



*PENTECOST TWENTY-ONE*

# TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH | Saline, Michigan

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***October 18, 2026***

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

**THANK YOU** for joining us in God's house today! We cordially ask that our guests sign one of the guestbooks located at either the front or back entryways, or fill out a "Let's Get Acquainted" card located in the hymnal pew rack and place it in the collection plate.

**THANK OFFERING:** Members of Trinity give their offering as an expression of love and thankfulness to the Lord and to help support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

**RESTROOMS** are located at the back of the upper level (the annex), and in the basement (down the back stairs of the sanctuary or annex). Handicap access is available, please ask an usher for assistance.

## **CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION:**

In His Word, God makes it clear that the Lord's Supper is to be shared by people of a common proclamation of faith (1 Corinthians 11:26; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Without judging anyone's hearts, we invite those who share in our confession by their membership in our congregation or another congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) and who are properly prepared (1 Corinthians 11:27-29) to receive the Sacrament. Page 295 in the front of Christian Worship provides a guide for preparation.

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# COMMON SERVICE

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## 748 Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly

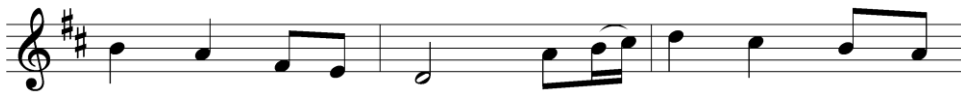
CW 748



1 Broth - ers, sis - ters, let us glad - ly give to God our all, our  
2 By his mer - cy, by his boun - ty, by the gift of Christ, his  
3 Gra - cious Lord, ac - cept our ser - vice for the sake of Christ, your



best: ser - vice heart - y, thor - ough, hon - est, with a  
Son, what great good - ness he has shown us, what high  
Son; lo, our hope a - bides now on - ly in the



liv - ing love im - pressed. All our du - ty, all our  
mar - vels he has done! Let us to him prompt - ly,  
right - eous - ness he won. Bless and save us, help and



striv - ing, all our time to him be - long; praise him,  
free - ly, yield our bod - ies and our souls, thank - ful  
guide us, watch to com - fort and re - store, till in



then, with true de - vo - tion, come be - fore him with a song.  
that his love pro - tects us, that his wis - dom all con - trols.  
heav'n we rest re - joic - ing, prais - ing you for - ev - er - more.

Text: Henry Bateman, 1802–1872

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## INVOCATION

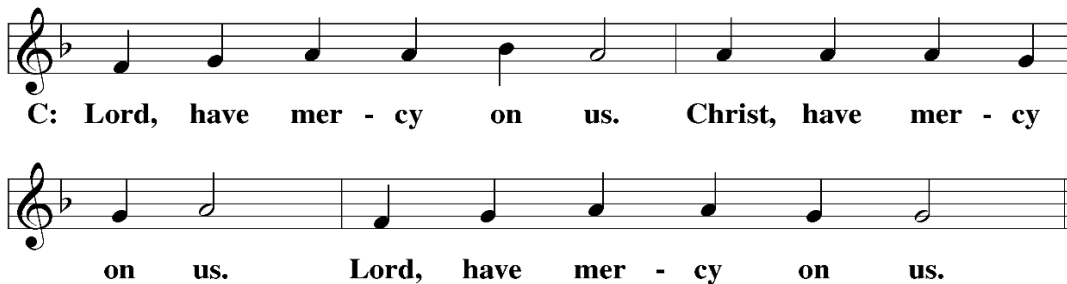
M: In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.



## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

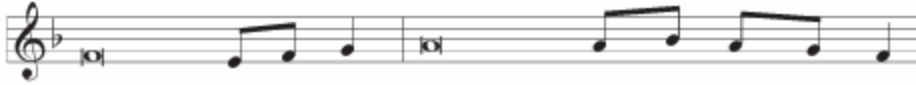


## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### GLORY BE TO GOD

*Gloria in Excelsis*



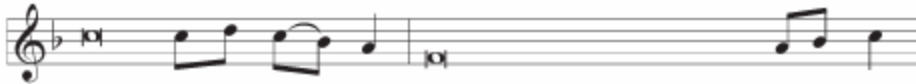
C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

Let us pray.

O Lord our God, so govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world that your church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

*Please be seated*

## First Reading

*Daniel 1:3–21*

<sup>3</sup>The king told Ashpenaz, the chief of his court officials, to bring some young Israelite men from the royal family or from the nobility. <sup>4</sup>He was to choose young men who had no blemish, who were good looking, who had insight into all kinds of wisdom, who possessed knowledge, understanding, and learning, and who were capable of serving in the king's palace, in order to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans. <sup>5</sup>The king assigned them daily rations from the special royal food and from the king's own wine. He ordered that they should be trained for three years. At the end of training they were to serve the king. <sup>6</sup>In this group of young men were the Judeans Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. <sup>7</sup>The chief of the officials gave them new names. He gave Daniel the name Belteshazzar, Hananiah the name Shadrak, Mishael the name Meshak, and Azariah the name Abednego.

