

SENDING SONG *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* (ELW 547)

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **Okay, we will. Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

THE WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS:

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Denise Arnold

Music: Jan Thompson

Coffee Hour: Harvest Fest

Flowers: Caroline Fittro

Communion Asst.: Carol Rife

Reader: Candace Kolberg

Greeter: Pat & Keith Larson

Sunday School: Jaws

Lawncare:

Next week

At Trinity – Reformation Sunday

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Caroline Fittro in memory of loved ones.

JOIN US FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 18th – Harvest Fest & Soup - games after church

Oct 22nd – “Theo of Golden” book study begins 12 pm – bring sack lunch.

Oct 25th – Reformation Sunday. Worship @ Trinity.

Oct 29th – “Theo of Golden” book study 12 pm

Nov 1st – Daylight Savings – PJ’s & Potluck.

Nov 5th – “Theo of Golden” book study continues
through Nov 19th at 12 pm – bring sack lunch.

Nov 8th – Council after service

Nov 11th – Widom Keepers 12 pm bring a sack lunch.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

21st Sunday after Pentecost

ELW Holy Communion Setting Four

Sunday, October 18, 2026



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

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 SONG *Earth and All Stars!* (ELW 731)

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.

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sustaining God,

with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

BLESSING

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of grace☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

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.**

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD’S PRAYER

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

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.

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
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.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All

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.

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.

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.

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.**

MEAL

OFFERING

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One, give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One, give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Last time

OFFERING PRAYER

God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

*Or, “he descended into hell,” another translation of this text in widespread use.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

Living and true God, you inspire us to share the message of the gospel. Give your spirit of love to seminarians and those beginning their lives in ordained ministry. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for the majesty of our oceans. Protect the abundant life within them and sustain all those who work to preserve them. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We seek your wisdom in all things. Direct all who hold positions of authority around the world, that they act with compassion, seeking the good of all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all people who work in dangerous or degrading environments. Grant them safety and courage, and heal all those who are injured, sick, or suffering. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We ask your blessing on those who do the quiet, unseen work of the church. Encourage them in their work of faith and labor of love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For what else do the people of God pray?

We thank you for our ancestors who have been called home to you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped

to subdue nations before him

and to strip kings of their robes,

to open doors before him—

and the gates shall not be closed:

² I will go before you

and level the mountains;

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze

and cut through the bars of iron;

³ I will give you the treasures of darkness

and riches hidden in secret places,

so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,

the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob and Israel my chosen,

I call you by your name;

I give you a title, though you do not know me.

⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other;

besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me,

⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun

and from the west, that there is no one besides me;

I am the LORD, and there is no other.

⁷ I form light and create darkness,

I make weal and create woe;

I the LORD do all these things.

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

PSALM: Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]

- ¹ Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- ² **Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God’s salvation from day to day.**
- ³ Declare God’s glory among the nations
and God’s wonders among all peoples.
- ⁴ **For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.**
- ⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.
- ⁶ **Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**
- ⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- ⁸ **Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**
- ⁹ Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

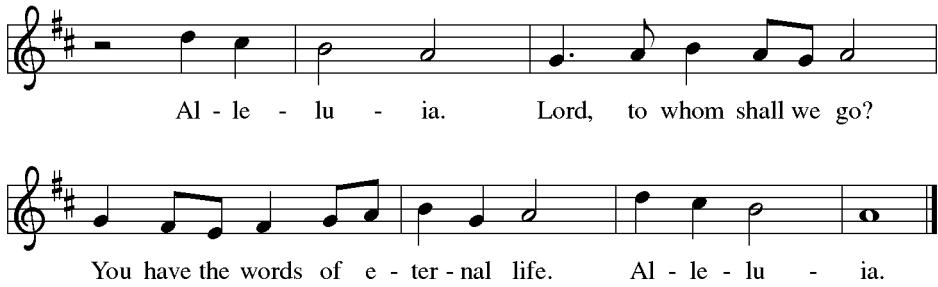
A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

- ¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace. ² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention
you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of
faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know,
brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the
gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with
full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for
your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution
you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to
all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded
forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God
has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us
what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve

a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the
dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S & COMMUNITY TIME

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their
disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are
sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no
one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it
lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are
you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.” And
they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose
title?” ²¹ They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the
things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard this,
they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY *Give to Our God Immortal Praise!* (ELW 848)