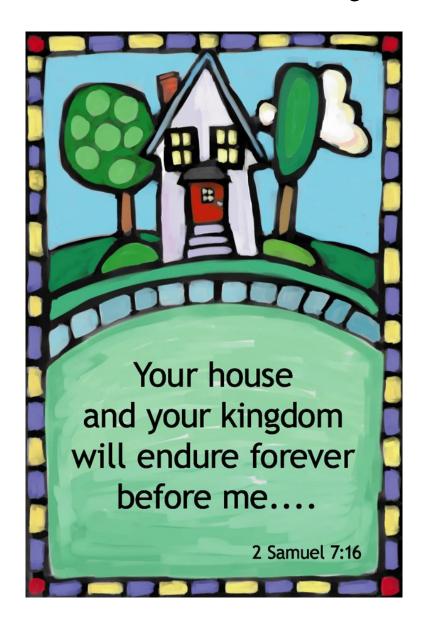
# Mission Congregation of the ELCA

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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2 Samuel 7:1-17 October 20, 2024



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#### **GATHERING**

 Prelude **Roxanne Groff** 

- Office of the Acolyte and Ringing of the Bell
- Pr Mel Musser Welcome

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

- P: Merciful God,
- C: We confess that from the beginning of time we have failed to understand your call to us. We have acted as though we are gods in our own lives. We have acted or failed to act in ways that have led to injustice and oppression. We have turned away from you and sought after other gods—possessions, people, media, and other distractions. Forgive us for all the ways in which we have failed you and our neighbors. Call us back into the abundant life of loving service that you offer us in your holy name.
- P: Beloved of God, hear these words of hope. God who created you in God's image has redeemed you in Christ Jesus, and for his sake forgives you for all the ways you have sinned and fallen short. Receive this forgiveness with joy, in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

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# \* GATHERING HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" LBW 499



- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
- 2 Here I raise my Eb en e zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise. hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home. let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love, Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God; Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove. he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood. Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

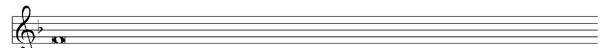
#### \* APOSTOLIC GREETING

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

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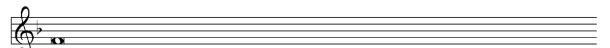


A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.





A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. 

A - men

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#### \* HYMN OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for ev er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen-dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

# \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray... God of steadfast love, just as you never left David, so you never leave us. You are always with us, and your love never fails. Remind us of this truth each and every day. In Jesus' name we pray.

#### C: Amen.

#### WORD

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#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



**Theme**: Waiting for God

Materials: Pictures of Sports Trophies, Money, Disney

World, and a New Puppy

**Scripture**: 2 Samuel 7:1-17

Hello girls and boys! I hope you all had a really great week. Are you coming to the super fun Fall Festival this afternoon? I sure hope to see you there. I'm even going to be decorating my car this year. I wish that I could win the prize for the best decorated car! Is there anything you would wish for, I I could be like a Genie and grant you any one wish? Here's some ideas for you... You might wish to be a great athlete and win one of these trophies. (SLIDE) You might wish for lots, and lots of money. (SLIDE) You might wish for a really fun vacation to Disney World. (SLIDE) Or you might wish for a very friendly new puppy. (SLIDE)

When we pray, sometimes we ask God for things. Just like when we ask our parents for some of these things I just mentioned, (SLIDE) God might say ok right away, but most of the time God says for us to wait for the things we want. Just like when we ask our parents for a new puppy, they might say you have to wait until you're old enough to take care of a puppy. You have to know how to feed them, and how to take them outside to use the bathroom. You also have to know when they are sick so you can take them to the put doctor. So you'll have to wait for that new pet.

