



Trinity Lutheran Church

Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost
October 11th, 2026

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304 E. Ferris Street
Galesburg, IL 61401

“the welcome place”

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+++GATHERING+++

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus’ parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

Prelude Music Bless Now, O God, the Journey Robert Powell

Welcome - Please Sign Friendship Registry

The red ELW hymnal and the purple ACS hymnal are in the pew racks

Quilt Blessing

God, you call us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Send forth your Spirit today as we call upon you to bless our work and make it holy. Help these quilts and kits, our offerings of hope, travel across the furthest distances to reach our most weary neighbors and surround them with your grace and peace.

Jesus, open our hearts to love our neighbors.

God, we give you thanks for the pieces of fabric, thread, sewing machines, and the items collected for the kits. May their presence be a sign of your faithful promise, may these quilts wrap our neighbors in unending love, and may these kits offer dignity and healing.

Jesus, open our hearts to love our neighbors.

God, we give thanks for all those who have taken part in creating these quilts and kits. May you guide us to greater empathy for our neighbors in crisis, for the mothers that struggle to feed their hungry children, for the fearful, the anxious, the isolated. May these quilts and kits provide comfort and relief to those who are downtrodden around the world.

Jesus, open our hearts to love our neighbors.

God, be with those who will receive these gifts — neighbors we have never met, neighbors who are far away, neighbors who, like us, long for your grace and mercy. May the work crafted from our humble hands serve as a beacon of light and hope to those who are desolate and hopeless and fill them with the peace that is only found in you.

Jesus, open our hearts to love our neighbors.

We thank you for this ministry of service, for the opportunity to comfort those in their darkest hours, to remind our neighbors in Christ of your loving presence. Bring us ever closer to your heart and our neighbors in need throughout the world. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, the one who is our hope.

Amen.

(Stand)

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.
Creation groans from overuse.
Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.
Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.
Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.

Turn our hearts back to you.
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Hear this good news:
We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn

God, We Gather as Your People,
ACS (purple) #1038

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.



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

God of Aaron, Miriam, and Moses,
you stayed the hand of your wrath
when we fell into idolatry and discord;
and when we forgot our deliverance,
your love for us remained unchanging.
Transform us and our world
into a place of justice, love, and peace.
Welcome us to your wedding feast
where all are invited to be gathered in.
Amen.

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First Reading: Exodus 32:1-14

¹ When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” ² Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters and bring them to me.” ³ So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. ⁴ He took these from them, formed them in a mold, and cast an image of a calf, and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” ⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it, and Aaron made a proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.” ⁶ They rose early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being, and the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to revel.

⁷ The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ ”

⁹ The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰ Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation.”

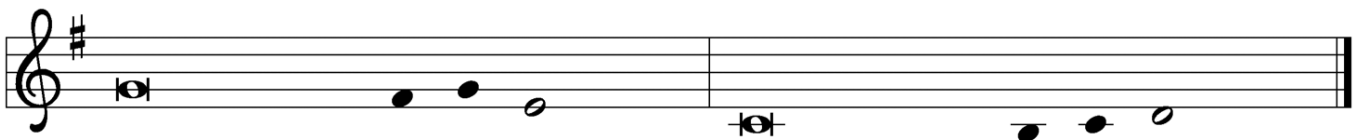
¹¹ But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants,

how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’ ” ¹⁴ And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

sung responsively



¹ Hallelujah! Give thanks to the Lord, for the | Lord is good,
for God’s mercy en- | dures forever.

² **Who can declare the mighty acts | of the Lord
or proclaim in | full God’s praise?**

³ Happy are those who | act with justice
and always do | what is right.

⁴ **Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have | for your
people,
and visit me with | your salvation;**

⁵ that I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the
gladness | of your people,
that I may glory with | your inheritance.

