



## HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH September 28, 2025 - 10am

### GOD'S NAME IS REVEALED

*God blesses reluctant messengers and uses them to bless others.*

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#### Prelude

*Fugue in E-flat*

- J.S. Bach

#### Confession

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets  
are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we  
may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our  
Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the  
power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our  
sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us  
again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness  
of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive  
together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins  
are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ  
may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

#### Opening Hymn

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Hymn 413

- 1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

### 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.**

### Kyrie

*Refrain*



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev'-ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for  
hun-gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam-i-ly; for  
wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,



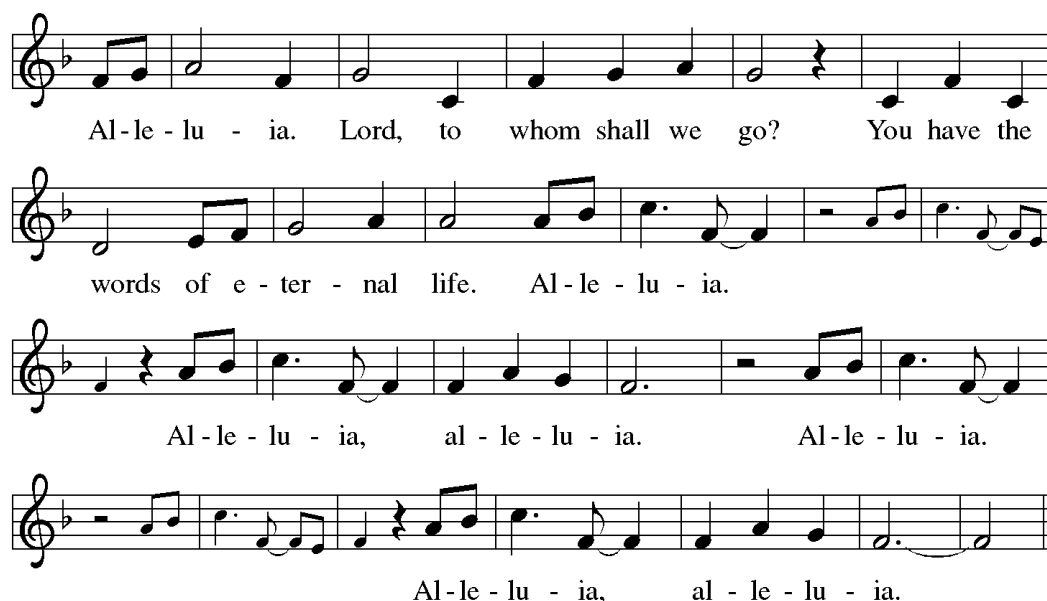
*Refrain*  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray, God of promise, you call us into your holy presence and entrust us with the work of caring for your beloved children—all of humanity and all of creation. Guide us, equip us, and inspire us to follow in your way, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

### Welcome and Greeting

## Gospel Acclamation *stand*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel Lesson

John 8:58

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

<sup>58</sup> Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, before Abraham was, I am."

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

## Lesson

Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17

<sup>23</sup> After a long time the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned under their slavery and cried out. Their cry for help rose up to God from their slavery. <sup>24</sup> God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. <sup>25</sup> God looked upon the Israelites, and God took notice of them.

<sup>1</sup> Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup> There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup> Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." <sup>4</sup> When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup> Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup> He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup> Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup> and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup> The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup> Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup> He said, "I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

<sup>13</sup> But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.' " <sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the

Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,  
and this my title for all generations.

