

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 26, 2025



PRELUDE

“Hallelujah to My King”

Brenton Brown & Paul Baloche

Verse 1

O how strong the power of Jesus' name
It is stronger than any other name
How sweet the victory that bore my shame
Took the burden of my sin away

Chorus

Hallelujah what a Savior
I owe everything to Him
Hallelujah what a Savior
Hallelujah to my King

Verse 2

O how great the kindness our God has shown
We were strangers now we're called His own
His grace has welcomed the sinner home
Tender mercies lead us to the throne

Bridge

Hallelujah
Hallelujah to my King
Hallelujah
Hallelujah to my King

Verse 3

O what peace the Spirit of Jesus brings
Through the trials He will carry me
One day in Heaven our eyes will meet
Filled with wonder all the saints will sing

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WELCOME STATEMENT

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

Chorus

On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

Verse 2

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

Verse 3

His oath His covenant His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay

Verse 4

When He shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

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GREETING

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

In a time of drought, the people pray for mercy, repenting of their sins and the sins of their ancestors. They appeal to God to remember the covenant, to show forth God's power, and to heal their land by sending life-giving rain.

A reading from Jeremiah.

Although our iniquities testify against us,
act, O Lord, for your name's sake;

our rebellions indeed are many,
and we have sinned against you.

O hope of Israel,

its savior in time of trouble,
why should you be like a stranger in the land,
like a traveler turning aside for the night?

Why should you be like someone confused,
like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?

Yet you, O Lord, are in the midst of us,
and we are called by your name;
do not forsake us!

Thus says the Lord concerning this people:

Truly they have loved to wander;
they have not restrained their feet;
therefore the Lord does not accept them;
now he will remember their iniquity
and punish their sins.

Have you completely rejected Judah?

Does your heart loathe Zion?

Why have you struck us down
so that there is no healing for us?

We look for peace but find no good,
for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.

We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord,
the iniquity of our ancestors,
for we have sinned against you.

Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;
do not dishonor your glorious throne;
remember and do not break your covenant with us.

Can any idols of the nations bring rain,
or can the heavens give showers?

Is it not you, O Lord our God?

We set our hope on you,
for it is you who do all this.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 84: 1-7

How dear to me is your dwelling,

O LORD of hosts!

**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house!

They will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

**Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

The conclusion of this letter to a young minister offers a final perspective on life from one who faced death. Though others let him down, Paul was sure of his faith in the Lord, who stood by him and lent him strength.

A reading from Second Timothy.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

(The Assembly stands.)

GOSPEL READING

Luke 18:9-14

The coming reign of God will involve unexpected reversals of fortune with judgment rooted in mercy. Jesus tells a parable in which the one who humbles himself is exalted and the one who exalts his own righteousness is humbled.

The gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Phillip Potaczek

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Living Waters (As the Deer)”

Shane and Shane

Verse 1

Are you thirsty
Are you empty
Come and drink these living waters
Tired and broken
Peace unspoken
Rest beside these living waters

Chorus

There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise to the Lord of living waters

Verse 2

Christ is calling
Find refreshing
At the cross of living waters
Lay your life down
All the old gone
Rise up in these living waters
(Chorus)

Verse 3

As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee

You alone are my strength my shield
You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee

Verse 4

Spirit moving
Mercy washing
Healing in these living waters
Lead your children
To the shoreline
Life is in these living waters
(Chorus)
(Chorus)

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM: PRESENTATION

(Those making affirmation gather with the minister at the Baptismal Font.)

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for our young siblings in the Spirit - one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

Council President/ Congregational Rep:

I present Elle McGrath who desires to make public affirmation of her baptism.

PASTOR:

Let us pray...

Merciful God, we thank you for these siblings in Christ,
whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.

You have called them to yourself,
enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit,
and nourished them in the community of faith.

Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism,
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you all to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

AFFIRMATION IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ASSEMBLY

Elle, you have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant

God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each candidate responds, one at a time:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these siblings in Christ
and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

(Blessing the candidate, the minister lays both hands on the head of the person and prays...)

