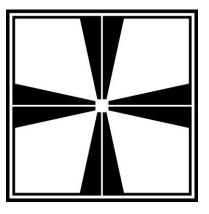
THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Trinitytide



NOVEMBER 19, 2023 LEBANON LUTHERAN CHURCH Lebanon Church, VA The congregation assembles and offers silent prayer upon entering the pews.

Announcement of the Day

We stand for the Hymn of Invocation.

Hymn of Invocation In Thee Is Gladness 1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the Blest Re - deem - er, wea - ry, 2 Do un - heed - ing, Breath - ing we pass that cross no re -3 Je - sus, burn - ing be With more fer - vent may our hearts life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior whom we love, Foun - tain in You wound-ed, bleed-ing, See Your pen - tant vow, Though we see love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed, from the world a - bove: thorn-en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us part - ed hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - rv. nev - er sin - ner's fall; Gazed up the Yet the on up on _ Your Life e - ter nal, peace, and rest; On ly what Grav - en From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side. in our You of all. ex - tend - ed, have borne the pain cross grace has taught us Calms the sin ner's deep dis - tress. the Cru - ci - fied. hearts for - ev - er, Dwell cross, the Text: Girolamo Savonarola, 1452–98; tr. Jane F. Wilde, 1826–96, alt. Tune: Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz, 1745, Basel

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THE PREPARATION

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

1 John 1:8–9

- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- **C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

[John 20:19-23]

- The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon,
 + absolution, and remission of all our sins.
- **C** Amen.

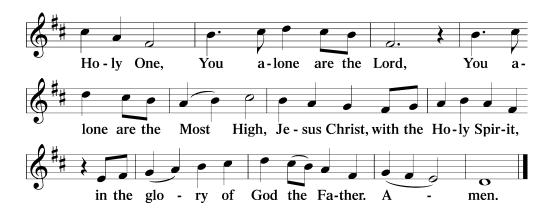
SERVICE OF THE WORD

Apostolic Greeting

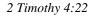
2 Corinthians 13:14

- **C** And also with you.













P Let us pray.

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of Your faithful people that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by You be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD; awake, as in days of old, the generations of long ago. Was it not you who cut Rahab in pieces, that pierced the dragon? Was it not you who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep, who made the depths of the sea a way for the redeemed to pass over? And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. "I, I am he who comforts you; who are you that you are afraid of man who dies, of the son of man who is made like grass, and have forgotten the LORD, your Maker, who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth, and you fear continually all the day because of the wrath of the oppressor, when he sets himself to destroy? And where is the wrath of the oppressor? He who is bowed down shall speedily be released; he shall not die and go down to the pit,

neither shall his bread be lacking. I am the LORD your God, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar the LORD of hosts is his name. And I have put my words in your mouth and covered you in the shadow of my hand, establishing the heavens and laying the foundations of the earth, and saying to Zion, 'You are my people.'"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 126

Antiphon: When the LORD restored the fortunes of | Zion,* we were like | those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with | laughter,* and our tongue with | shouts of joy;

then they said among the nations,

"The LORD has done great | things for them."* The LORD has done great things for us; | we are glad.

Restore our fortunes, | O LORD,* like streams in the | Negeb! Those who | sow in tears* shall reap with | shouts of joy! He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for | sowing,* shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his | sheaves with him.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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Epistle

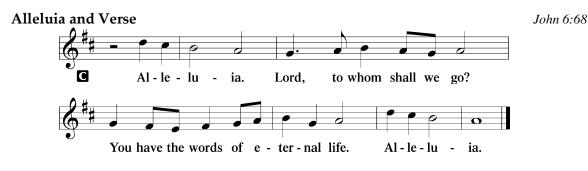
Colossians 1:9–14

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- С

Thanks be to God.

Stand



Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:18-26

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.

