





Sunday, November 10, 2024

Pentecost 25

**Theme of the Day:**

*Live Like You'll Live Forever: Live a Life of Startling Generosity*

*Congregation sings or speaks the bolded text*

**Choir Anthem "My Worth is Not in What I Own" (2<sup>nd</sup> Service)**

**695 Take My Life and Let It Be**

CW 695

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*Please stand.*

O Lord, o - pen my lips,

**and my mouth shall de - clare your praise.**

Has - ten to save me, O God;

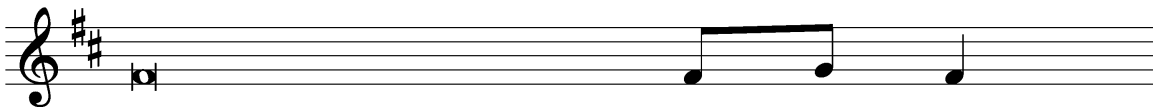
**O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.**

*General* **Jesus Christ is Lord of all:**

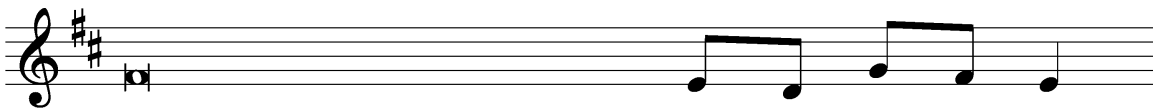
**praise and thanks to God!**

# O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

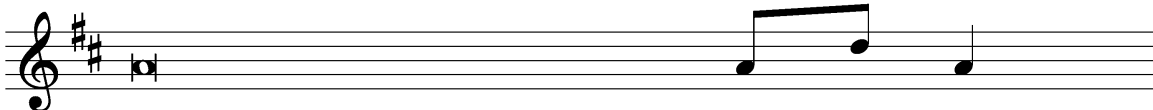
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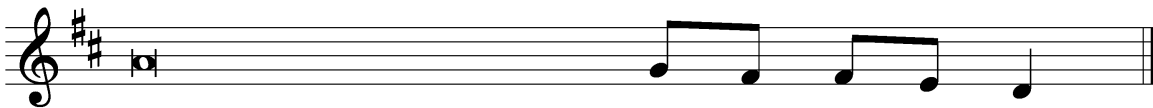
- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,  
2 For the Lord is a great God  
3 The sea is his, for he made it,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.  
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.  
3 and his hand formed the dry land.



- 1 Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,  
2 The deep places of the earth are in his hand;  
3 O come, let us worship and bow down,  
4 For he is our God,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.  
2 the heights of the hills are al - so his.  
3 let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er.  
4 and we are the people of his  
pasture and the sheep of his hand.

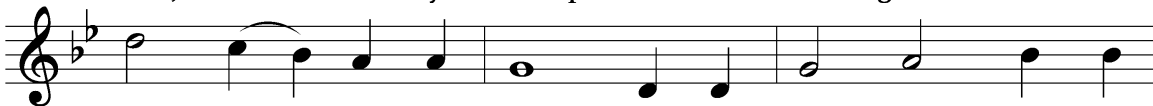
*Please be seated.*

# 93A LORD, You Rule with Royal Bearing

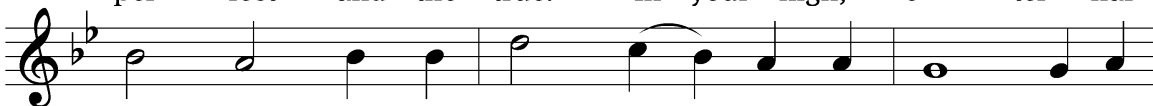
Psalm 93A



1 LORD, you rule with roy - al bear - ing, clothed in  
 2 In its ev - er - last - ing sta - tion earth is  
 3 With all tones of wa - ter blend - ing, glo - rious  
 4 LORD, the words your lips are tell - ing are the



glo - ry, love, and light: you have robed your - self ma -  
 fixed to quake no more; you have laid your throne's foun -  
 is the break - ing deep; glo - rious, beau - teous, with - out  
 per - fect and the true. In your high, e - ter - nal



jes - tic, robed your - self with pow'r and might. Al - le -  
 da - tion; you your - self are ev - er - more. Al - le -  
 end - ing, LORD, who reigns on heav'n's high steep. Al - le -  
 dwell - ing, ho - li - ness shall live with you. Al - le -



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! LORD who rules in  
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! LORD, you are for -  
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Songs of o - cean  
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! LORD, your Word is



depth and height! LORD who rules in depth and height!  
 ev - er - more. LORD, you are for - ev - er - more.  
 nev - er sleep. Songs of o - cean nev - er sleep.  
 ev - er true. LORD, your Word is ev - er true.