Let us pray...

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit
you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in Elle

the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the gift of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence,
both now and forever.

Amen.

(Those making public affirmation stand and face the congregation)

Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

(Applause)

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Prayer"

Mary Heider, Casey McGrath & Steve Sharp

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each prayer petition, please respond: ...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.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Verse 1

What can take a dying man
And raise him up to life again
What can heal a wounded soul
What can make us white as snow
What can fill the emptiness
What can mend our brokenness
Brokenness

Chorus

Mighty awesome wonderful
Is the holy cross
Where the Lamb laid down His life
To lift us from the fall
Mighty is the power of the cross

Verse 2

What restores our faith in God
What reveals the Father’s love
What can lead the wayward home
What can melt a heart of stone
What can free the guilt ones
What can save and overcome
Overcome

Bridge

It’s a miracle to me
It’s a miracle to me
And it’s still a mystery
And it’s still a mystery
It’s a miracle to me
The power of God
For those who believe

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OFFERING PRAYER

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

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 ... And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.....to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Modern Version

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as our Savior 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.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All who wish to know the love of God in Jesus Christ are invited to Holy Communion. Inform a communion assistant if you need a gluten-free host. Grape juice is located in the center ring of the tray. If you are not receiving the sacrament today, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest for a blessing.

Verse 1

When my heart is overwhelmed
When I barely trust myself
Lead me to the rock
Higher than I

Verse 2

When the night is closing in
To remind me of my sin
Lead me to the rock
Higher than I
Lead me to the rock
Higher than I

Chorus 1

Higher than I
Higher than I
Higher than I
Higher than I
So much stronger
So much greater
So much wiser
So much higher
Higher than I
Higher than I

Verse 3

When the doubt is rising up
When it comes in like a flood
Lead me to the rock
Higher than I
Lead me to the rock
Higher than I

Bridge

Where else would I go
Who else would I run to
Where else would I go
Who else would I run to

Pre-Chorus

Lead me to the rock
Higher than I

Chorus 2

Higher than I
Higher than I
Higher than I
Higher than I
So much stronger
So much greater
So much wiser
So much higher
So much stronger
So much greater
So much wiser
So much higher
So much stronger
So much greater
So much wiser
So much higher
Higher than I
Higher than I
Higher than I
Higher than I

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.**

RECESSIONAL

“It Is Well With My Soul”

Jars of Clay

Chorus

It is well with my soul
It is well it is well with my soul
It is well with my soul
It is well it is well with my soul

Verse 1

When peace like a river
attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot You have
taught me to say
It is well it is well with my soul

Verse 2

Through the devil will ruin
through trials may come
Let this blessed assurance control
That Christ has regarded my
helpless estate
And He shed His own blood for my soul

Verse 3

My sin oh the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord praise the Lord oh my soul

Verse 4

And Lord haste the day
When my faith shall be sight
And the clouds be rolled back
as a scroll
The trump shall resound
And the Lord shall descend
Even so it is well with my soul

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SENDING

Our Eucharist has ended.
Now it must be lived.

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*****Trinity at a Glance*****

- **Welcome to our Thanksgiving Churches Challenge!**

Trinity is aiming to raise **** 700 **** cans (30 oz. ones) of **Pumpkin Pie Mix/Filling**, any brand. These cans will go to the Community Food Basket to provide **700** Thanksgiving meals to those in need. Please place cans by the Giving Tree. **Trinity has collected 151 cans so far. All cans are due by Sunday, November 2nd.**

- **December 2nd, Givebutter** (Trinity's donation platform), **will match 1% of every dollar raised** and stored in Givebutter Wallet. Funds held in TLC's Givebutter Wallet earn 2.5% APY rewards every month, so our donations keep growing. To support Trinity Lutheran Church through Givebutter use your phone's camera to scan the QR code or visit <https://givebutter.com/trinity-lutheran-church-ottawa>.



