

# **TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 20, 2024**

*Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**\*GOD SIGHTINGS**

# Making Their Way

1 Mak-ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have  
 2 Mak-ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris - tians as - sem - ble  
 3 Mak-ing our way sea - son by sea-son, pil - grims, we jour - ney

heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,  
 on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,  
 till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,

Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath - ered for wor - ship, of - fer - ing thanks,  
 learn - ing to walk in Je - sus' way. Mem - bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,  
 car - ing for strang - er as for friend, till in the joy of long - ing ful - filled,

the great - est with the least have come to share this feast.  
 they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.  
 to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

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**\*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.

**Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Job 38:1-7**

*At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.*

A reading from Job:

<sup>1</sup>The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

<sup>2</sup>“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

<sup>3</sup>Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

<sup>4</sup>“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

A Word for God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b**

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul; O LORD my God, you are very great!

You are clothed with majesty and splendor.

<sup>2</sup>**You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak  
and stretch out the heavens like a tent.**

<sup>3</sup>You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above;  
you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind.

<sup>4</sup>**You make the winds your messengers  
and flames of fire your servants.**

<sup>5</sup>You set the earth upon its foundations,  
so that from now until forever it shall never be moved.

<sup>6</sup>**You covered it with the deep as with a garment;  
the waters stood above the mountains.**

<sup>7</sup>At your rebuke the waters fled,  
scattered by your voice of thunder.

<sup>8</sup>**They went up into the mountains and descended down to the valleys,  
to the place where you assigned them.**

<sup>9</sup>You set the limits that they should not pass;  
never shall they return to cover the earth again.

<sup>24</sup>**How manifold are your works, O LORD!**

**In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

<sup>35b</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul.  
Hallelujah!

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-10**

*Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.*

A reading from Hebrews:

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; <sup>3</sup>and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears,

to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

A Word for God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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## God the Sculptor of the Mountains

1 God the sculp-tor of the moun-tains, God the mill-er of the

sand, God the jewel-er of the heav-ens,

God the pot-ter of the land: you are womb of all cre-

a-tion, we are form-less; shape us now.

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**\*GOSPEL – Mark 10:35-45**

*On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will “rule” through self-giving service.*

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup>James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” <sup>38</sup>But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” <sup>39</sup>They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

<sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup>So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**SERMON**

# Creating God, Your Fingers Trace

1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de -  
 2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - t'ries  
 3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de -  
 4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - 'ly

signs of far - thest space; let sun and moon and stars and  
 known or yet un - told; let wa - ter's frag - ile blend with  
 spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing like a  
 with a bil - lion names; let ev - 'ry life be touched by

light and what lies hid - den praise your might.  
 air, en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.  
 dove, make known on earth your heal - ing love.  
 grace un - til we praise you face to face.

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## **\*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.**

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**



## For the Wholeness of the Earth



1 We lift this prayer for the whole-ness of the earth. We lift this  
 2 We turn our lives to the whole-ness of the earth. We turn our  
 3 Give thanks to God for the whole-ness of the earth. Give thanks to



prayer for the whole-ness of the earth. We lift this prayer for the  
 lives to the whole-ness of the earth. We turn our lives to the  
 God for the whole-ness of the earth. Give thanks to God for the



whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it ris - ing in you?  
 whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it spin - ning in you?  
 whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it ris - ing in you?

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*In God our longing can find rest, for we can bring all our prayers and hopes. Each prayer will end: "God of grace," You are invited to respond: **Receive our prayer.***

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

God, as we rejoice in the gift of your presence let the light of your love always shine in our hearts. Strengthen our hands to do your will that the world may rejoice and give you praise.

God of grace,

**Receive our prayer.**

God, as nature reveals its beauty and prepares us for the winter let our Spirit also be prepared for the shifts and turns that come our way. Help us to let go of any regrets or negative thoughts that may hinder our progress and may we also move with grace and faith every day.

God of grace,

**Receive our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, touch our bodies with your healing hands. Be our comfort and our strength. Let us find delight in you and the blessings of this life by being compassionate to one another, forgiving each other just as you forgive us, and letting us walk in freedom and peace.

God of grace,

**Receive our prayer.**

Holy One, we give thanks for all servant leaders of the church. Bless bishops, pastors, and lay leaders with humble wisdom and ground them in your love. We pray especially for Lebanon Lutheran Church in Whitehall and their pastor, Rev. Douglas Ogden. God of grace,

**Receive our prayer.**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

**PRAYER REFRAIN**

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

### **OFFERING**

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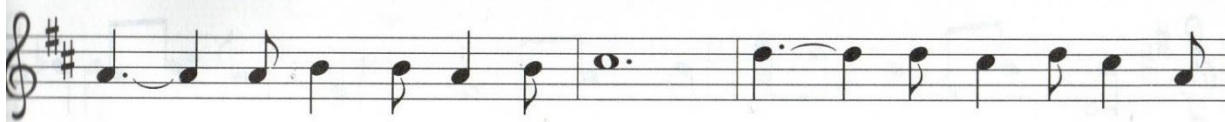
## God the Sculptor of the Mountains



3 God the dress - er of the vine - yard, God the plant - er of the



wheat, God the reap - er of the har - vest,



God the source of all we eat: you are host at ev - 'ry



ta - ble, we are hun - gry; feed us now.