God is like that too. Do you remember King David? He's the King who, when he was just a little boy killed the giant Goliath. He danced for God and even wrote many of the Psalms in the Bible. David decided God shouldn't live in a tent and wanted to build a special house for God. David planned to build the first Temple for God. At first that sounded like a good idea, but then God said to David it wasn't the right time for David to build the temple. Instead God promised David, one of his descendants would be the long awaited Messiah. Many years later, David's great-great-great-great... grandsons would be born who would be Jesus our Savior. I was about 1000 years between the time God promised David the Messiah would come from his family until finally when Jesus was born. That took a long, long time, but that was a promise worth waiting for!

Let's pray... Dear God, thank you for not giving us everything we ask for. Thank you for knowing the best time to shower us with your love and blessings. Help us to learn to wait for you and your timing. Amen.

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#### • A READING OF SCRIPTURE: 2 Samuel 7:1-17

R: Our scripture reading is from 2 Samuel, Chapter 7.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, <sup>2</sup>the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." <sup>3</sup>Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

<sup>4</sup>But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: <sup>5</sup>Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? <sup>6</sup>I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" 8Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; <sup>9</sup>and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup>And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup> from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. <sup>12</sup>When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup>He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. <sup>14</sup>I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings. <sup>15</sup>But I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. <sup>16</sup>Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever. <sup>17</sup>In accordance with all these words and with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

R: This is the Word of the Lord!

C: Praise to You, O Christ (Spoken)

• SERMON Pr. Mel Musser

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Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the true heir to King David's throne, Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

Last week we read about the final days of the Judges of Israel with the birth of Samuel. (SLIDE) I described how Samuel became the one to anoint both King Saul and King David. This week we skip ahead in the Biblical narrative from first Samuel to the second book of Samuel. Saul is now dead and laid to rest with his ancestors and King David is on the throne of Israel. (SLIDE) The first 6 chapters of Second Samuel consist of King David's victories in battle. He was such a success in battle, he recaptured the Ark of the Covenant held by the hated Philistines, and brought it to his headquarters town of Jerusalem. (SLIDE) That's where we pick up the story today. This is the first period of relative peace for David and the Hebrew people. With the Ark safely in Jerusalem it occurs to David God should have a permanent home. So, he consults his trusted friend and prophet Nathan. At first Nathan gives the go-ahead to begin planning the house of cedar for the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Why, no true God should have to live in a tent... (SLIDE)

Here we see another example of the old adage, "When we make plans, God laughs." David wanted to build a great edifice to commemorate Yahweh.

Scripture doesn't tell us exactly why God rejects David's plan, but God comes to Nathan in a dream and advises against it. David's son Solomon is the one who

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finally gets the go-ahead to build the first Temple in Jerusalem long after David goes to sleep with his ancestors. For now, David will have to be content with his own house and God's Tabernacle.

I said, with tongue in cheek that God laughs at our plans, but in this case, God wasn't laughing at David for wanting to build a house to honor God. God rejected David's plan because God had something much bigger and more perfect than anything built by human hands could deliver. God planned to build a house, not made of wood, stone, or even with a golden façade. God's plan was to build the Church made of living stones. Yes, a descendant of David would be used by God to inaugurate this new structure. His name was Jesus, but He wouldn't come along for another 1000 years. In the meantime David must learn patience.

Rather than discussing what kind of house God was going to build for David, today we'll consider how God's "no's" have been a blessing to you and to me. Maybe he said "no" to that job you applied for, but you ended up getting a better job. Maybe he said "no" to your prayer for a better paycheck, but instead he gave you the gift of contentment. Perhaps he said "no" to healing a loved one, but instead took that loved one home to him in heaven where no pain will ever touch them again. Rather than criticize God's "no's" to our requests, we can trust his "no's" will lead to our "Oh's!" In a perfect world, we would be able to see all the "Oh's" and be thankful for the blessings. In David's case he never got to witness,

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in this lifetime, the blessing God had in store. That has been the case with God's promises almost from the beginning. Abraham never got to see his descendants outnumber the stars in the night sky. His faith and trust in God led him to believe in the promise even though he never got to see the promise made real. The same is true for David. He heard the promise of God that his kingdom would never end, but David had to accept that greater blessing on faith, trusting in the faithfulness of God. (SLIDE)

