





Sunday, October 29, 2023

Pentecost 22

Reformation

**Theme of the Day:**

*The End Times: A Time for Steadfast Faith*

*Congregation sings or speaks the bolded text*

**810 The First Song of Isaiah- Choir Sings**

*CW 810*

*Choir will sing verse 2. Congregation can join in on refrains and verses 1 & 3*

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*Please stand.*

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Confession**

*172*

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

**C: Amen.**

# Lord, Have Mercy

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P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

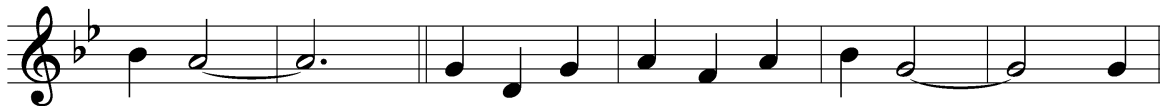
**C: Amen.**

*The Soloist will sing the 1st Glory to God in the Highest and the verses. The Congregation will sing the following Glory to God in the Highest refrains. Soloists: Jessica Krueger (1<sup>st</sup> service) & Jessi Gurney (2<sup>nd</sup> service)*

## Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in a soprano clef. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your".



glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



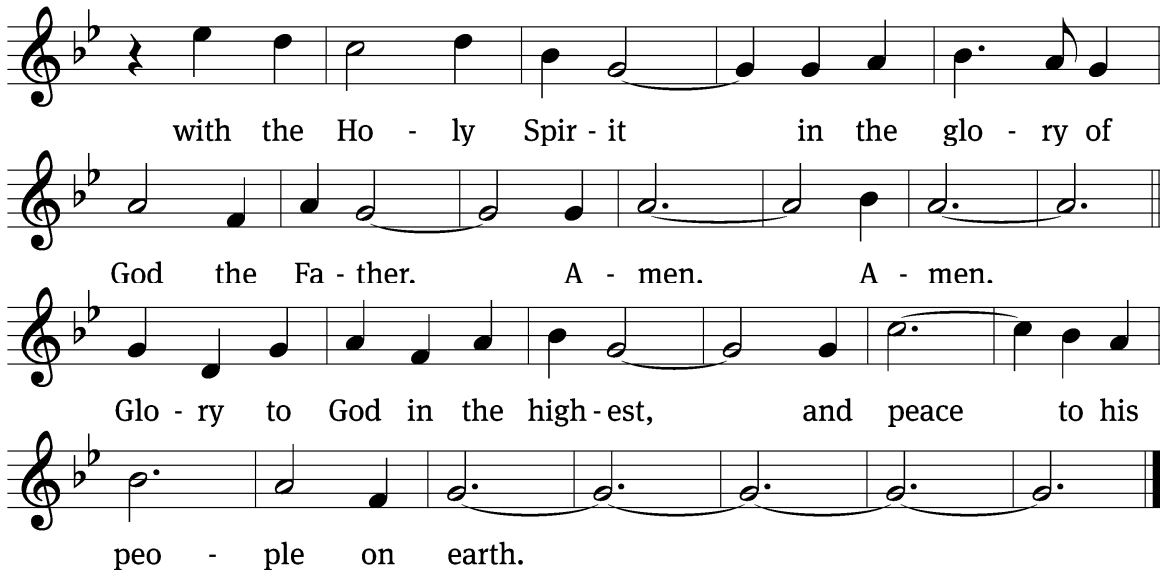
peo - ple on earth. For you a -



lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,



with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.  
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his  
 peo - ple on earth.

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## The Word

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## First Reading

*Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23*

<sup>10</sup>Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. <sup>11</sup>Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. <sup>12</sup>So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: “Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or human being except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the lions’ den?”

The king answered, “The decree stands—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed.”

<sup>16</sup>So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions’ den. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!”

<sup>17</sup>A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel’s situation might not be changed. <sup>18</sup>Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep.

<sup>19</sup>At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions’ den. <sup>20</sup>When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, “Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?”

<sup>21</sup>Daniel answered, “May the king live forever! <sup>22</sup>My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty.”

<sup>23</sup>The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## 866 If God Had Not Been on Our Side

*Psalm 124*

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## Second Reading

Romans 3:19–28

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.

<sup>20</sup>Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin. <sup>21</sup>But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.

<sup>22</sup>This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

<sup>25</sup>God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— <sup>26</sup>he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup>Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. <sup>28</sup>For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## Gospel Acclamation

Luke 12:32

Alleluia. Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.

