

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH READING, PENNSYLVANIA

Lectionary 28 October 12, 2025



The Healing of Ten Lepers James Tissot (1836–1902)

Tissot's reportage-style watercolor of Luke 17:11-19 captures borderlands between Galilee and Samaria—theology at the margins. In an age of stigma and public health, the lone grateful outsider reframes insider religion, while Tissot's ethnographic detail reflects 19th-century quests for historical veracity in biblical art.

# WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH FOUNDED IN 1751

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THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY as we worship God through word and sacrament in this landmark building, home to our congregation since 1791. Our liturgy is rooted in tradition; all are welcome to participate as they feel comfortable.

TRINITY IS A VIBRANT CONGREGATION with members from around Berks County and beyond. If you are interested in learning more about membership, speak with a member of our staff.



DURING WORSHIP, we pray, sing, listen, chant, read, and move our bodies. Please silence your cell phone so as not to disturb this rich experience for yourself or others.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF OUR WORSHIP is receiving the Eucharist, the true Body and Blood of Christ. All who trust that Jesus is present in this holy meal are invited to receive Him with us today. Detailed instructions for communion can be found on page 19 of the bulletin.



CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME in our worship! A changing table can be found in the all-gender restroom on the first floor. Our Meditation Room has space for nursing or a sensory break. Restrooms can be found on the first floor and are accessible by elevator. Our AED is mounted on the wall in the stairway next to the baptismal font.



WE WELCOME ALL LGBTQ+ people as full participants in our common life. We're proud to proclaim this publicly in our city and wider church as a Reconciling in Christ congregation.



Our worship is an act of offering. By being here, we present ourselves and our time to God.

WE ALSO PRESENT our tithes and monetary offerings to God. During the offertory procession, they are brought forward along with the bread and wine used for the Eucharist.

WE NO LONGER pass an offering plate in the pew. However, an offering plate for cash or checks is available in the narthex. You can also share your offering electronically using this QR code.

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 A.M. Congregational words are in bold print.

The congregational song can be found on page 18.

After the prelude, please stand in body or spirit and face the processional cross.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Silence is kept for reflection.

# TEACHING TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

The Wonders of Worship: Prelude

#### PRELUDE

How Can I Keep from Singing

Trinity Ringers

#### Sandra Eithun

#### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.** 

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your
grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and
forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were
lost and have been found.
Amen.

Even when we are faithless,
God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the
world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found.
In the name of + Jesus, your sins
are forgiven!

Amen.

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven



- 1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav en; joy ful ly your trib-ute bring. 2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
- 3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
- 4 An gels sing in ad o ra tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.





Ran-somed, healed, re-stored, for-giv-en, ev-er-more God's prais-es sing.

God be praised, the same for-ev-er, slow to chide and swift to bless.

but, as mor-tals rise and per-ish, God en-dures un-chang-ing on.

Sun and moon and all cre-a-tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al-le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!

Al -le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!

Al-le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!



Continue to follow the processional cross, turning as it passes you.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847; alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927-2005

Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL John Gross, 1800-1880 This prayer relates
to the readings
appointed for the day
and asks for God's
help in applying them
to our lives.

Please be seated.

## Apostolic Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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.** 

Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with

grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

# FIRST READING

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's 2 Kings 5:1-3; 7-15c

house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

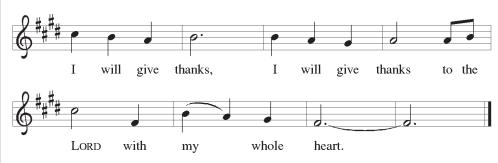
The choir introduces the refrain.

The congregation repeats the refrain and sings the refrain where indicated with the symbol R.

The choir and congregation sing alternating verses



Psalm 111





Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with | my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.

Great are your | works, O Lord, pondered by all who de- | light in them. R

Majesty and splendor | mark your deeds, and your righteousness en- | dures forever.

You cause your wonders to | be remembered; you are gracious and full | of compassion.

You give food to | those who fear you, remembering forev- | er your covenant.

You have shown your people the power | of your works in giving them the lands | of the nations R

The works of your hands are faithful- | ness and justice; all of your pre- | cepts are sure.

They stand fast forev- | er and ever,

because they are done in | truth and equity.

You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- | nant forever;

holy and awesome | is your name.

The fear of the Lord is the begin- | ning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise en- | dures forever. R

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—he cannot deny himself.