⁶ **We have sinned as our | forebears did;
we have done wrong | and dealt wickedly.**

¹⁹ They made a bull- | calf at Horeb
and worshiped a | molten image;

²⁰ **thus they ex- | changed their glory
for the image of an ox that | feeds on grass.**

²¹ They forgot | God their Savior,
who had done great | things in Egypt,

²² **wonderful deeds in the | land of Ham,
and fearful things | at the Red Sea.**

²³ So you would have destroyed them, had not Moses your
chosen stood | in the breach,
to turn away your wrath from con- | suming them.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

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

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

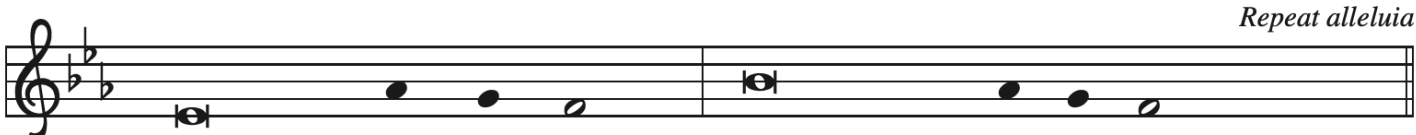
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Gospel Acclamation

ACS, Setting 12, pg. 33



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.



Our hearts burn with - in us as you open to us the scriptures.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Sit)

Children’s Message

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes

(Stand)

Hymn of the Day

Bless Now, O God, the Journey,
ELW (red) #326

Who made the world?
Who made the swan, and the black bear?
Who made the grasshopper?
This grasshopper, I mean—
the one who has flung herself out of the grass,
the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,
who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down—
who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.
Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.
Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.
I don't know exactly what a prayer is.
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down
into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,
which is what I have been doing all day.
Tell me, what else should I have done?
Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?
Tell me, what is it you plan to do
with your one wild and precious life?

(Sit)

Prayers of Intercession

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for
the church and the world.

A brief silence.

Holy God, we remember your promise of unity on your holy
mountain. Empower the World Council of Churches and all those
working across religious difference, that the world may know your
undivided love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise of green pastures and quiet waters.
Preserve all places of natural beauty and restore our relationship
with the land. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise to not abandon us amid storm and disaster. Renew all communities facing disasters and give your courage to those leading relief efforts. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise to wipe away every tear. Heal and console all who are sick or suffering, especially Sean and Rosey. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise of a banquet open to all people. Challenge this congregation to open wide our doors and welcome everyone to the table. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise to swallow up death forever. We give thanks for those who have gone before us, especially Carolyn and Beverly. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer to you these prayers as well as those we now name to you either aloud or in our hearts.

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(you may offer each other a sign of peace)

+++MEAL+++

Offertory Music

Gentle Voice
Senior Choir

Susan & Lee Dengler

(Stand)

Offering Prayer

Generous Lord,
you led your people out of slavery
and called them to build a community of mutual care.
Receive this bread and wine
and the offerings of our lives.
By your Spirit, open our hearts to your grace,
and make our ordinary gifts
extraordinary signs of your love for the world.
Amen.

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and places
give thanks and praise to you,
Lord God, creator of heaven and earth.
You formed us in your image
and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed,
your love remained steadfast.
You delivered us from captivity,
provided manna and water in the wilderness,
gave us your commandments
and made us your covenant people.
You promised to go with us always.
And so,
with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

ACS, Setting 12, pg. 36

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

We praise and glorify you, all-holy God,
for the universe beyond our knowing,
and for friends and strangers and family.
We praise you for your covenant people,
and for centuries of faithful Christians.

We praise you for your Son Jesus Christ,
who on the night before he died 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.

And so we proclaim the mystery of our faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for your Holy Spirit,
nourish us with the body and blood of Christ,
and renew the world with your mercy.

We praise you, all-holy God,
today, tomorrow, and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.

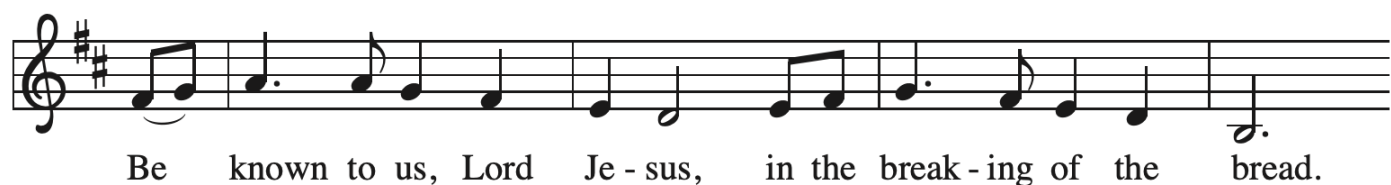
Invitation to Communion

Christ invites you to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

All are welcome to receive communion at Trinity Lutheran Church. If you wish to receive you may come forward as dismissed by the usher and will be given bread in the center aisle. Then you may take a small cup from the tray. Red wine is along the outside, and white grape juice is located in the center of the tray. Gluten free bread is also available. Place empty cups in the bowls located at the side aisle as you return to your pew. If you prefer to receive a blessing rather than communion, you may indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest as you come forward.

