

WELCOME!

When Our Promises Fail



**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
October 18, 2026**

- * = Please stand if able**
- = Please be seated**

- Prelude by Roxanne Groff**
- Office of the Acolyte**
- Ringing of the Bell**
- Welcome**

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism...*

L: We confess our sins before God and
one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Creating and renewing God,

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

C: You have made us in your image to carry your life-giving love as a blessing to all the world. Yet we fail again and again to live out your call. We place our trust in money and possessions, in flawed people and broken relationships, in the things that cannot sustain us.

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

C: We do the things we do not want to do, and we fail to do the things we know you would have us do. Forgive us for all the ways we fall short. Open our eyes, hearts, and minds to your presence, and recreate us in your image each day, for the good of all that you have made.

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L: The God whose love outpoured caused the world to be, continues to pour this creative love on us. The God whose love outpoured in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ continues to pour this redeeming love upon us. Children of God, know that you are forgiven, and go forth refreshed and ready to answer God's call to love and serve the whole of creation. In Jesus' holy name.

C: Amen.

*** Gathering Song**
“O Jesus, I Have Promised”
LBW 503



*** “O Jesus, I Have Promised” LBW 503**

**1 O Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
remain forever near me,
my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle
if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if you will be my guide.**

*** “O Jesus, I Have Promised” LBW 503**

**2 Oh, let me feel you near me;
the world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer
to shield my soul from sin.**

*** “O Jesus, I Have Promised” LBW 503**

**3 Oh, let me hear you speaking
in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will.
Now speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
now speak and make me listen,
O Guardian of my soul.**

*** “O Jesus, I Have Promised” LBW 503**

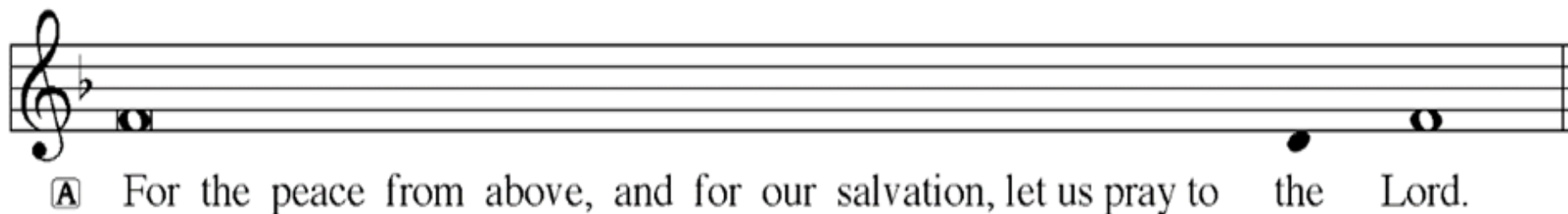
**4 O Jesus, you have promised
to all who follow you
that where you are in glory
your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
oh, give me grace to follow,
my master and my friend.**

*** APOSTOLIC GREETING**

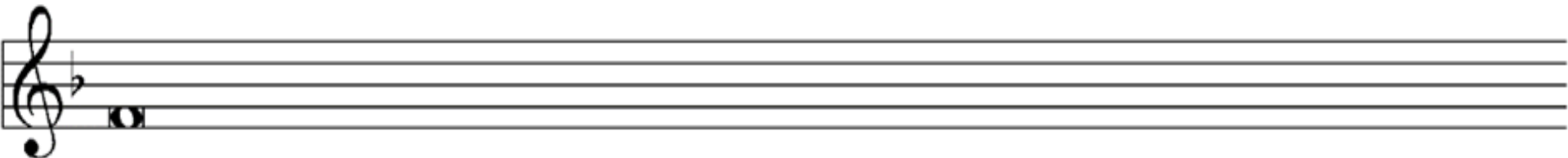
**P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

C: And also with you.