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

Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

# Please stand in body or spirit to welcome the Gospel.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





GOSPEL Luke 17:11-19

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them,

when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

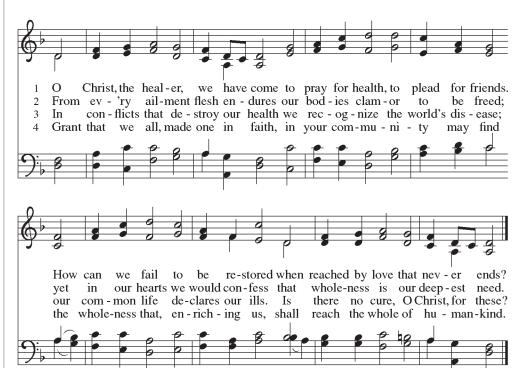
Deaconess Deborah Matern Graf

Please stand in body or spirit.

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

O Christ the Healer, We Have Come

ELW 610



Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

> Music: DISTRESS W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

> > Text: © 1969, Hope Publishing Company

# Apostles' Creed

Together, we confess the faith of the Church. 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

After a brief silence each petition concludes:

After the final petition:

God of grace, receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Please greet one another and then he seated.

The offering, bread,

and wine are

brought forward

and the altar is set.

#### PEACE

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

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OFFERTORY

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

# Trinity Choir

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands,

O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise to be glorious.

#### IN OUR PRAYERS

# In Immediate Need

- Peg Coleman
- Brenda G.
- Nancy Nagle
- Lorenzo I.

# TRINITY HOUSEHOLDS

- John & Maggie Shelly • Gabriela,
- Veronika, Travis & Klaudia Shick
- Noreen ShowalterSteven, Heidi,
  - Aubrey & Craig Silverman
  - Sandra Sittler

## Ongoing Needs

- Harry Feinauer
- Linda Motley
- Nancy Souders-
- Negri & Fred Negri
  - Walter Schur
    - Yadar
- Hildegard Pohl
- Susan TemplinDar Unger
- Noah Kaufmann
- David Strobel

- Danielle Andress
  - Carlton Palmer
- Christine Motley
- Raymond Donald Diesinger
- Frances Frezeman
  - Darryl Jeffries
  - Mary Drehs
  - Carol Batdorf
  - David Ruth

Please stand in body or spirit.

#### OFFERING PRAYER

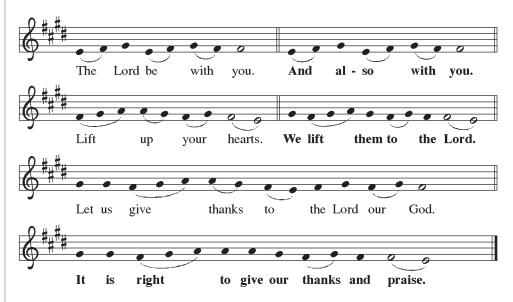
Let us pray.

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presider greets the assembly and invites all to give thanks.



#### PROPER 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;

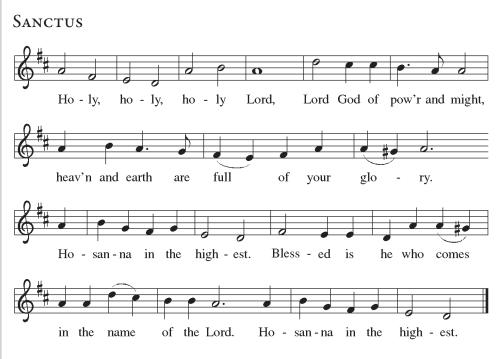
who on this day overcame death and the grave,

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:



#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

During the Words of Institution, the bread and wine are elevated for the congregation to revere and adore Christ's presence in our midst.

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 death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Silence is kept as the bread is broken.

Please be seated.

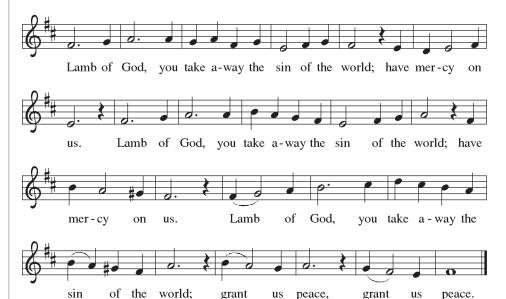
Detailed instructions for communion can be found on page 19.

#### Invitation to Communion

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.

Come to this meal of mercy.

#### LAMB OF GOD



This hymn can be found in the red hymnal (ELW).

#### Music during Distribution

God of the Sparrow

**ELW 740** 

Please stand in body or spirit.

# TABLE BLESSING

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

Amen.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants.

Send us to do good and to share our

possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

As a sign of God's blessing, you may make the sign of the cross.

#### BLESSING

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, + bless you now and forever.

Amen.

# SENDING HYMN

Printed on page 17.

Voices Raised to You

ELW 845

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

# POSTLUDE

Variations on God Is So Good

Patricia Hurlbutt

Trinity Ringers

Face the processional cross, turning as it passes you.