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**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray:

**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 our 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:

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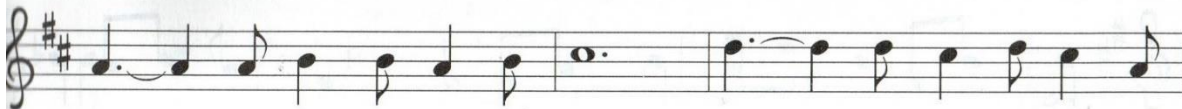
### God the Sculptor of the Mountains



4 God the un - ex-pect-ed in - fant, God the calm, de-ter-mined



youth, God the ta - ble-turn - ing proph - et,



God the re - sur-rect - ed truth: you are pres - ent ev - 'ry



mo - ment, we are search - ing; meet us now.

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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**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**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.**

### **\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

### **\*COMMUNION**

*This is God's table. All are welcome. Please take a small cup as you come forward and find a space around the altar rail. Non-alcoholic grape juice is in the prefilled glasses and there is gluten-free bread available. If you do not wish to commune, you are still invited forward for a blessing. If it is easier to remain in your seat for communion, please let the usher know and we will bring communion to you.*

### **\*TABLE BLESSING**

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

### **\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

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.**

**Amen.**

### **\*BLESSING**

God all mighty,

God most merciful

✠ bless you, keep you,

and give you peace.

**Amen.**

### **\*COMMITMENT TIME**

*As we say every Sunday, offering is about a declaration of God's abundance in a world that proclaims only scarcity. Once a year, we take intentional time to consider what our offering will be for the coming year. This is meant to be a spiritual discipline, a time of discerning what we have and what we are called to share. This year's commitment cards include space for writing a financial offering and an offering of your skills or talents, as well as what the church can offer you in new learning opportunities. As we sing our Sending Hymn, you are invited to come forward and place your pledge card in the basket in demonstration of this pledge.*

# Praise and Thanksgiving

1 Praise and thanks-giv-ing, God, we would of-fer for all things  
 2 God, bless the la-bor we bring to serve you, that with our  
 3 Fa-ther, pro-vid-ing food for your chil-dren, by Wis-dom's  
 4 Then will your bless-ing reach ev-'ry peo-ple, free-ly con-

liv-ing, you have made good: har-vest of sown fields, fruits of the  
 neigh-bor we may be fed. Sow-ing or till-ing, we would work  
 guid-ing teach us to share one with an-oth-er, so that, re-  
 fess-ing your gra-cious hand. Where you are reign-ing, no one will

or-chard, hay from the mown fields, blos-som and wood.  
 with you, har-vest-ing, mill-ing for dai-ly bread.  
 joic-ing with us, all oth-ers may know your care.  
 hun-ger; your love sus-tain-ing show-ers the land.

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**Welcome!** We believe God created all of humanity in God’s image. Since every person is made in the image of God, every person is part of God’s family. Whatever your gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, race, income, mental or physical ability, age, religious background, nationality, or political ideology, you are welcome here. Diversity of skills, gifts, talents, opinions, and experiences are what strengthen the body of Christ. “For all of you are one in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:28b).

*Our thanks to all those who give of their time, talent, and prayers for our church and God’s work in the world. Assisting with worship today:*

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**THIS WEEK AT TRINITY**  
**October 20-27, 2024**

**TODAY:** 10:30am Intent Sunday Worship | 11:30am Coffee Hour | 3:30pm Swahili Worship Service

**MONDAY:**

**TUESDAY:** 1:00pm Facebook Live Bible Chat | 7pm Council Mtg.



**WEDNESDAY:** 10:30am Bible Chat | NO 5:30pm Bible Chat | 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY:** 5pm FED Worship and meal

**FRIDAY:**

**SATURDAY:** 12pm-2pm Co-op Trunk or Treat

**NEXT SUNDAY:** 10:30am Reformation Worship (Remember to wear red) | 11:30am Coffee Hour | 3:30pm Swahili Worship Service

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8 [19-22]; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

*Prayer requests are gathered from the spoken prayer requests during worship and can also be added by calling or emailing Pastor Kjersten. Prayer requests will stay on the list for three weeks and can be renewed.*

October 13: Connie – Family of Nancy Ayers; Janelle – Rod Tungate, Tracy Barons, thanksgiving and good luck for Emily; Eileen – joy for John and Gloria for safe travels and for the safety of their home; Anderts – thanksgiving for granddaughter Malin’s birthday; Tresa – Cathy and her family at the loss of their son; Kathy Chapman; Tish.

October 6: Janelle – Rod Tungate, Tracy Barons; Tresa – Cathy and her family; Joanne – Linda, Monty; Wayne – those affected by the hurricane; Eileen – John and Gloria.

September 29: Janelle – Rod Tungate, Tracy Barons; Eileen – Cathy and Jack Spiker; Anderts – Greatnephew Colton; Wayne – all affected by Hurricane Helene.

## **SYNOD PRAYER PARTNER**

Today in worship we hold in prayer our brothers and sisters at Lebanon Lutheran Church in Whitehall and their pastor, Rev. Douglas Ogden. Learn more about their ministry at: <https://lebanonlutheranchurch.com/>.

Our prayer partner for next week is Zion Lutheran Church in Woodland. Learn more about their ministry at: <https://www.zionwoodland.org/>.