* KYRIE



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A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

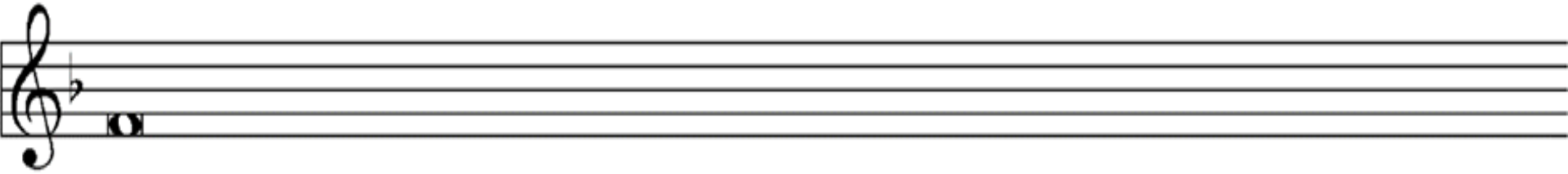


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

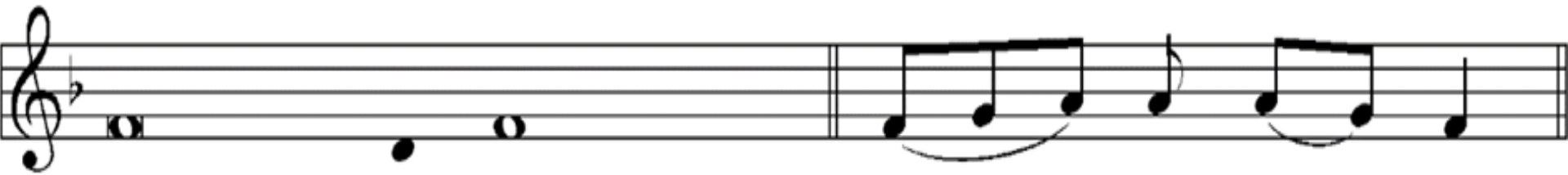


C Lord, have mer - cy.

* KYRIE



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Glory be to God in heaven;
peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation,
Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you,
we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you;
here on earth our songs we raise.**

*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Glory be to Christ forever,
Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior,
you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us;
now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive
us; in your promise firm we stand.**

*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Holy One we now acclaim you;
Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you,
God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit,
in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit,
glory be to God on high!**

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray... God of promise, renew in us each day your covenant with us—that you will be our God and we will be your people. Open our hearts to your call to be your hands and feet in the world, to love, serve, and do justice for the flourishing of all creation. Guide us in all we do and say this day and every day. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen



• **Scripture Reading**

**R: Our scripture reading is from the
Book of Joshua, Chapter 24.**

C: Glory to you O' Lord!

*** Joshua 24:1-26**

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—

*** Joshua 24:1-26**

lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. ³Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac; ⁴and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I gave Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt.

*** Joshua 24:1-26**

⁵Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt with what I did in its midst; and afterwards I brought you out. ⁶When I brought your ancestors out of Egypt, you came to the sea; and the Egyptians pursued your ancestors with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. ⁷When they cried out to the Lord, he put darkness between you

*** Joshua 24:1-26**

and the Egyptians, and made the sea come upon them and cover them; and your eyes saw what I did to Egypt. Afterwards you lived in the wilderness a long time. ⁸Then I brought you to the land of the Amorites, who lived on the other side of the Jordan; they fought with you, and I handed them over to you, and you took possession of their

*** Joshua 24:1-26**

land, and I destroyed them before you. ⁹Then King Balak son of Zippor of Moab, set out to fight against Israel. He sent and invited Balaam son of Beor to curse you, ¹⁰but I would not listen to Balaam; therefore he blessed you; so I rescued you out of his hand.

¹¹When you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho, the citizens

*** Joshua 24:1-26**

of Jericho fought against you, and also the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I handed them over to you. ¹²I sent the hornet ahead of you, which drove out before you the two kings of the Amorites; it was not by your sword or by your bow.

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¹³I gave you a land on which you had not labored, and towns that you had not built, and you live in them; you eat the fruit of vineyards and oliveyards that you did not plant. ¹⁴“Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and

*** Joshua 24:1-26**

serve the Lord. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far

*** Joshua 24:1-26**

be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the Lord

*** Joshua 24:1-26**

**drove out before us all the peoples,
the Amorites who lived in the land.**

**Therefore we also will serve the
Lord, for he is our God.” ¹⁹But**

**Joshua said to the people, “You
cannot serve the Lord, for he is a
holy God. He is a jealous God; he
will not forgive your transgressions
or your sins. ²⁰If you forsake the
Lord and serve foreign gods, then**

*** Joshua 24:1-26**

he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” ²¹And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the Lord!” ²²Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” ²³He said, “Then put away the foreign

*** Joshua 24:1-26**

gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.”²⁴ The people said to Joshua, “The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.”

