



# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

June 22, 2025 - 10am

*Reaching*  
out in the Spirit

## POTTER AND THE CLAY

*We are not finished works, nor will we ever be in this life. The imagery of God as the potter and us as the clay is a promise to reshape us anew each day by God's love and grace.*

### Prelude

*Brian Johnson, guest organist*

### Opening Hymn

*God the Sculptor of the Mountains*

Hymn 736

### 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.**

### Hymn of Praise

*Thy Word is a Lamp*

Refrain

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my  
path. Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a  
light un-to my path. When I feel a-fraid, and I  
think I've lost my way, still you're there right be - side me.  
Noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.  
Please be near me to the end.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray, **You have formed us out of the dust of the earth itself. Help us to love these earthly forms, and to care for them and for one another as you do. Mold our hearts and our spirits that we might live in love and service to our neighbors out of gratitude for the gift of life you have given us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## Welcome and Greeting

### Gospel Acclamation *stand*



Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

## Gospel Lesson

John 15:1-8

The gospel according to St. John, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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

<sup>1</sup>The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: <sup>2</sup>Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words. <sup>3</sup>So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. <sup>4</sup>The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

<sup>5</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to me: <sup>6</sup>Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, <sup>8</sup>but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. <sup>9</sup>And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, <sup>10</sup>but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. <sup>11</sup>Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

## Hymn

## 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.

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## LITURGY OF THE MEAL

**Offertory & Offering**

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## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, Father..., in your holy church, 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

## Closing Hymn

*Almighty God, Thy Word is Cast*

Hymn 516

## Prayer after Communion

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.. **Amen.**

## SENDING

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## Blessing & Dismissal

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✚ give you peace. **Amen.**

Go in peace. Love everyone always. **Thanks be to God.**

**Chancel flowers today are given to by Chris and Fred Burton in celebration of their recently born grandsons: Dane Bradley Royalty and Elijah Reed Burton.**

## Liturgical Ministers

**Preacher & Presiding Minister:** Pastor Bonnie Gerber  
**Organist:** Brian Johnson

**Director of Faith Formation:** Noelle Fox