# **TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH** @ SOUTH PARK

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A PLACE OF GRACE WITH A CALL FOR ALL TO CONTINUE THE WORK OF JESUS



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#### PRELUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus / More Precious Than Silver

arr. Marcia Wells

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A special thanks to Carmen Ching for playing piano for today's service!

# + GATHERING +

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing. Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

C: Amen.

## GATHERING HYMN Rise Up, O Saints of God! ELW 669

- Rise up, O saints of God!
   From vain ambitions turn;
   Christ rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame; as heirs of God's baptismal grace, the word of hope proclaim.
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The kingdom's task embrace;

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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.** 

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redress sin's cruel consequence; give justice larger place.

- Give heed, O saints of God!Creation cries in pain;stretch forth your hand of healing now,with love the weak sustain.
- 5 Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod; and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!



## THIS IS THE FEAST ELW p. 187

See bulletin insert

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

#### C: Amen.

# + THE WORD +

#### FIRST READING: Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath. A reading from Amos.

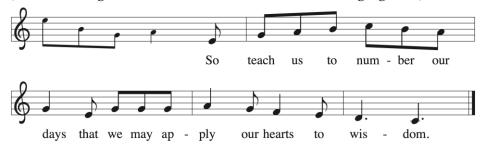
<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.
<sup>7</sup>Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

<sup>10</sup>They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. <sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. <sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins – you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. <sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. <sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. <sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

P: The word of the Lord.C: Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM: Psalm 90: 12-17**

Refrain (First time, organ; second time, cantor; third time, congregation):



Psalm 90:12

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Tone:



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<sup>12</sup>So teach us to num- <sup>1</sup> ber our days

that we may apply our <sup>1</sup> hearts to wisdom.

## <sup>13</sup>Return, O LORD; how long | will you tarry?

#### Be gracious 1 to your servants. R

- <sup>14</sup>Satisfy us by your steadfast love <sup>+</sup> in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad <sup>+</sup> all our days.
- <sup>15</sup>Make us glad as many days as you af- <sup>1</sup> flicted us and as many years as we suf- <sup>1</sup> fered adversity.
- <sup>16</sup>Show your ser- <sup>1</sup> vants your works,

and your splendor 1 to their children.

<sup>17</sup>May the graciousness of the Lord our God <sup>1</sup> be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; pros-<sup>1</sup> per our handiwork. R

#### SECOND READING: Hebrews 4: 12-16

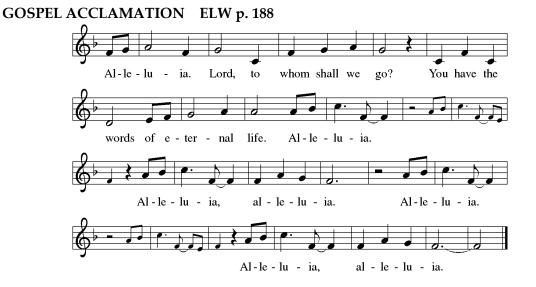
We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

#### A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>12</sup>Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

<sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

- P: The word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.



#### GOSPEL: Mark 10: 17-31

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable. P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

## C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>17</sup>As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup>He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.** 

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

God loves me, Jesus is my friend, and church is a great place to be. Amen.

#### SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY Son of God, Eternal Savior ELW 655

 Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth among us

hallows all our human race, you our head, who, throned in glory, for your own will ever plead: fill us with your love and pity, heal our wrong, and help our need.

- As you, Lord, have lived for others, so may we for others live.
  Freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants give.
  Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and sea; we but stewards of your bounty held in solemn trust will be.
- Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of peace; hush the storm of strife and passion, bid its cruel discords cease.
  By your patient years of toiling, by your silent hours of pain, quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, stem our selfish greed of gain.
- Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race: by your praying, by your willing that your people should be one, grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932

#### **APOSTLE'S 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

- A: ... God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.
- P: ... both now and forever.
- C: Amen.

## **PEACE** P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

# + THE MEAL +

## **CHORAL OFFERING**

Great Day With My Lord

by Ruth Elaine Schram

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

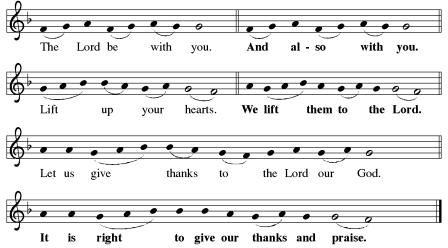
A: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

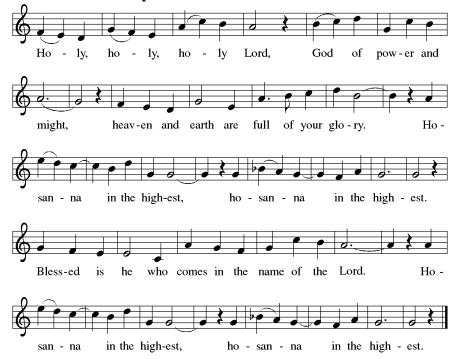


#### PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and places give thanks and praise ... we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:



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#### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

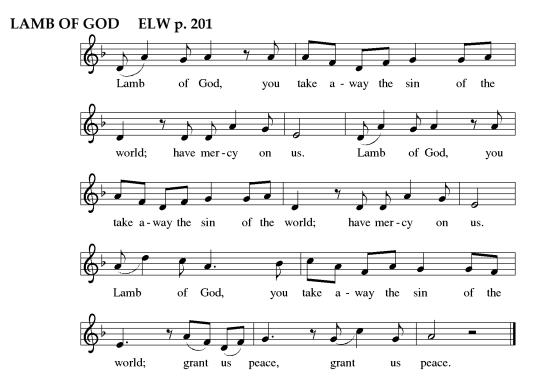
#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: 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.

#### COMMUNION

You may commune where you are seated with the elements you brought with you, or you may come forward from the center aisle and Pastor will place, in your open hand, a wafer which you may then dip into the chalice of wine held by the assisting minister. After you have dipped the bread into the chalice of wine, you may return to your seat by the side aisle, or walk up to the altar and kneel for more prayer and reflection.



## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

## + SENDING +

#### BLESSING

P: 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. **C: Amen.** 

#### SENDING HYMN

#### O Jesus, I Have Promised ELW 810

- O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; remain forever near me, my master and my friend. I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side, nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.
- 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near. I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear. My foes are ever near me, around me and within; but, Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816-1874, alt.

#### DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace, follow Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### POSTLUDE

Make Me a Servant/The Servant Song

- Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will. Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.
- 4 O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you that where you are in glory your servant shall be too. And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

arr. Teresa Wilhelmi

Assisting Minister: Ryan DevlinUsher: Louis Box, Carol Ann Salber, Alita CooperLector: Barb BishopChildren's Message: Steve OzarkAcolyte/Crucifer:Altar Care: Cathy S., Sandi H., Lynn K.Nursery: Morgan SponholtzLivestreaming: Deb Boatright

Readings and Psalm: Sunday, October 20, 2024 Isaiah 53: 4-12

Psalm 95: 4-12 Psalm 91: 9-16 Hebrews 5: 1-10 Mark 10: 35-45



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