



**Holy  
Trinity  
Lutheran  
Church**

**Our Mission:**  
To make Disciples  
by Baptizing and  
Teaching about Jesus.

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**Vespers for 22<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of Pentecost**

**OCTOBER 23, 2024**

## Opening Hymn LSB 687 Thine Forever, God of Love



- 1 Thine for - ev - er, God of love! Hear us from Thy throne a - bove;
- 2 Thine for - ev - er! Oh, how blest They who find in Thee their rest!
- 3 Thine for - ev - er, Lord of Life! Shield us through our earth - ly strife.
- 4 Thine for - ev - er! Shep-herd, keep These Thy frail and trem-bling sheep;
- 5 Thine for - ev - er! Thou our guide, All our wants by Thee sup - plied,



Thine for - ev - er may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty!  
Sav - ior, guard - ian, heav'n-ly friend, O de - fend us to the end!  
Thou, the life, the truth, the way, Guide us to the realms of day.  
Safe a - lone be - neath Thy care, Let us all Thy good-ness share.  
All our sins by Thee for-giv'n; Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n.

Text: Mary F. Maude, 1819-1913  
Tune: Justin H. Knecht, 1752-1817  
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*Please stand.*

## Vespers

LSB 229

**L** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.

*Psalm 51:15*

**L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.

*Psalm 70:1*

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**  
**Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.**

## Psalmody

### Psalm

*Psalm 146*

- L** <sup>1</sup>Praise | YAHWEH!\*
- Praise YAHWEH, | O my soul!
- <sup>2</sup>I will praise YAHWEH as long | as I live;\*
- I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.
- <sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in | princes,\*
- in a son of man, in whom there is no sal- | vation.
- <sup>4</sup>When his breath departs he returns | to the earth;\*
- on that very day his plans | perish.

<sup>5</sup>Blessèd is he whose help is the God of | Jacob,\*  
whose hope is in YAH- | WEH his God,  
<sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is | in them,\*  
who keeps faith for- | ever;  
<sup>7</sup>who executes justice for | the oppressed,\*  
who gives food to the | hungry.

YAHWEH sets the prisoners free;  
<sup>8</sup>YAHWEH opens the eyes | of the blind.\*  
YAHWEH lifts up those who are bowed down;  
YAHWEH loves the | righteous.  
<sup>9</sup>YAHWEH watches over the sojourners;  
he upholds the widow and the | fatherless,\*  
but the way of the wicked he brings to | ruin.  
<sup>10</sup>YAHWEH will reign for- | ever,\*  
your God, O Zion, to all generations. | Praise YAHWEH!

*Please be seated*

## Readings

### Old Testament Reading

*Deuteronomy 30:15–20*

**L** A reading from Deuteronomy, chapter 30.

<sup>15</sup>“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of YAHWEH your God that I command you today, by loving YAHWEH your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and YAHWEH your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup>loving YAHWEH your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that YAHWEH swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Epistle Reading

*Ephesians 2:1–10*

**L** A reading from Ephesians, chapter 2.

<sup>1</sup>And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work

in the sons of disobedience—<sup>3</sup>among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup>But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

### Gospel Reading

*John 8:21–30*

**L** A reading from John, chapter 8.

<sup>21</sup>So he said to them again, “I am going away, and you will seek me, and you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come.” <sup>22</sup>So the Jews said, “Will he kill himself, since he says, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come?’” <sup>23</sup>He said to them, “You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. <sup>24</sup>I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins.” <sup>25</sup>So they said to him, “Who are you?” Jesus said to them, “Just what I have been telling you from the beginning. <sup>26</sup>I have much to say about you and much to judge, but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him.” <sup>27</sup>They did not understand that he had been speaking to them about the Father. <sup>28</sup>So Jesus said to them, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. <sup>29</sup>And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him.” <sup>30</sup>As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Responsory

*LSB 230*

**L** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.

*Psalms 86:11*

**C** Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

*Psalms 119:105*

**L** Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.

*Psalms 86:11*

**C** Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

**L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C** Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

*Please be seated.*

## Sermon Hymn LSB 705 The Man Is Ever Blessed



1 The man is ev - er blessed Who shuns the sin - ners' ways, A -  
2 But makes the Law of God His stud - y and de - light A -  
3 He like a tree shall thrive, With wa - ters near the root; Fresh  
4 Not so the wick - ed race, They no such bless - ings find; Their



mong their coun - sels nev - er stands, Nor takes the scorn - ers' place,  
mid the la - bors of the day And watch - es of the night.  
as the leaf his name shall live, His works are heav'n - ly fruit.  
hopes shall flee like emp - ty chaff Be - fore the driv - ing wind.