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## Reading

2 Corinthians 8:1–9

*The believers in Macedonia demonstrate startling generosity in collecting an offering to help fellow Christians in need.*

<sup>1</sup>And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. <sup>2</sup>In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. <sup>3</sup>For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, <sup>4</sup>they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord’s people. <sup>5</sup>And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. <sup>6</sup>So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. <sup>7</sup>But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. <sup>8</sup>I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup>For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Choir Anthem “My Worth is Not in What I Own” (1<sup>st</sup> service)

## Gospel

Mark 12:38–44

*Jesus points to a poor widow as an example of startling generosity.*

<sup>38</sup>As he taught, Jesus said, “Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup>and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. <sup>40</sup>They devour widows’ houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely.” <sup>41</sup>Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. <sup>42</sup>But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. <sup>43</sup>Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. <sup>44</sup>They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Children's Devotion: Mark 12:38-44

### 807 All Depends on Our Possessing *Men will sing verse 3 and Women will sing verse 5* CW 807

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#### Sermon

1 Kings 17:8–16

*A widow generously offers up the last bit of food she has to serve the prophet Elijah.*

<sup>8</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to him: <sup>9</sup>“Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food.” <sup>10</sup>So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, “Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?” <sup>11</sup>As she was going to get it, he called, “And bring me, please, a piece of bread.” <sup>12</sup>“As surely as the LORD your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.” <sup>13</sup>Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup>For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD sends rain on the land.’ ” <sup>15</sup>She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. <sup>16</sup>For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.

#### Sermon Theme: Just in Time: the Lord Provides

1. He know people’s needs
2. He meets them at the right time

### 752 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

CW 752

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#### 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!***

## 750 We Give Thee but Thine Own

CW 750

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The hymn will be sung as the offering plates are brought forward.

*Please stand.*

### Lord, Have Mercy

CW 213



Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and answer me.



**Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.**

### Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in you. Grant us so firmly to believe in your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**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.**



Let us praise the Lord.



**Thanks be to God.**

The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God  
 and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.  
 A - men.

## 805 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

*CW 805 sts. 1-4*

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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. Large print bulletins are available upon request, with the Hymns for the service printed in them. A Nursery with our service on TV is located off the lobby for parents who need to calm young children.

**BIG THANK YOU** to all who helped make Trunk or Treat possible this past week! Thanks to the 7th-8th graders and parents for selling food. Thanks to all who handed out candy both inside and outside. Thanks to those who brought along creative decorations. Thanks to all who helped with games and activities in the gym and outside. Thanks to everyone who made cookies and frosting. What a blessing to be able to welcome so many families to our church/school!

**JENERA FOOD DRIVE** We will be having a canned food drive for the Village of Jenera throughout the months of October & November. Please put donated items in the bins located at the South church entrance.

### **SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:**

~Christmas Decorating: Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> @ 1:00pm

~Christmas Caroling: Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00

~Christmas for Kids: Saturday, December 14- 12:30



**CHURCH ACCOUNTANT:** Trinity is looking for a church accountant. We would like to thank Don Schmehl for his many years of service as the church accountant. The church accountant makes sure the bills are paid and makes a report of it to the council. You will be compensated for your work. If you are interested in a further job description or interested in the position, please contact Dan Webb, Gordon Nessler, Pastor, or one of the elders.

**VETERANS DAY:** Trinity Lutheran School invites you to join us in the school gym on Veteran's Day, Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Veterans and guests are welcome to join us at 11:00am for a brief program, honoring and thanking veterans of all branches of our US Armed Forces for their service. Following the program, veterans, guests, and students may get to know each other better while sharing a free lunch. Veterans & Guests: Please contact the school office by Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> to let us know you plan to join us. Please join us as we say to those veterans present and veteran everywhere: "Thank you for your service!"

