Meeting - Zoom	
Thursday, 11/13	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir - Sanctuary	
•	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir - Sanctuary	
Friday, 11/14	9:00 a.m.	Faith Five Check-In - Zoom	
Saturday, 11/15	8:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study - Church Office	
	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study - Room 202	
	10:00 a.m.	Dottie Wise Funeral - Sanctuary	
		~ light refreshments following service	
		in the Chapel Lounge.	
Sunday, 11/9	10:00 a.m.	Worship	
•	11:15 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship - Chapel Lounge	

# November 9, 2025 Worship Stewards

Assisting Minister: Frederica Cohen Reader: Frederica Cohen Communion Assistant: Alexa Sandmann

## In Our Prayers...

<u>November 9:</u> The family of Dottie Wise (member), Art White (brother of Steve White), The family of Jo Ameling (member), Becky Adkins (member), and John Shea (husband of Steve White).

November 2: Pat Fulton (friend of Pat McRowe), Paul Hanus (friend of Pat McRowe), Darlene Katz (Director of DLM).

October 26: Frenier Jacinto (godson of Rachel & Jacinto Núñez).

October 19: Nancy Bowan (mother of Pastor Becki), Ray Stone (friend of Holy Trinity), Joan Amon (member), Judy Eisenhart (mother of Lesli Eisenhart), Carol Seiberling and Ruth Stefanik (members), Geri Dewell and Twanna Askew (friends of Lesli Eisenhart).

The names of those making the request will be printed next to the name of the person being prayed for. We kindly ask those making the request to keep our prayer list coordinators updated as to the status of the person they are requesting prayer for. We would be glad to continue praying for individuals (adding them for another four weeks) upon request. If you have updates or additions to the prayer list, please contact Rachel Núñez, or Pastor Becki Verbridge.

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