- **The 2026 calendars have arrived!** (\$20). Marj Nelson 815-973-1286 and Kate Reed 815-830-2061 have copies available in Java Junction and in the church office. **Profits go to the Growing Project.**
- **Lutheran World Relief** now distributes quilts to people in need in the United States, as well as continuing to help around the world. Helene and Milton caused many homes to be damaged or destroyed in the Southeast. Quilts were given to those affected with 43,520 quilts sent to Florida, 13,403 sent to North Carolina and 3,300 sent to Tennessee. This is a total of **60,465 quilts. Trinity Stitches are happy to have been a part of this effort!**
- For those who asked for **Terry's S'More Treats Recipe:**

Ingredients:

- 1 bag (10.5 oz) of marshmallows, 5 ½ cups
- 1 ½ cups milk chocolate chips (9oz)
- 5 tablespoons butter or margarine
- ¼ cup light corn syrup
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 box (13 oz) Golden Grahams cereal (8 cups)

. Grease a 13x19 pan with butter. Reserve 1 cup of marshmallows. In a large saucepan, melt the chocolate chips, butter, corn syrup, and remaining marshmallows over low heat. Stir until completely melted. Remove from heat. Stir in vanilla.

. Pour cereal into saucepan. Stir until coated with the melted chocolate mixture. Stir in remaining 1 cup of marshmallows.

. With buttered back of spoon, press mixture in pan. Cool at least one hour or until firm. Store loosely covered at room temperature.

- **Recent events have severely impacted people in Africa, Gaza and other places in our world.** Millions are struggling to stay alive from starvation, the loss of available medical treatment, and more. The loss of help through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has made things worse. There are a number of ways that you can help with monetary gifts. You can designate your donation on your offering envelope or through one of these websites:
 - Lutheran Disaster Response disaster@ELCA.org
 - Lutheran World Relief give.lwr.org
 - ELCA World Hunger elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/elca-world-hunger
- Please contact the Mission-Outreach Committee with any questions.

- **Lectors Needed!** Please consider signing up to be a worship lector. This is the person who does the readings and the prayer petitions. Those who have done this in the past and new readers are all welcome to sign up for this very worthwhile and fulfilling ministry. Diane emails the readings and prayers four to five days in advance. Sign-up is in the worship assistants' binder in the Java Junction area, or call the church office 815-434-0596. Contact Pastor Phil if you have any questions.

- **CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:**

- Sept Income = \$17,804.96 (Income YTD = \$178,006.79)
- Sept Expense = \$20,714.58 (Expense YTD = \$181,760.11)
- Income Less Expense = -\$2,909.62 (Income Less Expense YTD = -\$3,753.32)
- Loan Payment = \$2,943.30
- Principal Payment = \$1,000.00
- Left On Loan = \$9,187.37

- **THIS WEEK @ TRINITY:**

- **Monday (10/27):** 10a Staff meeting
10a Drum Fit (Community Room)
- **Tuesday (10/28):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
- **Wednesday (10/29)** 1p Bible Study (Community Room)
- **Thursday (10/30):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
- **Friday (10/31):** *No Sunrise Rotary*
- **Saturday (11/1):** *All Saints Day*
- **Sunday (11/2)** 9a Affirmation Class
9a Sunday Session
10a Holy Communion & Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation
Daylight Savings Time Ends

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE -

Please sign up using the binder at the back of the aisle.

<p><u>Sunday, October 26, 2025</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: Ushers: Lector: <i>Sue Williamson</i> Communion Assistants: <i>Mary Heider, Sue Williamson</i> Altar Guild: <i>Anne Lauterjung, Katrina Bromann</i> Video Tech: Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i> Altar Flowers:</p>	<p><u>Sunday, November 2, 2025</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: Ushers: Lector: <i>Amy Boyles</i> Communion Assistants: Altar Guild: <i>Jan Constantine, Becky Glaser</i> Video Tech: Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i> Altar Flowers:</p>
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