I imagine it was pretty hard for David to accept God's "no" on building the Temple. David knew his own faults. He remembered how he committed adultery with Bathsheba and then killed her husband in order to make her his wife. David's sin was ever before him as he wrote in the Psalms. Despite all his shortcomings, David was a very successful king over Israel, but he knew he was a good king only because God made him one. He had no rights, only a great debt that he owed to God. It was David's humbleness and his repentance that made him a man after God's own heart. God rewarded David by denying him the approval to build the temple, but made a greater promise that David's lineage would rule over God's people forever and ever.

I can't guarantee every time God answers your prayers with a "no", God has some greater blessing planned for you or that you'll ever see the promise of blessing fulfilled in your lifetime. David never saw the completed Temple in his

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city, (SLIDE) and you may never see the blessing God has in store for you either. If we could see the end result of every action of God in our lives we wouldn't need to have faith nor trust in God to provide for us. The number one thing God asks of us is to trust Him for everything, that includes everything from our daily bread to even our future eternal life which only God knows.

(SLIDE) David was a great king. He was an outstanding warrior.

Likewise, you may be a creative teacher, an able troubleshooter, a straight-A student, an amazing athlete, a skilled musician, a wonderful host... but remember you are these things because what God made you. When I forget that fundamental truth, I either become proud, thinking that my accomplishments are due to my hard work, or as has happened to me in the past, I fall into despair when I hit a rough patch and question my value. (SLIDE) Just as God was with David when he was nothing more than a shepherd boy, just as he was with David when he faced Goliath, and just as God was with David while he enjoyed success as a king, God is with me and with you at all times and in every circumstance. God might not slay all your enemies, but God is always with you in times of trouble and times of abundance.

Here's another way God's promise to David has an impact on us. (SLIDE)
God said of David's son, "I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he
does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted

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by human hands. <sup>15</sup> But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you." These verses apply to both Solomon and Jesus. We can see how they would apply to Solomon who did veer from God's Word when he built a temple to a pagan god for one of his many wives and God would chastise him for that, but how can the words apply to Jesus who never sinned? Jesus never sinned, but he did face the rod of punishment and floggings inflicted by human hands. (SLIDE) Jesus endured suffering on our behalf and as our substitute. Jesus suffered and died so we would have forgiveness. He sent his Son who put himself beneath us as our servant in order to exalt us. When I was in college, I remember my biology professor telling us about the altruism of dolphins. When a school of dolphins has a sick member, some of the healthy dolphins will swim underneath the sick one in order to hold them up to the water's surface so they can breath. (SLIDE) This saves the life of the sick dolphin who might have drown if he had not been held up by the others. (SLIDE) And he gives a kiss of thanks! Likewise, Jesus dove into hell when he suffered on the cross for the purpose of pushing us up to our heavenly Father who grasped our hands and hauled us into heaven. In my analogy, did you notice none of the saving actions depended on the sick dolphin. It was all done for him. (SLIDE) Again, likewise, your salvation and mine has nothing to do with what we've done or accomplished. It has all been done for you. Those words echo all the way to our

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Communion Liturgy when we hear the very voice of God saying this is my Body and this is my blood shed for you.

May we never lose faith in the unseen or unrealized promises of God. May God grant us the faith to trust in Jesus for our life, for our blessings, and for our eternal salvation. Amen.

Silence may be kept for meditation...