(Sit)



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Communion Music

Elevations 1 & 2

Dom Paul Benoit

(Stand)

Prayer After Communion

God of abundance,
at this table you feed us with Christ
and call us each by name.
Lead us from this meal with your promise:
“My presence will go with you,
and I will give you rest.”
Send us forth in mutual care
for the flourishing of all creation.
Amen.

+++SENDING+++

Blessing

The God whose glory fills creation,
Christ who makes grace known among us,
and the Spirit who opens our hearts to love,
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise,
ELW (red) #834

Dismissal

May the Lord's presence go with you and give you rest.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude Music

Hornpipe

G.F. Handel

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As you leave, please take a moment to greet one another.

Today's altar flowers were provided by Cherie Meyer

In loving memory of Beverly Powell

Worship Participants

Audio: Hillary Hoffman

Video: Bill Sime

Ushers: Harold Watters, Carol Brown

Communion Setup: Jennifer Holmes

Assisting Minister: Carol Simpson

Reader: Annie Maier

Wine Servers: Hillary Hoffman, Annie Maier

Coffee Fellowship:

Acolytes: Hudson Babcock

Closing Duties: Hillary Hoffman

Organist: Bette Mohr

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes

Announcements

Coffee Fellowship will be held immediately after service.

Sunday School will be held after service, at 10:45 am. Please join us after service. **Youth Group will be held at 5:00 pm.**

The 2027 Stewardship Campaign is here! This year's theme is "More Than Meets the Eye: Finding God's Grace In Ordinary Things" in which we'll explore God's grace through the Exodus journey, discovering how ordinary things can become signs of God's presence and instruments of God's love for the world.

Prayer List: If you or loved ones need prayers, please fill out the salmon-colored form located on the bulletin table in the Narthex, and return it to the Office mailbox or drop it in the offering plate.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Prayers for...</u>
The family & friends of Carolyn Davis	Peace
The family & friends of Beverly Powell	Peace
Sean Patrick	Healing
Rosey Miyler & family	Healing & strength

This Week at Trinity

Sun, Oct. 11 th	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	5:00 pm	Youth Group
Mon, Oct. 12 th	7:00 pm	Knox Co. Genealogical Society
Tue, Oct. 13 th	9:00 am	The Tie That Binds
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
Wed, Oct. 14 th	11:00 am	Sack Lunch Program
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Sat, Oct. 17 th	5:00 pm	TLC evening service

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes, Pastor, Out-of-office: Friday
Cell phone: 618-803-8778
Church Office: Phone 309-343-4191
Hours 8:30 am – 12:30 pm, Monday-Friday
1st & 3rd Saturdays; Worship 5:00 pm; Holy Communion
Sunday Worship at 9:30 am; Holy Communion
Sunday Radio Ministry at 9:30 am on WRAM – 1330 AM, Facebook

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Vision Statement

Developing Disciples – Connecting to Christ

Mission Statement

Led by the Spirit, we receive Christ's love, share God's forgiving grace, and reach out to welcome, encourage and serve all.

Welcome Statement

At Trinity Lutheran Church, we believe God's grace is extended to everyone. Members of Trinity Lutheran Church are freed by the Gospel to seek reconciliation and wholeness. We welcome people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, whether believer, doubter, or seeker. In Christ's love we invite you, so that led by the power of the Holy Spirit we will join together to strive for racial equity, justice, peace, and love in all the earth.

Our Guiding Principles

1. Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior.
2. We faithfully worship through Word and Sacrament.
3. We invite and welcome everyone.
4. We engage all generations in education and ministry.
5. We serve local and global communities.