



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sunday, October 18th, 2026

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.
Creation groans from overuse.
Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.
Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.
Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.
Turn our hearts back to you.
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: You Servants of God

No. 825

You Servants of God



1 You ser-vants of God, your Mas-ter pro-claim, and pub-lish a -
2 As-cend-ed on high, al-might-y to save, yet still he is
3 Sal-va-tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -
4 Then let us a-dore and give him his right, all glo-ry and



broad his won-der-ful name; the name, all-vic-to-rious, of
nigh, his pres-ence we have. The great con-gre-ga-tion his
loud and hon-or the Son. The prais-es of Je-sus the
pow'r and wis-dom and might, all hon-or and bless-ing, with



Je-sus ex-tol; his king-dom is glo-rious and rules o-ver all!
tri-umph shall sing, as-crib-ing sal-va-tion to Je-sus, our king!
an-gels pro-claim, fall down on their fac-es, and wor-ship the Lamb.
an-gels a-bove, and thanks nev-er ceas-ing, and in-fin-ite love!

Greeting

The grace of the 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

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn of the Month: Thy Holy Wings

No. 613



Thy Holy Wings



1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,
 2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast
 3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
 where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.
 Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
 Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
 Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,



and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.
 for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
 and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

- ¹ Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
 whose right hand I have grasped
 to subdue nations before him
 and to strip kings of their robes,
 to open doors before him—
 and the gates shall not be closed:
- ² I will go before you and level the mountains;
 I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
 and cut through the bars of iron;
- ³ I will give you the treasures of darkness
 and riches hidden in secret places,
 so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
 the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
- ⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob
 and Israel my chosen,
 I call you by your name;
 I give you a title, though you do not know me.

- ⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷ I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

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

Psalm: Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]

- ¹ **Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.**
² Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.
³ **Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.**
⁴ For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.
⁵ **As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.**
⁶ Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.
⁷ **Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.**
⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.
⁹ **Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.**
¹⁰ Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the
peoples with equity."
¹¹ **Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that
is therein.**
¹² Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD,
for you come to judge the earth.
¹³ **You will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with your truth.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

The holy gospel according to Matthew,
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?”

²¹ They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children Singing & Children's Message

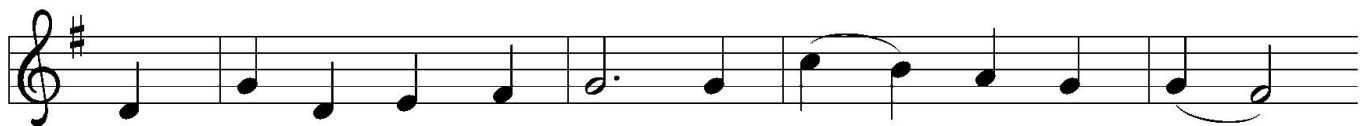
Sermon

Pastor Jen Herrmann

Hymn of the Day: We Give Thee But Thine Own

No. 686

We Give Thee but Thine Own



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

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.

Prayers of Intercession

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

Living and true God, you inspire us to share the message of the gospel. Give your spirit of love to seminarians and those beginning their lives in ordained ministry. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give you thanks for the majesty of our oceans. Protect the abundant life within them and sustain all those who work to preserve them. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We seek your wisdom in all things. Direct all who hold positions of authority around the world, that they act with compassion, seeking the good of all. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all people who work in dangerous or degrading environments. Grant them safety and courage, and heal all those who are injured, sick, or suffering. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We ask your blessing on those who do the quiet, unseen work of the church. Encourage them in their work of faith and labor of love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We thank you for our ancestors who have been called home to you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory Song: Blessed Be the Name

No. 797



Blessed Be the Name

Heri ni jina



1 *He - ri ni ji - na, he - ri ni ji - na, he - ri ni ji - na la Ye - su.*
 2 *Twe-nde kwa Ye - su, twe-nde kwa Ye - su, twe-nde kwa Ye - su mbi-ngu-ni.*
 1 Bless-ed be the name, bless-ed be the name, bless-ed be the name, Je-sus' name.
 2 Let us go to Je-sus, let us go to Je-sus, let us go to Je - sus in heav'n.