#### \* APOSTLES' CREED

The Nicene Creed is said on all festivals and on Sundays in the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. The Apostles' Creed is said at other times. The Creed is omitted here if the service of Holy Baptism or another rite with a creed is used.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 to the dead.* 

#### \* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Trusting in your eternal love, we pray for all the world.

# A brief silence.

L: We pray for guidance and wisdom to always be aware of your presence and how and where you are leading us. You are with us every step of the way. Merciful God,

# C: Hear our prayer.

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L: We pray for environmental scientists and all who work tirelessly to protect the earth. Grant them strength and guidance to continue their important work as we all care for this wonderful planet you've provided for us. Merciful God,

# C: Hear our prayer.

L: We pray for leaders at all levels in both the government and private sectors. Give them the strength and wisdom to make informed decisions for the wellbeing of our communities. Help them to see the needs of all people and to lead with compassion. Merciful God,

# C: Hear our prayer.

L: We pray for those who are sick or suffering, (*especially*...) May they find comfort and healing in your loving presence. Guide the work of doctors, nurses, and all who care for them. Merciful God,

## C: Hear our prayer.

L: We pray for hope and renewal for all people. Strengthen us to overcome challenges and live into the future with hope. Help us discover new beginnings and to create a better world for all. Merciful God,

# C: Hear our prayer.

## Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: Thank you for the lives of all those who have already entered their eternal homes. Their examples remind us of your loving presence and the strength of faith. Merciful God,

# C: Hear our prayer.

P: We entrust all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, to you. In Jesus' name we pray.

#### C: Amen.

#### **MEAL**

#### OFFERING

P: As we collect our offering here in person, those worshipping with us through the internet may go to our website located at www.pitsburgtlc.org where you'll find a button labeled "Give to Trinity." You can make your offering to God through our secure website.

#### \* OFFERTORY PRAYER

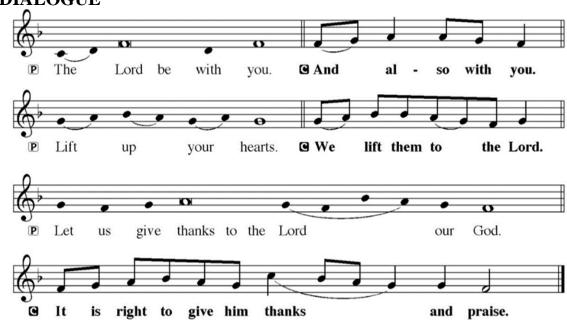
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P: Let us pray for the offerings we receive this day ...God, we offer with gratitude and joy only what you have provided to us in your mercy. Receive them as a sign that we hold you in our hearts and that we have a desire to love the world and its creatures just as you do.

# C: Amen. THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## **DIALOGUE**

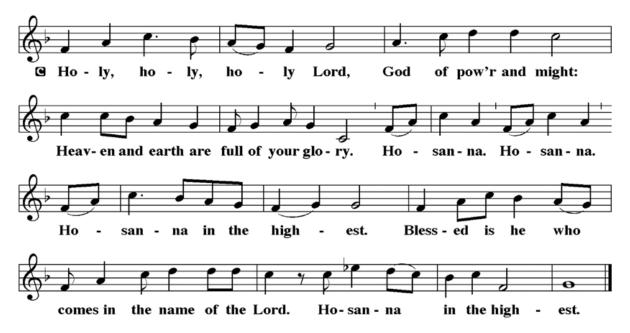


#### THE PREFACE

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

#### THE SANCTUS

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#### \* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise. When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

#### C: Amen

#### \* THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: United into one through Jesus Christ Our Lord, we pray as Jesus taught...

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

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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.

#### \* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Jesus, who is the fulfilment of God's promise to David, invites you to this holy table to share in the feast of bread and wine in his name.

#### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Communion is by "Station". Please come down the center aisle and return to your seats by the side aisles. As the ministers give the bread and wine, they may say these words to each communicant.