- 5 How will they bear to stand                      6 He knows and He approves  
    Before the judgment seat                      The way the righteous go;  
Where all the saints at Christ's right hand      But sinners and their works shall meet  
    In full assembly meet?                          A dreadful overthrow.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.  
Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois  
Text and tune: Public domain

## Sermon

*Please stand.*

## Canticle

- L** Let my prayer rise before You as incense,  
**C** and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

## Magnificat

*LSB 231*

- C** My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;  
**I** for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.  
**II** For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.  
**I** For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;  
**II** and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.  
**I** He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
**II** He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.  
**I** He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.  
**II** He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.  
**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*Please be seated*

## Offering

# Prayer

*Please Stand.*

## Kyrie

*LSB 233  
Mark 10:47*

- C** Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13*

- 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.

## Collects

- L** O Lord, hear my prayer.
- C** And let my cry come to You.

## Collect of the Day

- L** Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## Collect

- L** Almighty and everlasting God, You desire not the death of a sinner but that all would repent and live. Hear our prayers for those outside the Church. Take away their iniquity, and turn them from their false gods to You, the living and true God. Gather them into Your holy Church to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

## Collect for Peace

- L** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to

obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benedicamus

LSB 234

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 234

**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

**C** Amen.

## 918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer



1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;  
 stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,  
 Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'er,  
 Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no  
 strong de - liv - 'er, Be Thou still my strength and  
 songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more; Feed me till I want no more.  
 shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.  
 Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.

Text: William Williams, 1717-91, abr.; (st. 1): tr. Peter Williams, 1722-96, alt.; (sts. 2-3): tr. William Williams, 1717-91

Tune: John Hughes, 1873-1932

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## PARISHSCOPE

**Welcome to our Guests and Visitors!** The congregation of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is pleased and honored to have you worship with us today. If you do not have a regular place of worship—**Welcome Home!** We would love to have you join our fellowship, and we have a gift for you. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Taylor and sign our guest book. Thank you for coming!

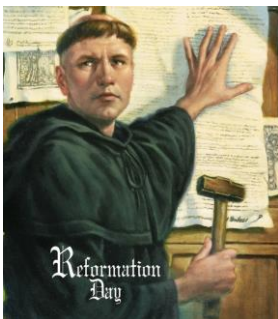
**Women's Bible Study...** will be held Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in the Family Center to study the books of Ruth and Esther. Please join us!

**Council Meeting...** will be held Thursday October 24th @ 6:00 PM in the Family Center.



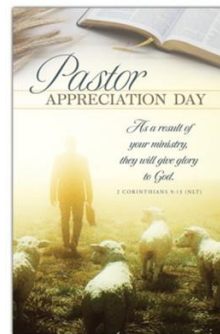
**LWML Fall Zone Rally...** will be at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Oakmont, PA on Saturday, October 26, 2024. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with a Continental Breakfast and concludes with a luncheon following the Business Meeting. Our Speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Adam C. Koontz, Pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church, speaking on ***The Urgency of the Gospel.*** *The Ingathering will be new or gently worn children's and men's clothing for the "free store" at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Hazelwood.* Please join us as we enjoy Christian fellowship, devotions, and refreshments.

There is a \$5 fee and a free will offering will be taken. We look forward to taking a carload or two of mission minded women from Holy Trinity to this rally. We will leave the parking lot of Holy Trinity at 7 AM and arrive back to the same about 4 PM. Please R.S.V.P. to Linda Sprouse: (412) 877-5783 and to Carolyn Lindenmuth in the church office 814-756-3426 so we can plan to include you.



**Reformation Sunday...** on Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup>, we will remember all the people who risked everything to reform the Christian faith, allowing us to worship God in Spirit and truth. Please wear something **red** if you can.

We will also celebrate **Pastor's Appreciation Day** with a **Coffee Fellowship** immediately after the 10 a.m. service in the Family Center. There will be a basket available to receive your cards and small gifts for Pastor and Susan Taylor. Please join us!



### LOOKING AHEAD...



**All Saint's Day...** is an occasion to remember all those who have died in the Christian faith, especially those who have died within the past year. While the dead are solemnly remembered during worship on All Saints' Sunday, the festival is, ultimately, a celebration of Christ's victory over death. Please join us in remembering our loved ones on Sunday November 3, 2024 at 10:00 am.

**Daylight Savings Time Ends...** at 2:00 a.m. Sunday, November 3. That's when we "fall back", making for more daylight in the winter mornings. Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour just before you go to bed November 2<sup>nd</sup>, and enjoy some extra rest before our Communion service at 10 a.m. It's also a good time to check those batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors, as well as any other preparations you may need to do before winter begins.