<sup>8</sup>Daniel made up his mind that he would not defile himself with the special food of the king or with the wine that he drank. So he sought permission from the chief official, so that he would not have to defile himself. <sup>9</sup>God made the chief of the officials favorable and sympathetic toward Daniel. <sup>10</sup>Then the chief of the officials said to Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who assigned your food and your drink. Why should he see your faces looking less healthy than those of the other young men who are your age? You put my life at risk before the king."

<sup>11</sup>Daniel said to the superintendent whom the chief of the officials had placed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, <sup>12</sup>"Please test your servants for ten days. Tell them to give us only vegetables, and we will eat them and drink water. <sup>13</sup>Observe our appearance and the appearance of the young men who eat the special royal food. Then deal with your servants based on what you see." <sup>14</sup>So he listened to what they said about this and tested them for ten days.

<sup>15</sup>At the end of ten days, their appearance was noticeably better than that of the others. They were healthier than any of the young men who had been eating the special royal food. <sup>16</sup>So the superintendent permanently took away the special royal food and the wine they were to drink and gave them only vegetables. <sup>17</sup>As for these four young men, God gave them knowledge and insight into all kinds of literature, as well as wisdom. In addition, Daniel also understood every kind of vision and dream.

<sup>18</sup>At the end of the time which the king had set for them to be brought to him, the chief of the officials brought them before Nebuchadnezzar. <sup>19</sup>The king spoke with them, and none of the others were found to be comparable to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. So they served the king. <sup>20</sup>In every matter concerning wisdom and understanding that the king sought from them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and spell casters in his entire kingdom. <sup>21</sup>So Daniel remained there until the first year of King Cyrus.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

*Romans 13:1–7*

<sup>1</sup>Everyone must submit to the governing authorities. For no authority exists except by God, and the authorities that do exist have been established by God. <sup>2</sup>Therefore the one who rebels against the authority is opposing God's institution, and those who oppose will bring judgment on themselves.

<sup>3</sup>For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to evil. Would you like to have no fear of the one in authority? Do what is good, and you will receive praise from him, <sup>4</sup>because he is God's servant for your benefit. But if you do wrong, be afraid, because he does not carry the sword without reason. He is God's servant, a punisher to bring wrath on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup>Therefore it is necessary to submit, not only because of wrath, but also because of conscience.

<sup>6</sup>For this reason you also pay taxes, because the authorities are God's ministers, who are employed to do this very thing. <sup>7</sup>Pay what you owe to all of them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, and honor to whom honor is owed.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand if you are able*

## Verse of the Day

*Ephesians 2:8*

Alleluia. In Christ you have been brought to fullness.  
He is the head over every power and authority. Alleluia.



## The Gospel

Matthew 22:15–22

M: The Gospel according to St. Matthew chapter 22, verses 15-22:



<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went out and plotted together how to trap him in his words. <sup>16</sup>They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are truthful and teach the way of God in accord with the truth. You are not concerned about gaining anyone’s approval because you are not swayed by appearances. <sup>17</sup>So tell us, what do you think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”

<sup>18</sup>But Jesus knew their evil purpose and said, “Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax.”

They brought him a denarius.

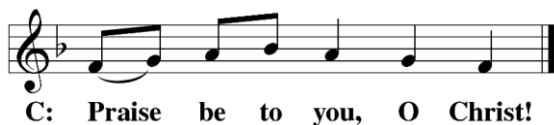
<sup>20</sup>He asked them, “Whose image and inscription is this?”

<sup>21</sup>“Caesar’s,” they replied to him.

Then he said to them, “Therefore give to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”

<sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed. Then they left him and went away.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### 619 Praise the Almighty; My Soul, Adore Him

CW 619



1 Praise the Al - might - y; my soul, a - dore him!  
2 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,  
3 Trust not in princ - es, they are but mor - tal;  
4 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud him un - til death. With songs and  
par - don and peace from him ob - tain; ev - er the  
earth-born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their  
of him who does such won-drous things! All that has



an - thems I'll come be - fore him as long as  
wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, their faith - ful  
coun - sels at life's last por - tal when the dark  
be - ing, to praise him sole - ly, with hap - py



he al - lows me breath. From him my life and  
God he will re - main. He helps his chil - dren  
grave will claim its prey. Since, then, no one can  
heart its a - men sings! Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; bless, O my soul, his ho - ly  
in dis - tress, the wid - ows and the fa - ther -  
help af - ford, trust on - ly Christ, our God and  
an - gel host praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



name. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
less. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Ghost! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Johann D. Herrnschmidt, 1675–1723, abr.; tr. Alfred E. R. Brauer, 1866–1949, alt.