<sup>10</sup> But Moses said to the Lord, "O my Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor even now that you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." <sup>11</sup> Then the Lord said to him, "Who gives speech to mortals? Who makes them mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord?" <sup>12</sup> Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak." <sup>13</sup> But he said, "O my Lord, please send someone else." <sup>14</sup> Then the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses, and he said, "What of your brother Aaron, the Levite? I know that he can speak well; even now he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you his heart will be glad. <sup>15</sup> You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth, and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth and will teach you what you shall do. <sup>16</sup> He indeed shall speak for you to the people; he shall serve as a mouth for you, and you shall serve as God for him. <sup>17</sup> Take in your hand this staff, with which you shall perform the signs."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

#### Hymn

*How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord*

Hymn 580

- 1     How clear is our vocation, Lord,  
      when once we heed your call  
      to live according to your word  
      and daily learn, refreshed, restored,  
      that you are Lord of all,  
      and will not let us fall.
- 2     But if, forgetful, we should find  
      your yoke is hard to bear;  
      if worldly pressures fray the mind  
      and life itself cannot unwind  
      its tangled skein of care:  
      our inward life repair.
- 3     We marvel how your saints become  
      in hindrances more sure;  
      whose joyful virtues put to shame  
      the casual way we wear your name,  
      and by our faults obscure  
      your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
- 4     In what you give us, Lord, to do,  
      together or alone,  
      in old routines or ventures new,  
      may we not cease to look to you,  
      the cross you hung upon,  
      all you endeavored done.

#### 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**

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### **Offertory**

*Here I Am, Lord*

- D. Schutte

*"I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"*

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

*"I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"*

*"I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"*

### **Offering**

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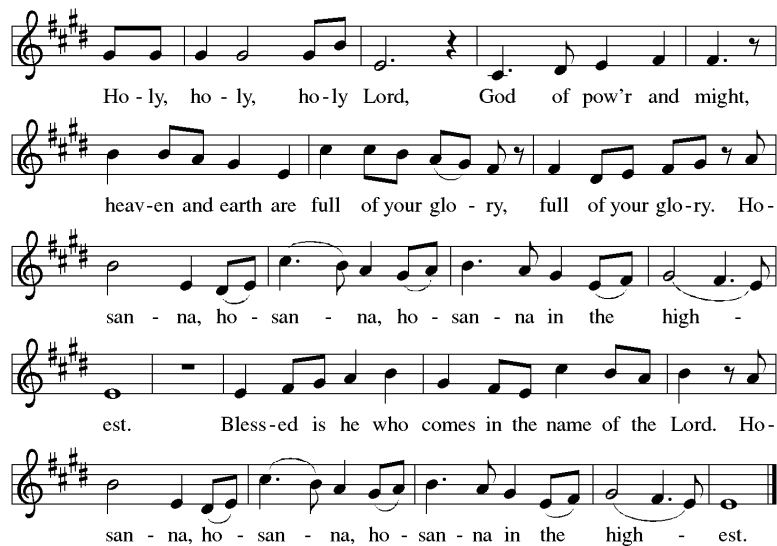
### **Great Thanksgiving**

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
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 all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy God,  
 our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,  
 you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.  
 You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,  
 and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.  
 You sent your Son to eat with sinners  
 and to become food for the world.  
 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 life given for us  
 and his rising from the grave,  
 we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.  
 By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:  
 strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,  
 and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
 Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
 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

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

## Closing Hymn

*I Am the Bread of Life*

Hymn 485

- 1 "I am the Bread of life.  
You who come to me shall not hunger,  
and who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."

## Refrain

"And I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up on the last day."

- 2 "The bread that I will give  
is my flesh for the life of the world,  
and if you eat of this bread,  
you shall live forever, you shall live forever." Refrain

- 3 "Unless you eat  
of the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink of his blood,  
and drink of his blood,  
you shall not have life within you." Refrain

- 4 "I am the resurrection,  
I am the life.  
If you believe in me,  
even though you die, you shall live forever." Refrain

- 5 Yes, Lord, I believe  
that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God,  
who have come into the world. Refrain

## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. 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

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, together in Christ. Thanks be to God!

## Postlude

**Chancel flowers today are given to the Glory of God!**

## **Liturgical Ministers**

**Preacher & Presiding Minister:** Pastor Bonnie Gerber  
**Minister of Music:** Joshua Brodbeck

**Director of Equipping Ministers:** Laura Hudson  
**Director of Faith Formation:** Noelle Fox

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