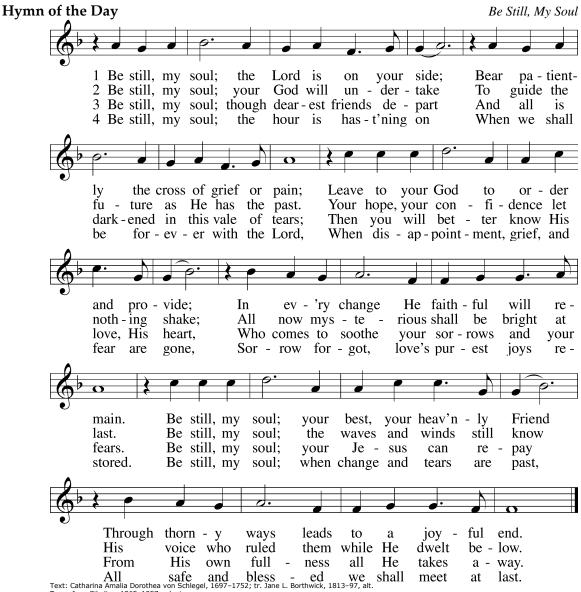


While [Jesus] was saying these things to them, behold, a ruler came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus rose and followed him, with his disciples. And behold, a woman who had suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his garment, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. And when Jesus came to the ruler's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. And the report of this went through all that district.



Sermon

Stand



Tune: Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957, adapt.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

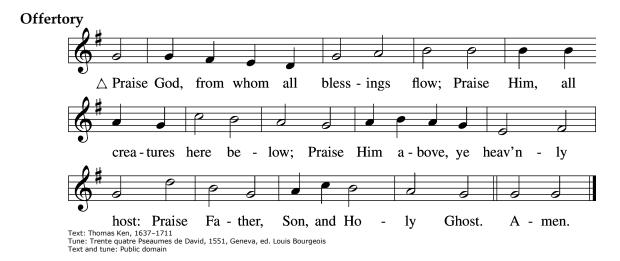
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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Baptized and repentant sinners who accept our doctrine, are not under church discipline, and who confess with us that the body and blood of the Lord are distributed and received with the bread and wine of the Sacrament are welcome to commune at this altar. Those who are not yet Baptized or who are unsure of their confession of faith may come forward for a blessing; approach the steps with arms crossed over chest to receive a blessing.

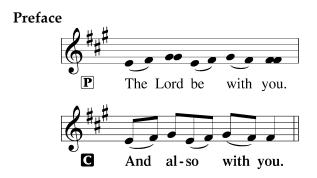
Offering

When the Offering has been received and the altar made ready, we stand for the Offertory.

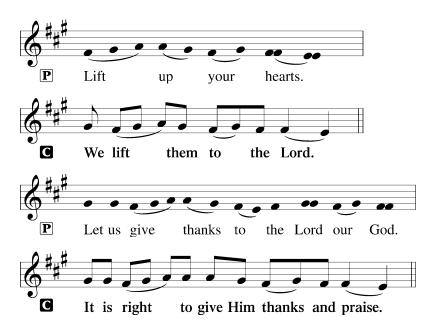


Offertory Prayer

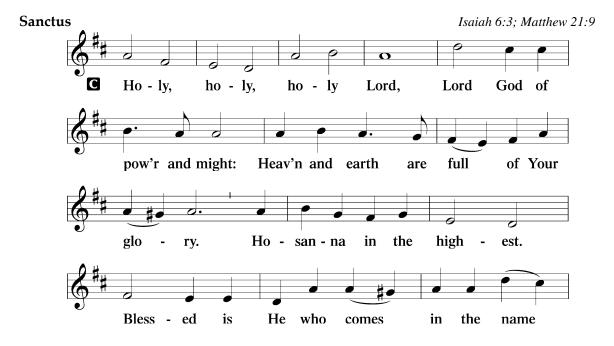
- A Merciful Father,
- C We offer with joy and thanksgiving, what You have first given us: our selves, our time, and our possessions – signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him Who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



Proper Preface





The Words of Our Lord

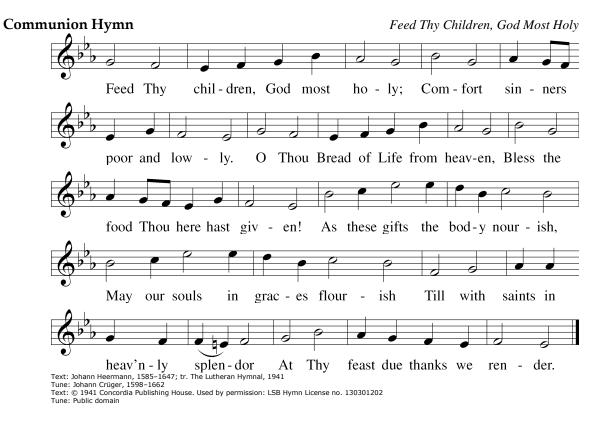
Lord's Prayer





Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who have been admitted to the Lord's Table.