## Gospel

Matthew 10:16–23

<sup>16</sup>“I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup>Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues. <sup>18</sup>On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup>But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, <sup>20</sup>for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. <sup>21</sup>“Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. <sup>22</sup>You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup>When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated.*

## **864 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

*CW 864*

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**Sermon Text: Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23**

**Sermon Theme: Is your God able to rescue you?**

*Please stand.*

### **Augsburg Confession: Articles 4-6**

P: Our churches teach that people cannot be justified before God by their own strength, merit, or works.

**C: People are freely justified for Christ's sake, through faith, as they believe that they are received into God's favor and that their sins are forgiven for Christ's sake.**

P: By his death, Christ made satisfaction for our sins.

**C: God counts this faith as righteousness in his sight.**

P: So that we may obtain this faith, the ministry of teaching the Gospel and administration of the Sacraments was instituted.

**C: Through the Word and Sacraments, as through means, the Holy Spirit is given.**

P: He works faith, when and where it pleases God, in those who hear the good news that God justifies those who believe that they are received into grace for Christ's sake.

**C: This happens not through our own merits, but for Christ's sake.**

P: Our churches condemn those who think that through their own preparations and works the Holy Spirit comes to them without the external Word.

P: Our churches teach that this faith is bound to bring forth good fruit. It is necessary to do good works commanded by God, because of God's will.

**C: We should not rely on those works to earn justification before God. The forgiveness of sins and justification is received through faith.**

P: The voice of Christ testifies "So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say

**C: 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"**

*Please be seated.*



## Prayer of the Church

### Offering

#### Friendship Registration

**Guests:** Please fill out name, address, and phone number.

**Members:** Please fill out name and any new information.

***Please, return the booklet to its original location. Thank you!***

### 560 Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ

CW 560

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*Please stand.*

P: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

#### Lord's Prayer

**All: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

#### Blessing

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

### 874 Preserve Your Word, O Savior

CW 874

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## *Announcements*

**WELCOME!** Thank you for joining our Trinity family in worship today. We invite you to keep growing with us through God's Word and Sacraments. If you have a question, please speak to a pastor or a Trinity member. If you are a guest, please pick up a guest packet and give your name and address in the friendship registration located in each pew. Ask the ushers if you need a pocket-sized aid for the hearing impaired. Six large-print hymnals are available for use. A Nursery with our service on TV is located off the lobby for parents who need to calm young children.

**AREA REFORMATION SERVICE:** Celebrate 506 years of God's Grace TODAY at the WELS-ELS Joint Reformation Service. The service will be at Peace Lutheran in Deshler. It is at 5039 Co Rd. G. Events include Musical Recital at 3:45 pm and worship service at 4 pm. The service will use the Lutheran German Mass (in English) and explanation behind the reason of why things were done the way they were. There will also be a German Dinner that includes brats, pork and sauerkraut at 5:30 pm. All are welcome!

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** Ralph Anderson who is under hospice care, and all of our members who are homebound or in nursing homes.

**CHURCH CLEANING** – Church cleaning will be held November 6<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>. Please enter through the Church St. door. Cleaning instructions and assignments as well as supplies will be located in the basement. The church will be open on Monday and Tuesday 12pm-8pm as well as Wednesday through Friday from 9am to 8pm. Please join us to help make God's house sparkle.

**THE 2023 MICHIGAN DISTRICT WLS FOOD BANK** is currently having a DONATION DRIVE for married students at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. The Council has approved a box in the basement and by the South church doors. Feel free to drop items in those boxes by November 1<sup>st</sup>, if interested. Items they are looking for to be donated include: diapers, wipes, toilet paper, laundry detergent, hand soap, shampoo & conditioner, vinegar, cleaning products, coffee, snack items, cereal, powdered drinks, or monetary gifts (checks payable to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary).

**CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORTS** are available in the back of church upon request.

**HELP NEEDED: We still need your help at Trunk or Treat on Tuesday, October 31 from 5:30-7:30 PM.** Can you bring your vehicle to hand out candy in the parking lot? Or can you help in the gym with games? Please sign up in the back of church if you are able to help! Contact Jenny Boehm (262-391-7994) with any questions.

**DONATIONS:** For the month of November there is a Diaper and/or New Toy Collection for the Alpha Pregnancy Help Center located in Columbus, Ohio. The toys are for children up to age 13. Also appreciated are \$5 gift cards for McDonalds, Wal-Mart, and 5 Below stores. Please put your donated items in the church basement near the door. If you have questions, feel free to contact Dawn Curth at 419-889-3597.