Tune: New-vermehrte Christliche Seelenharpf, Ansbach, 1665

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## SERMON

### *Philippians 4:4-13*

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if anything is excellent, and if anything is praiseworthy, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>The things that you learned, received, heard, and saw in me: Keep doing these things. And the God of peace will be with you.

<sup>10</sup>I rejoice greatly in the Lord now that you have revived your concern for me once again. Actually, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. <sup>11</sup>I am not saying this because I lack anything; in fact, I have learned to be content in any circumstances in which I find myself. <sup>12</sup>I know what it is to live in humble circumstances, and I know what it is to have more than enough. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, while being full or hungry, while having plenty or not enough. <sup>13</sup>I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me.

**THEME: Find Your Joy in the Lord**

**I. He takes away your fears**

**II. He guides your choices**

**III. He gives you your strength**

*Please stand if you are able*

**CREATE IN ME**

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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.**

*Please be seated as we prepare the altar for Holy Communion*

*Please stand if you are able*

## *The Sacrament of Holy Communion*

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M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Sanctus*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



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



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, 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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my ✠ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my ✠ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



## LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei*



*Please be seated*

## 637 The Law of God Is Good and Wise

CW 637



1 The law of God is good and wise and sets his  
 2 Its light of ho - li - ness im - parts the knowl - edge  
 3 To those who help in Christ have found and would in  
 4 But those who scorn - ful - ly dis - dain God's law shall



will be - fore our eyes, shows us the way of right - eous -  
 of our sin - ful hearts that we may see our lost es -  
 works of love a - bound it shows what deeds are his de -  
 then in sin re - main; its ter - ror in their ear re -



ness, and dooms to death when we trans - gress.  
 tate and turn from sin be - fore too late.  
 light and should be done as good and right.  
 sounds and keeps their wick - ed - ness in bounds.

- 5 The law is good, but since the fall  
 its holiness condemns us all;  
 it dooms us for our sin to die  
 and has no pow'r to justify.
- 6 To Jesus we for refuge flee,  
 who from the curse has set us free,  
 and humbly worship at his throne,  
 saved by his grace through faith alone.

Text: Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.

Tune: Geistliche Lieder zu Wittenberg, Wittenberg, 1543, ed. Joseph Klug

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## 773 O Lord of Nations

CW 773



- 1 O Lord of na - tions, hear our prayer. We thank you for this  
 2 For farms and fields of gold - en grain, for sci - ence and for  
 3 Most grate - ful, gra - cious God, are we that in this coun - try  
 4 For - give us, Lord, when we for - get your gifts to share, your



land most fair, cre - at - ed by your might,  
 med - i - cine, for wealth be - yond com - pare,  
 we are free to wor - ship you a - bove.  
 Word to spread to those who ache and bleed.



for moun - tain sun - set, lake at dawn, for wood - land bloom and  
 for lei - sure time and work to do— Lord, all these bless - ings  
 We gath - er here to speak your name, then leave this place to  
 Re - new our will to help the weak, to feed the hun - gry,



rob - in song, for stars that lace the night,  
 come from you, signs of your lov - ing care.  
 spread your fame that all may know your love.  
 and to speak your Word to souls in need.

- 5 And for the leaders you ordained  
 we pray, O Lord, that they remain  
 courageous, honest, wise.  
 O give them guidance, make them strong  
 to stand for right, to battle wrong,  
 that freedom's song may rise.
- 6 When storm and terror strike our land,  
 remove our fear and help us stand  
 against our enemies.  
 Lord, may no wicked men prevail.  
 May ev'ry plot of treach'ry fail.  
 May we remain at peace.

- 7 And when at last all nations fall  
and you return as Lord of all  
to make the earth anew,  
then may we join that shining band  
of saints from ev'ry tribe and land  
and make our home with you.

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*Please stand if you are able*

## THANKSGIVING

### SONG OF SIMEON

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

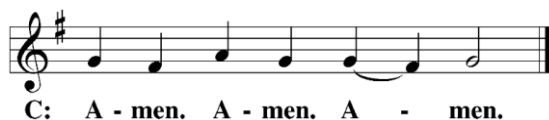
M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



*Please remain standing for the closing hymn*

## 774 God Bless Our Native Land

CW 774

1 God bless our na - tive land; firm may she ev - er stand  
2 For her our prayers shall rise to God a - bove the skies;

thro' storm and night! When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of  
on him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, guard - ing with

wind and wave, do thou our coun - try save by thy great might.  
watch - ful eye, to thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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