



**"FOR HE IS NOT
THE GOD OF THE DEAD
BUT OF THE LIVING."**

LUKE 20:38



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Pentecost 23

Serving Us Today

Organist: Kathy Conway

We Enter God's House and Prepare for Worship

Pre-service Meditation: Psalm 146

Pre-service Prayer:

Dear Jesus, thank You for coming to be my Savior from sin and giving me victory over death. Strengthen my faith so that I never doubt Your Word or Your power, but rather rejoice in Your life-giving truth and share it with others. Be with us and bless us in worship today. Amen.

Order of Worship (WS2000 pp. 12ff)

*When the congregation is asked to stand, please do so only if you are able.
You may remain seated if standing is difficult.*

Welcome to Worship & Opening Prayer

Hymn: 23 — Hallelujah! Let Praises Ring

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation



Confession and Absolution

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

(Worship Supplement p. 13)

Congregation (sings):

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise; Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing. We worship You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.

**Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son, You bore for us the load
of this world's sin. O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.**

**Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord, at God's right hand in
majesty most high: Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored,
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.**

P: Let us pray... (Prayer of the Day)

Congregation



God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Lesson:

1 Chronicles 29:1-20

Israel was in a transition from King David to King Solomon and there was a great project on the horizon—building the

temple! The Israelites brought their generous offerings for the building of the temple, and David led the assembly in giving thanks to the LORD God for His mercy and countless blessings.

And David the king said to all the assembly, “Solomon my son, whom alone God has chosen, is young and inexperienced, and the work is great, for the palace will not be for man but for the LORD God. So I have provided for the house of my God, so far as I was able, the gold for the things of gold, the silver for the things of silver, and the bronze for the things of bronze, the iron for the things of iron, and wood for the things of wood, besides great quantities of onyx and stones for setting, antimony, colored stones, all sorts of precious stones and marble. Moreover, in addition to all that I have provided for the holy house, I have a treasure of my own of gold and silver, and because of my devotion to the house of my God I give it to the house of my God: 3,000 talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and 7,000 talents of

refined silver, for overlaying the walls of the house, and for all the work to be done by craftsmen, gold for the things of gold and silver for the things of silver. Who then will offer willingly, consecrating himself today to the LORD?" Then the leaders of fathers' houses made their freewill offerings, as did also the leaders of the tribes, the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, and the officers over the king's work. They gave for the service of the house of God 5,000 talents and 10,000 darics of gold, 10,000 talents of silver, 18,000 talents of bronze and 100,000 talents of iron. And whoever had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the LORD, in the care of Jehiel the Gershonite. Then the people rejoiced because they had given willingly, for with a whole heart they had offered freely to the LORD. David the king also rejoiced greatly. Therefore David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: "Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name. "But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. For we are strangers before you and sojourners, as all our fathers were. Our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no abiding. O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. I know, my God, that you test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you. O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts toward you. Grant to Solomon my son a whole heart that he may keep your commandments, your testimonies, and your statutes, performing all, and that he may build the palace for which I have made provision." Then David said to all the assembly, "Bless the LORD your God." And all the assembly blessed the LORD, the God of their fathers, and bowed their heads and paid homage to the LORD and to the king.

Responsive Psalm of the Day: Psalm 146:1-3, 5, 10

Pastor: Praise the LORD!

Cong: Praise the LORD, O my soul!

P: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

C: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

P: Put not your trust in princes,

C: in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

P: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

C: whose hope is in the LORD his God,

P: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.

C: Praise the LORD!

New Testament Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5

As he concludes his letter to the Thessalonian Christians, Paul gives thanks to God and praises His faithfulness. He also urges his fellow believers to stand firm in the Word of God which they had learned and points them to their Savior.

But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word. Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and treasure it!

C (sings): Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



Confession of Faith: The Apostolic Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into Hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Hymn: 441 – We Give Thee But Thine Own

The Sermon

Text: *Luke 20:27-40*

There came to him some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. And the second and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. Afterward the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife." And Jesus said to

them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.” Then some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, you have spoken well.” For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

The Sadducees vs The Savior: The Victory belongs to Jesus and Us!