**MEAL FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN AND VETERANS:** There will be a meal served for the school children, veterans, and any guests on Friday, November 15. If you can help with food donations or help on the day of the meal, *please* sign up on the sheet on the sign-up table. Call or text Nicki von Stein (419-722-6254) with questions. (All are welcome to join us for the meal and program but PLEASE RSVP to the school office by next Friday, November 8 so we can have an accurate number for the meal.)

**ADVENT MEALS:** The Church Council is looking for groups to help out with the Advent Meals for Wednesday night service. The 7th & 8th graders are helping out with the meal on December 4th. We need help for December 11 and 18th. If you are interested, please sign up on the table in the entryway or email Pastor or the school office. Thank you.

**POWER POINT PRESENTER** There is an opening for 2<sup>nd</sup> service for a Power Point Presenter. Please contact Pastor Nowak if you are interested in filling in the vacancy and/or for more details.

**VOLUNTEERS** are needed to help out with **The Family Paint Night** on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Volunteer time slots are 12:30-3:00, 3:00-5:30, & 5:30-8:00. Sign up at the table if you can help out!

**REMINDER:** Women's Ministry made plates with our church's logo. There are still plates available for anyone in the congregation who would like to visit a neighbor, friend, new parent, etc., and take a "gift". Whether that would be a few cookies, some fruit, loaf of bread, chocolates, or whatever fits the occasion, feel free to take a plate to leave with them. The plates are in a basket in the windowsill near the sign-up table. Please pick one up if you have someone you want to visit and possibly invite to church! (Note: the plates should not be immersed in water, only hand wiped.)

**PROGRESSIVE MEAL:** Women's Ministry's Progressive Meal and Bible study is today-- Sunday, November 10 starting at 4:30 PM. It will begin with salad at Nicki von Stein's house. The main course will be at Annette Stuckey's house. Sue Bormuth is hosting desserts in the church basement. Each stop will include one part of a three-part Bible study from the book of Philippians entitled, "Rejoice in the Lord."

**BIBLE STUDY FOR NOVEMBER:** Apologetics: Confessing your Faith – Apologetics is narrowly defined as “defending the Christian faith by reason with gentleness and respect.” The Apostle Peter writes: “Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. 1 Peter 3:15-16 We can’t argue anyone into heaven, but we can speak about the hope that we have. This Bible Study will work with people to build up discussions about their faith and help them talk about it with other people. The Apologetics Bible Study begins September 8th between services.

**FAMILY PAINT EVENT:** Looking for something fun to do in November? Come for an afternoon of painting on Saturday, November 16 from 1:00-2:30, 3:30-5:00, or 6:00-7:30 PM. Courtney Breitigam will be giving step-by-step instructions to create a **CHRISTMAS PAINTING** on canvas. Watch Facebook for more details and the painting sample. This is a free event organized by the Outreach Committee that will take place in the school gym. This event is for both adults and children—ages preschool and up! Space is limited, so please register soon at [tlcjenera.org](http://tlcjenera.org). Click on the “Upcoming Events” icon to register. No art experience is required! Questions? Contact Jenny Boehm—262-391-7994 or the office. The first two sessions are now FULL. There are still spots left for the 6:00-7:30 session!

**LIMA FOOD BANK:** Women's Ministry is volunteering at the West Ohio Food Bank in Lima on Wednesday, November 20 from 1:00-3:00 PM. We will be packing “senior boxes” or “emergency boxes” for the Food Bank to distribute to those in need. Anyone is welcome to come help—men, women, teens! Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you are able to join us. The address is 1380 Kibby St. Lima, OH 45802. Questions? Contact Jenny Boehm 262-391-7994.

**LUTHER SOCIETY CHANGE OF PLANS:** Luther Society members we will be setting up the Thanksgiving display after second service on **November 17th instead of the 24th**. We need to take down the display **after the Thanksgiving service due** to communion on December 1st. Our shopping trip will now be on December 1st. We will leave after second service, eat lunch in Findlay, and then do shopping for our Christmas project. Mark your calendars for Dec 18th as we will be hosting the Advent meal.

**THANKSGIVING DISPLAY DONATIONS:** The Luther Society will be creating a display for Thanksgiving on **NOVEMBER 17th**. (Note the date change). Please have your items on the east counter of the church kitchen by November 17th. We will be taking down the display after the Thanksgiving day service and placing the items in the basement. Any items not picked up after church on Dec. 1st will be donated to our church and school staff.