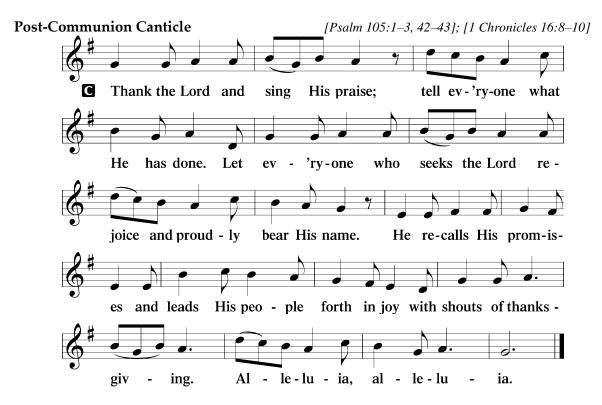


Silence for prayer for faithful reception of the Blessed Sacrament. The congregation may pray the following or other prayers at this time.

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this Your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body, and our souls washed through His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.

When all have Communed and returned to the pews, we stand for the Post-Communion Blessing.



Post-Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

> We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.









Announcements and Dismissal

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Prayer Requests

Rev. Bill White, Fran Reidy, Robert Denley, Stephanie Andre, Steve Lowe, Margaret Daley, John Marshall, Mary Artz, Ruth Rickard, Alyssa Bane, Kathryn Flynn, Roger Hockman, George and Rose Beauchesne, Steve and Shirley Foster, Robin Harris, for laborers for the Lord's Vineyard, for the Lutheran Church in the Valley, for vision for the stewardship of property, for a fulltime pianist, for the restoration of civil peace in the Ukraine and Israel.

Congregational Budget Information

Needed each week: \$3,173.71.

This Week

Monday – ZOOM Ephesians Bible Study, 10am. "Death, Dying, and the Christian Tradition" at 7pm at the church.

Tuesday – Service at The Maynard at 11am.

Wednesday – Matins at 8:15am, Confession and Absolution at 10am, Vespers at 5:30pm.

Looking Ahead

- **Care Package for Kathryn** We're planning to put together a Christmas package to send Kathryn Flynn who is stationed in Bahrain. We will have a list of items we'd like to include or monetary donations will be accepted through the end of November. See Teresa for details.
- Neighborhood Watch Meeting Tuesday, November 28 at 7pm. A presentation from the SCSO Drug Task Force on "drug trends in our area".

• Advent Wreath Making – This annual event will be held on Sunday, November 26 during the Sunday School Hour. Please bring clippers and greens to share. Wreath bases and candles will be supplied. RSVP to Carolyn Frye: 540-535-9580 or carolyndfrye@yahoo.com Thrivent Financial is providing funds for the materials.

Christmas Float Preparation – Also on Sunday the 26th. Plan to come to Jeff and Sheri's after Service to help decorate the float. Lunch will be provided.

- Christmas Parades Woodstock on December 1 (lineup 5:30pm), Strasburg on December 2 (lineup 3:30pm), Middletown on December 3 (lineup 2:00pm).
- Ladies Christmas Brunch Our annual Christmas Brunch will be held at 10 am on December 9. Thrivent Financial is providing funds for diaper bags. Guests are asked to bring a dish to share and items from the Shenandoah Pregnancy Center's WISH LIST that will be provided at a later date. If you would like to share cookies as well please do. RSVP is required: 540-535-9580 or carolyndfrye@yahoo.com
- A NEW SERVICE TIME will be added to our regular one, beginning in the Season of Advent on Sundays at 8:30am. This will be a shortened version of the Common Service, spoken, with one familiar Hymn of the Day, sung a cappella. Communion will be administered. Please contact Pastor Porter if you have any questions.



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