SENDING HYMN

Al - le - lu - ia!

Voices Raised to You



Tri - une God, to

God, cre - a - tor,

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Tri - une God, to

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Spir - it,

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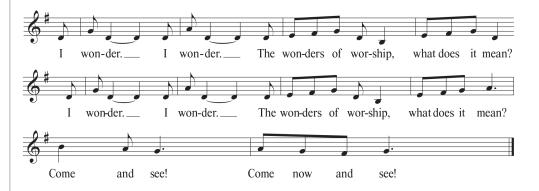
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**ELW 845** 

#### THE WONDERS OF WORSHIP



I wonder...

From October to June our Teaching Time will happen at various times and places in the liturgy. We will be using various art forms (visual imagery, music, movement, words) for praise, prayer, and proclamation that both nourishes and is nourished by children. The simple song by Ann Krentz Organ will be the signal for kids to come forward.

Trinity has been selected to participate in this pilot project of Nourishing Vocation with Children through the Lutheran Center for Faith, Values, and Community at St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN. "The Wonders of Worship" seeks to connect the Word of God with the worship of God with the world of God, thereby accompanying children in Christian congregations as they grow in their capacity to know, love, and serve God by nourishing their active engagement in, and contributions to, arts-enriched intergenerational, congregational worship and prayer.

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#### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, October 5: 77

#### STEEPLE NOTES

Steeple Notes is our bi-monthly news publication which includes news about our church community, updates on ministries and outreach programs, and articles that foster spiritual growth and connection. Print editions are usually available in the Narthex. You may also read our digital edition by scanning this QR code.

#### Communion Instructions



All who trust that Jesus Christ is present in this holy meal are invited to receive communion.

Please follow the direction of the usher; if your pew is located on one of the side aisles, walk to the rear of the sanctuary. Two lines will form in the center aisle. The left line will commune at the left side of the altar rail; the right line will commune on the right side.



When you reach the front of the sanctuary, there are serving trays located on the tables. Please choose either an empty glass to receive wine, or, if you prefer, a prefilled glass in the center ring containing grape juice. After taking your cup, proceed to the rail. Fill in around the rail from the center to the ends. You may stand or kneel as is your preference.

The pastor will give you a piece of bread; eat it when you receive it. If you prefer a gluten free alternative, please inform the pastor.



Then, an assistant will come to offer wine from a pouring chalice. Please extend your glass to be filled with wine or indicate that you have grape juice. After drinking the wine or juice, you are welcome to remain in place for a moment of meditation.

After you finish your time of reflection, please return to your pew, depositing your empty glass in the trays located on the tables at the head of the side aisles.

# LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Presiding Minister	Pr. Fred Opalinski	Ushers	Lawrence Fredericks, Andrew Smith
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Communion Assistant	Vickie Unruh	Jacir	nda, Josh, & Linda Motley, Beth Welz,
ACOLYTE	Abbie Smith		Robin Oberholtzer
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# Worship Sponsors

These offerings help to defray the cost of altar flowers and the television broadcast.

TONY, SHERRI, ALI & MEG SACCO in loving memory of Milford Saul Klahr

# SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

9:00 AM

Trinity Together Sunday Forum - Hintz Room

10:00 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP - Nave

11:15 AM

COFFEE & CONVERSATION - Hintz Room

1:00 рм

CROP HUNGER WALK Gring's Mill Recreational Area

2:00 рм

COMMON GROUND WORSHIP AND MEAL

3:00 рм

FFA: FAITH HEALER
WCR Center for the Arts

# Monday, October 13

1:00 рм

PROGRAM STAFF MEETING

7:00 PM

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** 

# Tuesday, October 14

9:30 AM

STAFF MEETING

2:15 рм

WOMEN OF TLC BIBLE STUDY - The Highlands

# Wednesday, October 15

6:30 рм

TRINITY RINGERS - Bell room

7:00 рм

TRINITY CHOIR - Bard House

# Thursday, October 16

4:00 PM

PROPERTY COMMITTEE - Bard House

7:00 рм

Worship & Music- The Highlands

# FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

10:00 ам

REFRESH BERKS SHOWER TRAILER - Parking Lot

# SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:00 AM

NEPA LLM Worship Retreat

# SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

9:00 AM

TRINITY TOGETHER SUNDAY FORUM Hintz Room

10:00 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP - Nave

11:15 AM

COFFEE & CONVERSATION - Hintz Room
MIXED ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL - Bard House

12:00 рм

FFA: Dogs in Space Puppet Show - Nave NEPA LLM Worship Retreat

2:00 PM

COMMON GROUND WORSHIP AND MEAL

#### Wonders of Worship Image