**PROGRESSIVE MEAL:** Women are invited to the Women’s Ministry’s Progressive Meal and Bible study on Sunday, November 5. The meal will begin with salads at Kathi Curth's house in Jenera at 4:30. Please park in the church parking lot. We will go to Megan Nowak's house for the main course and Beth Rausch's house in Arlington for dessert. Each stop will include one part of a three part Bible study on “Your Identity in Christ.” Please bring a Bible. Invite a friend to join us, too! Sign up on the sheet in the back of church by Wednesday, November 1 or email Jenny at [mwmtrinity@tlcjenera.org](mailto:mwmtrinity@tlcjenera.org) to RSVP.

**MOON, STARS, AND NIGHT-TIME:** Bring your infants, toddlers, and preschoolers to Mornings with Mommy on November 6 or Tuesday, November 7 to learn about the moon, stars, and night-time. Meet in the church basement to explore moon sand, paint a night-time sky, cut play-dough stars, and build a rocket. Register online at [tlcjenera.org](http://tlcjenera.org) or call 262-391-7994. You can see pictures from our previous sessions at [facebook.com/trinitymwm](https://facebook.com/trinitymwm).

**TRINITY CLASS OF 1991:** *Thank you so much for the beautiful flower arrangement in memory of Luke. Our family very much appreciated it. - Brenda, Nathan, and Eric Davis*

**ALPHA PREGNANCY HELP CENTER** Directors, Cindy and Mark Greiner, will be here at church on Thursday, November 16 at 6:30 p.m. to share a PowerPoint about how The Center has opportunities to share Jesus. They will present about babies whose moms were abortion minded/abortion vulnerable and were able to go through the pregnancy with Alpha’s help and support. They will also explain the ministry and how it has evolved from primarily much needed free pregnancy tests to primarily much needed diapers. All are encouraged to come. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn at: [curth2289@gmail.com](mailto:curth2289@gmail.com).

**LOOKING FOR HELP** On April 7, 2024, the Michigan Lutheran Seminary Concert Choir under the direction of Prof. Wendt will have a concert at Trinity. We are looking for 2 more families to help us out by hosting a couple of teens for April 6<sup>th</sup>. You will need to have a place for them to sleep and provide a small evening snack if necessary and some breakfast in the morning. If you would be able to help with that, please email Pastor Nowak at [pastormattn@gmail.com](mailto:pastormattn@gmail.com).

#### **DAILY LECTIONARY**

**10.29:** Deu 31:1-29, Matt 19:16-30

**10.30:** Deu 31:30-32:27, Matt 20:1-17

**10.31:** Deu 32:28-52, *Deu 33:1-29*, Matt 20:17-24

**11.1:** Deu 34:1-12, Matt 21:1-22

**11.2:** Jer 1:1-19, Matt 21:23-46

**11.3:** Jer 3:6-4:2, Matt 22:1-22

**11.4:** Jer 5:1-19, Matt 22:23-46

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## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of October 22<sup>nd</sup>)

Total Worship Attendance: 259, Early: 115, Late: 145, Adult Bible Class: 32, Sunday School: 29; Teen Bible Class: 7; Online worship service views for October 15<sup>th</sup>: 37

**MONEY COUNTERS** for this morning through November 4<sup>th</sup> are the members of Josh Breitigam's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, will be the members of Mark Boehm's Undershepherd group.

**GREETERS** today are: James & Deb Reichley – early  
Gary & Rebecca Mitchell – late

Next Sunday: Ruth Marquart – early  
Richard & Ruth Johnson – late

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (October 29<sup>th</sup> through November 5<sup>th</sup>)

**TODAY Worship 8:00 & 10:30;** WELS Connection; Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, Teen Bible Class 9:20; Joint Reformation Service @ Peace Lutheran in Deshler, OH 4:00

**Tue** Trunk or Treat 5:30

**Wed** MWM Discover Story in church basement 10:00; Choir Practice 7:00

**Sat** Women's Ministry Progressive Meal 4:00

**SUN** **Worship 8:00 & 10:30** Communion; Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, Teen Bible Class 9:20

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

**Mon** Faculty Bible Study 3:30

**Wed** Chapel 8:20

**Thu** Board of Ed 6:30

**Fri** End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

**Sat** Sports Day @ BSLS

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**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:** *Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to glorify our Triune God as we train, strengthen and nurture ourselves and others through His Word and Sacraments, so that we are enabled by His love to live lives of faith and to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.*