**FALL HARVEST TIME:** Celebrate Thanksgiving and Fall at our next Mornings with Mommy on Monday, November 18 and Tuesday November 19. Bring your children/grandchildren to play with corn, leaves, pumpkins, and gourds in our sensory bins, rake leaves, pick apples, and make an apple cinnamon painting. We meet in the church basement, and the program costs \$5 per family. Register online at [tlcjenera.org](http://tlcjenera.org) or call 262-391-7994.

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY** is hosting the Advent supper on Wednesday, December 11 starting at 5:30. We will be serving soup and homemade bread. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you are able to bring food or help serve the meal. Bring food to the church basement by 5:00 PM and hot food no later than 5:30 PM.

**SAVE THE DATES:** Can you help host/plan any of these upcoming Women's Ministry events? Please contact one of the ladies on the planning committee if you can.

~December 8: Advent by Candlelight—*Advent by Candlelight (with food) will be in the church basement. We need a volunteer organize the Advent by Candlelight music & narrations.*

~January: Bunco Night—*Can anyone organize this event in the church basement? You pick the date and time!*

**THE ALPHA PREGNANCY HELP CENTER** would like to share an age-appropriate Christmas Message and a \$5 gift with all the children in the 400+ families they serve each month. There are a few ways you can help them to do this: Donate Financially, Purchase \$5 gift cards, Purchase \$5 gifts, or order gifts online and have them shipped. For more information about each way, there is a sheet with more details on the sign-up table. Contact Pastor or the office with any questions!

**THANK YOU** to all the groups who signed up for hosting an Advent Meal. If you would like to host midweek meals in the future, please let Pastor know and we can get you on the schedule for Lent. Thank you.

**Advent by Candlelight Tea:** Women are invited to attend an evening of music, fellowship, and the Word to help prepare your hearts for the Advent season on Sunday, December 8 at 6:30. Finger foods and tea will be served in the church basement. Please sign up if you plan to attend, and invite your friends and family members. This year's program is entitled, "Christmas begins with Christ" and will dig into the origins of our Christmas traditions and—through Scripture, story, and song—remind us how these traditions all point to Jesus, the light of the world. After all, he's the whole reason we celebrate. He's the good news we share with others. Because Christmas begins with CHRIST!

#### **DAILY LECTIONARY**

**11.10:** Jer 23:1-20, Matt 25:14-30

**11.11:** Jer 23:21-40, Matt 25:31-46

**11.12:** Jer 25:1-18, Matt 26:1-19

**11.13:** Jer 26:1-19, Rev 13:1-18, Matt 26:20-35

**11.14:** Jer 29:1-19, Rev 14:1-20, Matt 26:36-56

**11.15:** Jer 30:1-24, Rev 15:1-8, Matt 26:57-75

**11.16:** Jer 31:1-17,23-34, Rev 16:1-21, Matt 27:1-10

**11.17:** Jer 33:1-22, Jer 34:1-36:32, 45:1-51:64, Matt 27:11-32

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## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of November 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Total Worship Attendance: 256, Early: 145, Late: 111; Adult Bible Class: 35; Sunday School: 35; Teen Bible Class: 5; Online worship views for October 27<sup>th</sup>: 60; Mornings with Mommy: 68

**MONEY COUNTERS** for this morning through November 16<sup>th</sup> are the members of Richard Johnson's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, will be the members of James Heldman's Undershepherd group.

**GREETERS** today are: John & Janet Weihrauch – early  
John & Esther Spaeth – late

Next Sunday: Josh & Ashley Breitigam – early  
Gary & Rebecca Mitchell – late

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (November 10<sup>th</sup> through November 17<sup>th</sup>)

**TODAY Worship 8:00 & 10:30;** Adult Bible Study, Teen Bible Class, Sunday School 9:20; Women's Ministry Progressive Meal 4:30

**MON** Preschool Playtime 10:00 in school gym; Worship Committee Meeting 1:00

**TUE** Pastor Circuit Meeting 9:00; Nominating Committee 7 pm

**WED** Choir 7:30

**THU** Handbells 6:30, Stewardship Committee 7 pm

**SAT** Free Family Paint Night 1:00, 3:30, or 6:00

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

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

**Wed** Chapel 8:20

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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.*