

The 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 6, 2024

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Port Angeles, Washington



SEASON OF  
CREATION

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Please pray for the church during our time of transition.

Please note: This service is live-streamed. When you come forward for communion you may be filmed. If you have concerns, please speak with the pastor or an usher.

## THE PRELUDE

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *I Will Worship the Lord* John Rutter (b. 1945)

## THE WORDS OF WELCOME

### GATHERING

## THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**✠** God of Compassion, have mercy upon us. Heal our relationship with all creation. Forgive us for our mistreatment and neglect of the creatures who share the earth with us. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent for what we have done to harm them, and for what we have not done to help them.

Fill us with your spirit, that we may care for one another and for all creatures, according to your will and in the fullness of your love, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

**✠** **THE GATHERING SONG** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* red hymnal number 807

## THE GREETING

Blessed be the One who creates all things,  
**The Holy One's love is new every morning.**  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

The Creator be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us sing.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



*Refrain*  
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



*Refrain*  
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



*Refrain*  
God; to make all things new.

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Response: Amen.

## WORD

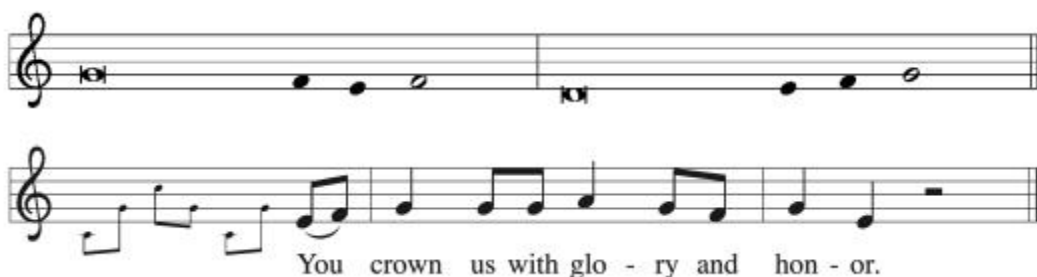
### THE FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24

<sup>18</sup>The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called Woman,  
for out of Man this one was taken."

<sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



### Psalm: Psalm 8

<sup>1</sup>O LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—  
<sup>2</sup>you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;  
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.  
<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

<sup>4</sup>what are mere mortals that you should be mind-ful of them,  
human beings that you should care for them? R

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor you crown them.

<sup>6</sup>You have made them rule over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet:

<sup>7</sup>all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup>the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

<sup>9</sup>O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! R

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>2:5</sup>Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup>But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
or mortals, that you care for them?

<sup>7</sup>You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned them with glory and honor,

<sup>8</sup>subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,

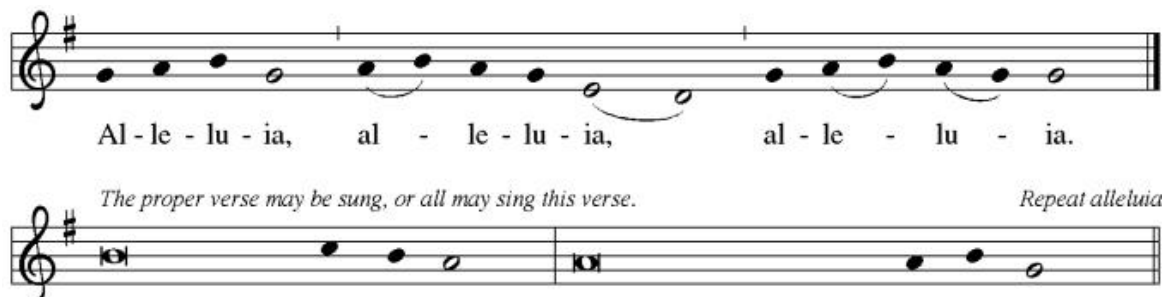
<sup>9</sup>but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*The proper verse may be sung, or all may sing this verse.* *Repeat alleluia*

*Alleluia.* If we love one another, God <sup>1</sup> lives in us\* and God's love is perfect- <sup>1</sup> ed in us. *Alleluia.* (1 John 4:12)

## THE GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16

The holy gospel according to Mark.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" <sup>3</sup>He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" <sup>4</sup>They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' <sup>7</sup>For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."