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

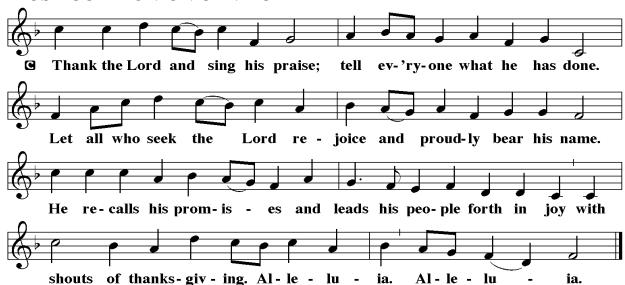
The communicant may say: Amen.

#### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The blessing is said to all after the distribution by station. It is said after each table is fed at the railing.

P: May this body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever, amen.

#### \* POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



#### \* POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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P: Let us pray... . Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### C: Amen

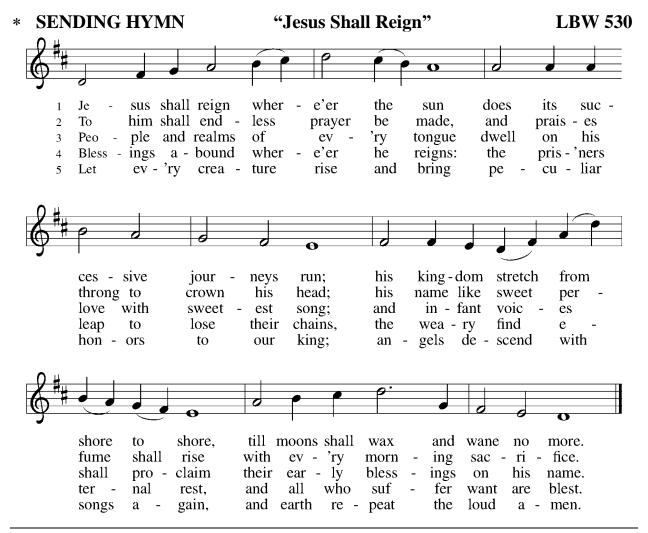
### **SENDING**

#### • ANNOUNCEMENTS

# \* SENDING BLESSING

P: God all mighty, God most merciful bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C: Amen.



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#### DISMISSAL

P: Thank you all for joining us to worship our great and gracious God! Thanks also to our Facebook and other social media viewers for joining us as well. We're glad you're with us today. Until the next time we gather together as God's people to offer our worship and praise, depart in Christ's Love.

# C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving all. Amen!

**POSTLUDE Roxanne Groff** 

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Scripture readings for next Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:27-30, 41-43

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# **Health Tips for the Week**

**BODY:** Learn coping skills.

**MIND:** Plan something to look forward to.

**SPIRIT:** Show compassion.

# <u>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</u> – This Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.



# Trinity is on the Air at FM 88.3

If you are near the Church on Sunday morning, you can tune in to FM 88.3 at 10:30 AM and hear the sermon from your car.

# This Week @ Trinity - October 20 thru October 27, 2024:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sun, Oct. 20	9:00 am	Confirmation Class
	9:30 am	Christian Conversations (Coffee/Juice & Donuts)
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	5:00 pm	Fall Festival @ Trinity & Pitsburg Church of the
		Brethren
Mon, Oct. 21	7:30 pm	Dartball at Ft. Jefferson
Tues, Oct. 22	Newsletter Deadline	
Fri, Oct. 25	3:30 pm	FISH Choice Food Pantry
Sun, Oct. 27	9:30 am	Christian Conversations (Coffee/Juice & Donuts)
	10:30 am	Worship Service – Confirmation Sunday – WEAR
		RED!
	6:00 pm	Video/Book Club "The Chosen"

# Save The Date!

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<b>January 3-5, 2025</b>	Youth Quake, Cincinnati Need Registration by Dec 5,
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# Holy Communion Delivery Available to ALL:

If you or anyone you know would like to have Holy Communion delivered to a home or place of business, please call Pastor Mel at 937-626-7100. He will bring a prefilled communion chalice including both sanctified wine and a morsel of bread all prepackaged from the Concordia True Vine company. This is a safe way to stay connected to your brothers and sisters in Christ.



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