



## HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 16, 2025 - 10am

### ISAIAH: A CHILD IS BORN

*God shines light in darkness.*

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<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Cortège et Litanie</i>	-Marcel Dupre
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<b>Opening Hymn</b>	<i>Jesus Shall Reign</i>	Hymn 434
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- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2 To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name like sweet perfume shall rise  
with ev'ry morning sacrifice.
- 3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.
- 4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:  
the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.
- 5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring  
peculiar honors to our king;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud amen.

### 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.**

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray, **Radiant God, We live in a world plagued by the darkness of injustice and despair. By your holy light, scatter the darkness and fill us with the hope of your promised redemption. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### Welcome and Greeting

## Gospel Acclamation *stand*



## Gospel Lesson

John 8:12-20

The gospel according to St. John, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup> Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." <sup>13</sup> Then the Pharisees said to him, "You are testifying on your own behalf; your testimony is not valid." <sup>14</sup> Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid because I know where I have come from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going." <sup>15</sup> You judge by human standards; I judge no one. <sup>16</sup> Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is valid, for it is not I alone who judge but I and the Father who sent me. <sup>17</sup> In your law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is valid. <sup>18</sup> I testify on my own behalf, and the Father who sent me testifies on my behalf." <sup>19</sup> Then they said to him, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also." <sup>20</sup> He spoke these words while he was teaching in the treasury of the temple, but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

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

## Lesson

Isaiah 9:1-7

<sup>1</sup> But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied exultation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

<sup>5</sup> For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup>For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders,  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
<sup>7</sup>Great will be his authority,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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

### **Sermon**

### **Hymn**

*When Pain of the World Surrounds Us*

Hymn 704

- 1 When pain of the world surrounds us with darkness and despair,  
when searching just confounds us with false hopes ev'rywhere,  
when lives are starved for meaning and destiny is bare,  
we are called to follow Jesus and let God's healing flow through us.
- 2 We see with fear and trembling our aching world in need,  
confessing to each other our wastefulness and greed.  
May we with steadfast caring the hungry children feed.  
We are called to follow Jesus and let God's justice flow through us.
- 3 The church is a holy vessel the living waters fill  
to nourish all the people, God's purpose to fulfill.  
May we with humble courage be open to God's will.  
We are called to follow Jesus and let God's Spirit flow through us.
- 4 We praise you for our journey and your abundant grace,  
your saving word that guided a struggling human race.  
O God, with all creation, your future we embrace.  
We are called to follow Jesus and let God's changes flow through us.

### **Apostles' 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.**

### **Ministry Announcements**

**Prayers of Intercession      Response: hear our prayer.**

## LITURGY OF THE MEAL

### Offertory

#### Keep Your Lamps

-Andre Thomas

*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
The time is drawing nigh.*

*Children, don't get weary,  
'Til your work is done.*

*Christian, journey soon be over,  
The time is drawing nigh.*

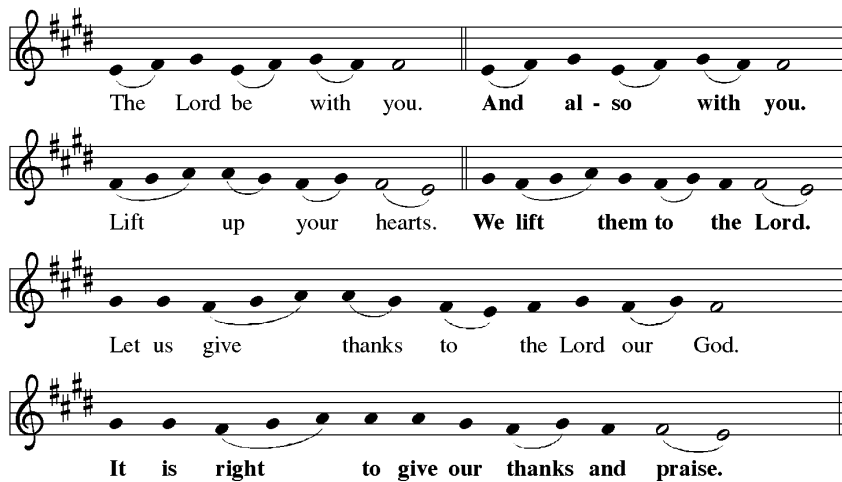
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### Offering

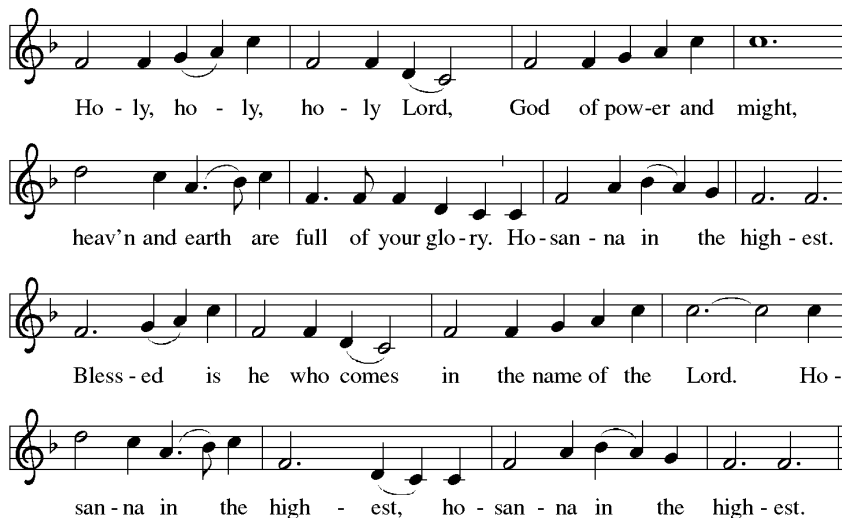
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### Great Thanksgiving



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...join their unending hymn:



Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, ... both now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## Communion

*All baptized believers of Christ as their Savior are invited to the table. Please approach the table as you are ready.  
Children are invited to receive a blessing. You may request gluten-free bread or grape juice by raising a finger to the communion server.*

## Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

*Christ, Be Our Light*

Hymn 715

- 1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

### *Refrain*

Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

- 2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

- 3 Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed. *Refrain*

- 4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone. *Refrain*

- 5 Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain*

## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. **Amen.**

## SENDING

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### Blessing

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you ☩ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever. **Amen.**

Go in peace, together in Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

### Postlude

**Chancel flowers today are given** by Schuelers in memory of Herb Snyder.

#### Liturgical Ministers

**Preacher:** Deacon Nick Bates

**Presiding Minister:** Pastor Steve Wachtman

**Minister of Music:** Joshua Brodbeck

**Director of Equipping Ministers:** Laura Hudson

**Director of Faith Formation:** Noelle Fox