<sup>10</sup>Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

## THE SERMON: THE REV. DICK GRINSTAD

*Following the sermon, there will be a brief period of quiet. Please use this meditative time to reflect on the sermon or pray. Our musician will play quietly. Stand when you see the pastor stand to sing the hymn.*

 **THE HYMN OF THE DAY** *Wade in the Water red hymnal number 459*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe in God, holy Source of all that is. We believe in God, who has spoken the eternal Word in Jesus Christ.**

**We believe in God, ceaselessly breathing the Spirit into creation. We trust in God's love and wisdom: fully revealed in the humanity of Jesus Christ, present to us through the Spirit's working in the Church and beyond.**

**We believe that God is calling the whole creation into a future of justice and peace. We share in Christ's risen life, and commit ourselves today to receive the coming reign of God.**

**To the only God, Three yet One, be all honor and glory and praise now and for ever. Amen.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Response: God of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

**THE PEACE**

In Christ we are becoming a new creation

**We see God around us. We see God within us. We give thanks to our Creator.**

Let us show the love God has instilled within us by greeting each other as a sign of God's justice of peace, love, forgiveness and grace. The peace of Christ be with you in all things.

**And also with you.**

**MEAL**

 **THE OFFERING**

*We thank you for your gifts of time, talent and possessions given for the glory of God! If you wish to give electronically, you may do so online at our website [www.go2trinity.org](http://www.go2trinity.org), or sign up for automatic giving with the office.*

ANTHEM *Down to the River to Pray* Traditional

 THE OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise.**

...

And so, with the choirs of angels and juncos, orcas and frogs and with the church that is earth, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

...

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...

O God, Blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is the Bread of Life and the cup of salvation, given for all Creation.

**We who eat this bread and drink this cup share in Christ's Body.**

The table is prepared for all with fruits of the earth. Come, Christ meets us here.

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. All the bread is gluten-free. Both wine and grape juice are available.*

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

**SPECIAL MUSIC FOR COMMUNION** *His Name So Sweet* Jefferson Cleveland (b. 1937)

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One, you feed us with bread from heaven and the gifts of mother earth. In this communion, you have drawn us into your embrace and you call us to friendship with one another. You have given us the gift of reconciliation. Now send us forth, a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior.

May we who have tasted that gift from you, offer ourselves in peace and humility to one another and the entire natural world. **Amen.**

## SENDING

## AN ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

Gracious God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ into the world to reveal your love to all people. Enrich this couple with every good gift, that their life together may continue to show forth your love; and grant that at the last we may all celebrate with Christ the marriage feast that has no end; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## A PRAYER FOR A BIRTHDAY

O God, our times are in your hand. Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives: through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FAREWELL AND BLESSINGS FOR NOAH SMITH



## THE BLESSING

Go forth now to care for God’s world.

Use resources wisely. Share your knowledge. Sacrifice where necessary. Live in Harmony with all creation. Go out into all the world as prophets of a new way of living and preach the good news to all.

And the blessing of the Creator God, The Risen Son, and the Promised Holy Spirit bless you that you might be a blessing to others today and always. **Amen.**

**CHORAL BENEDITION** *God Has Smiled on Me* Isaiah Jones Jr. (1940-2008)

**THE SENDING SONG** *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* red hymnal number 597

## THE DISMISSAL

Tend the earth, care for God’s good Creation; as you have received freely, so give freely. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE** *March no. 1 from Pomp and Circumstance, Op. 29* Edward Elgar (1857-1938)

## WHAT’S HAPPENING?

### **Sunday, October 6, 2024**

**10:30am** Farewell to Noah

**11am** Sunday School– Room 3

**11:20am** Creation Session “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle”-Fireside Room

**1-2pm**– Pet Blessing– bandstand at the city pier

### **Monday, October 7, 2024**

**5:30-6:30pm** Confirmation –Room 1

### **Wednesday, October 9, 2024**

**4-4:45pm** Youth Choir

**7pm** Chancel Choir

### **Sunday, October 13, 2024**

**8:30am** Chancel Choir

**9:30am** Worship Service – Wear red/orange

**11am** Sunday School– Room 3

**11am** Creation Session, “Our Insect World; protecting the rare Makah copper butterfly”, CJ Urnes - Fellowship Hall

A blessing from John O'Donohue, excerpts from "In Praise of Air," taken from To Bless the Space Between Us.

*Let us bless the air  
benefactor of breath  
keeper of the fragile bridge  
we breathe across.*

*Air: vast neighborhood  
of the invisible, where thought lives,  
entering, to arise in us as our own,  
enabling us to put faces on things  
that would otherwise stay strange  
and leave us homeless here.*

*Air: source of the breath  
that enables flowers to flourish,  
and calls the dar, rooted trees  
to ascend into blossom.*

*Air: kingdom of spirit  
where our departed dwell,  
nearer to us than ever,  
where the gods preside.*

*In the name of the air,  
the breeze,  
and the wind,  
may our souls  
stay in rhythm  
with eternal  
Breath.*