- I. The Sadducees and what they were missing
- II. The Savior and what He gives
- III. The Sadducees of today and what they need

Congregation (sings): Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold me with Your Spirit free.

Hymn: 207(1-2, 4-6) – Like the Golden Sun Ascending

Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Congregation



Hymn: 785 – Children of the Heavenly Father

Silent Prayer

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Welcome
Glad you're here!

Welcome to worship at Trinity!

Guest and Visitors, we invite you to sign our guest book. We look forward to having you worship with us again! Please speak to the members and pastor if you wish to learn more about the Gospel ministry at Trinity.



Thank-offerings may be left in the offering plate in the back of the church or mailed to the church.

This Week's Schedule

(If the Lord wills we shall do this or that)

Today

9:15 a.m. Bible Class (Words with Big Meanings: Grace)

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

11:30 a.m. Church Council & Ladies' Guild

Friday

5:00 p.m. ILC Band & Fall Musical Watch Party @ Gethsemane

Saturday (November 15)

9:15 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Greeter: Joyce Miller

News & Notes

Trinity's Calls: As announced last week, Pastor Aaron Ude returned our call to serve as pastor. We received the following letter.

Dear brothers and sisters at Trinity, Spokane,

I am writing you with a heart that has been on its knees before the Lord. After much wrestling in prayer and many sighs heavenward, I must return your call.

This was not simple. I have been pleading, "Lord, Your will...not mine." And I know you have been praying too—thank you. That was not wasted breath. Not one syllable. Our Father heard all of it.

In the end, I became certain the Lord wants me to continue my work here. I must remain where He has placed me for now.

But listen—this is not the end of the story. God's hand is not short. His plan for you is not thin. He is not pacing nervously in heaven. He already has a plan for you. He holds your future like a shepherd holds a lamb—tenderly, intentionally, without dropping.

May the Lord fill you with comfort...because He never fumbles His Church. And may the peace of Christ guard you while you wait.

In Christ Jesus our Lord, Aaron Ude

In last week's voters meeting we called retired pastor, David Fuerstenau to serve as vacancy pastor. When reached by phone to inform him of this call, he was able to inform us right away that he could not accept the call due health needs. Also in last week's meeting we extended the regular pastoral call to Pastor Tom Schuetze, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lakewood, CO. We pray for his deliberations.

Theater Watch Party: The Immanuel Lutheran High School & College (Eau Claire, WI) theater department is presenting its fall musical on Friday, November 14. It will be live-streamed and there will be a watch party at Gethsemane to which all are invited. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., the band and strings will play at 5:00 p.m., and the musical begins at 5:30 p.m. Snacks and finger-foods for yourself and/or to share are welcome. The musical, *Enchanted Sleeping Beauty*, is a musical twist on the classic tale. The king and queen of Never Nod have a new baby, Princess Briar Rose. The witch Evilina, who lives with a giant spider, sets a terrible curse on the poor young princess. Sixteen years later, it's up to Prince Alexander to come to Briar-Rose's rescue and the court's too. . . for they are all asleep! The prince must fight a Wall of Thorns, a False Princess, and, most frightening of all, the exalted Dark Knight! The zany, lovable characters and the score are as enchanting as Briar-Rose in this family favorite, suitable for all ages.



CLC News from around the Church of the Lutheran Confession

Calls: Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, has received the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI / Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ, has accepted the call to Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI / Pastor Emeritus Norman Greve

has returned the part-time call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN. / Pastor Matthew Ude of Faith Lutheran Church, Markesan, WI, is deliberating the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

From Missionary Bruce Naumann in Tanzania where there has been unrest following an election: "Yes, there was quite a stir when the "election" was held on Wednesday here. Riots, looting, etc. in major cities. Internet shut off throughout the country, until just this evening (Monday, November 3). Banks, schools, gas stations etc. closed - hopefully open tomorrow. Other than getting stopped & then waved on at military checkpoints, no adverse effects for Paula and me. I hope to get some cash from the bank tomorrow, and gas in the car. We are thankful for God's care for us and for our fellow TLC people.

Nominations for ILC Professor and President of Immanuel Lutheran College are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight November 22, 2025 (letters postmarked November 12, 2025) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; [217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087](mailto:217WindyLane@rockwalltx.com); email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.



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