He - ri ni ji - na, he - ri ni ji - na, he - ri ni ji - na la Ye - su.
Twe-nde kwa Ye - su, twe-nde kwa Ye - su, twe-nde kwa Ye - su mbi-ngu-ni. *A-mi-ni!*
 Bless-ed be the name, bless-ed be the name, bless-ed be the name, Je-sus' name.
 Let us go to Je-sus, let us go to Je-sus, let us go to Je - sus in heav'n. *Be-lieve!*



Al - le-lu-ya, al - le-lu-ya. He - ri ni ji - na la Ye - su.
Al - le-lu-ya, al - le-lu-ya. Twe-nde kwa Ye - su mbi-ngu - ni. *A - mi - ni!*
Al - le-lu-ia, al - le-lu-ia. Bless - ed be the name, Je-sus' name.
Al - le-lu-ia, al - le-lu-ia. Let us go to Je - sus in heav'n. *Be-lieve!*



Al - le-lu-ya, al - le-lu-ya. He - ri ni ji - na la Ye - su.
Al - le-lu-ya, al - le-lu-ya. Twe-nde kwa Ye - su mbi-ngu - ni.
Al - le-lu-ia, al - le-lu-ia. Bless - ed be the name, Je-sus' name.
Al - le-lu-ia, al - le-lu-ia. Let us go to Je - sus in heav'n.

Offertory Prayer

God of creation,
 you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
 All blessings are from you;
 make us generous with what we have.
 Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
 in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
 today and always. **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.

Preface

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, Holy, Holy



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.**

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 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.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal;
among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit, in your church,
without end. **Amen.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and
the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Hymn: As the Grains of Wheat

No. 465

As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain
As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.
1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when
Refrain
may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Table Blessing

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

Prayer after Communion

Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Blessing

The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**
The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**
The God of grace
✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory

No. 705

God of Grace and God of Glory



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Dismissal.

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

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AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00...

Pastor:	Pastor Jen Herrmann
Lectors:	Guy Miller
Communion Assistant:	Sally Warner
Usher:	Roy Patterson & Sally Warner
Acolyte:	Ryan Wiedenheft

At 10:30...

Pastor:	Pastor Jen Herrmann
Communion Assistant:	Gayle Thompson
Lectors:	Mason Russell
Usher:	Ken Schenk & David Wobser
Acolyte:	Mason Russell

October Altar Care:	Barb Sessler & Bonnie Lieb
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PRAYER CONCERNS

For first responders, volunteers, and families impacted by Hurricane Isaias; FAITH members, including Patsy Troike; St. Peter, Norwalk and Pastor Adam Wutka; Safe Harbor ministry helping domestic violence victims.

Pastor Jen can be contacted at 419-822-7630 or jen.herrmann@gmail.com

Offering plates are in the entryways by the bulletins. If you forgot to leave your offering, an usher or pastor can help you find them after the service.

ATTENDANCE: October 11th: $37 + 20 = 57$

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS

General Fund: \$4,3494.77

Building Improvements: \$260.00

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dean & Rhonda Matus

THE MEMORIAL FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of our daughter Kellie's birthday on October 20th from Sally and Dave Warner.

This Week at Trinity

TODAY	Communion Service Sunday School Annual Congregation Mtg.	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:15 am 9:15 am
MONDAY	Dartball Huron @ V1	7:30 pm
WEDNESDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.) Crossroads	7:00 pm 1:00 pm
THURSDAY	Conference Mtg.	10:00 am
SATURDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.) Facility Rental	11:00 am 1:00 – 5:00 pm
SUNDAY	Service of Word & Prayer	8:00 am & 10:30 am



**FOOD
PANTRY
NEEDS**

Community Mission is seeking donations for boxes of instant mashed potatoes and jars of gravy. Trinity is partnering with Grace's Food Pantry to help build ready-to-cook Thanksgiving dinner boxes. We will collect items through **November 10th** and donations can be placed in the basket in the hallway. Thank you for helping us make Thanksgiving a little better for others.

Next **Saturday, October 24th**, is the Big Nut BBQ Benefit at the Vickery fire department from 11:00am till sold out. \$15.00 for ½ chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, cookie, roll & butter. Entertainment will be provided by Gary Mould.