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²⁵So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem. ²⁶Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God; and he took a large stone, and set it up there under the oak in the sanctuary of the Lord.

- **Joshua 24:1-26**

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ

Sermon

When Our Promises Fail



Sermon

Gifts Before Promises



Sermon

Faith Handed Down



Sermon

You Cannot Serve the Lord



Sermon

He Gives Himself



Sermon

Given for You



Sermon

Sent to Serve



Sermon

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Given for You



Sent to Serve



Our Life of Repentance

*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

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

*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

C: 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.

*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

C: 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.

*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

C: 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

L: Confident that our Creator God listens and answers prayer, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

* PRAYERS

Each petition will end with the words,

A: God of mercy and grace,

C: We lift our prayers to you.

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayer concludes...

P: God who created all that is, we place all for whom we pray, both aloud and in the silence of our hearts, into your loving arms.

C: Amen.

- **OFFERING/OFFERING PRAYER**

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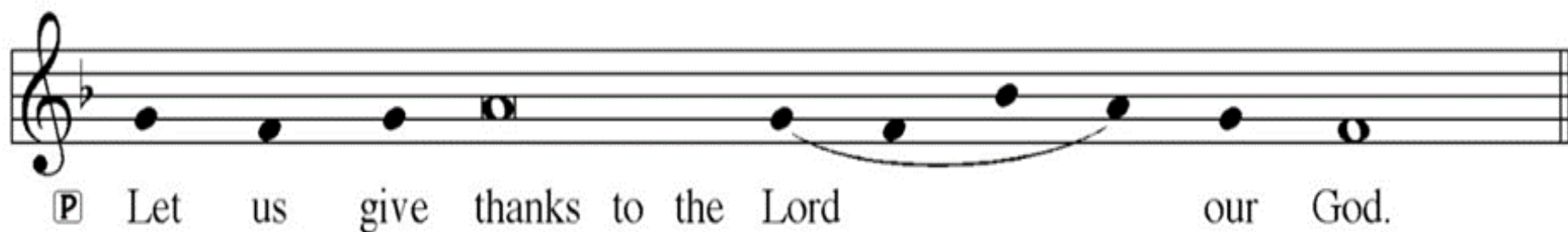
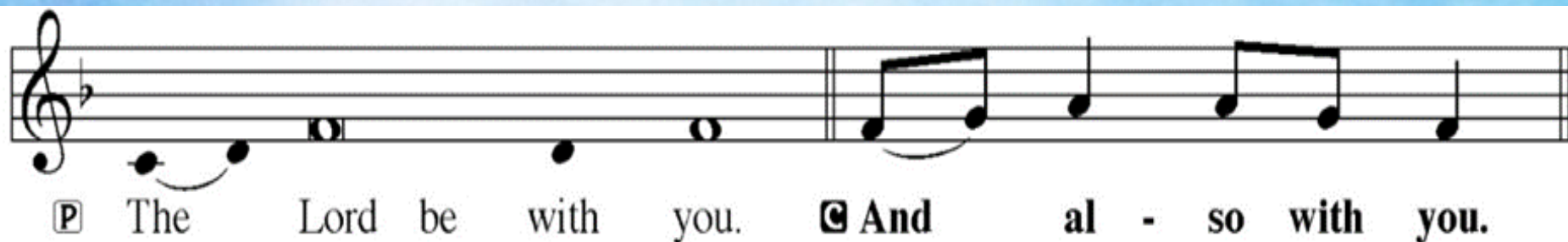


* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Communion is “Continuous-By Station”.

*All the Baptized are welcome to
celebrate this Holy Meal.*

* DIALOGUE



*** THE PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right and salutary...

**... we praise your name and
join their unending hymn.**

* THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho - san-na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

*** EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P: Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer...

...Both now and forever.

C: Amen.

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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.**

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: For thine is the kingdom, and
the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

*** INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: The God of the covenant invites you to this table of promises kept, where Jesus meets us in bread and wine and strengthens us for our new life in him. Come and be fed, for all is prepared for you.

- **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

All may commune “Continuously, By Station”. The bread may be broken for distribution. As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say these words :

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: **Amen.**

*** POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: May this Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep, and unite us, ✝ now and forever.

C: Amen.

* POST COMMUNION CANTACLE



☪ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.

* POST COMMUNION CANTACLE



He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

*** POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray... 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.

C: Amen

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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* SENDING BLESSING

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* SENDING SONG

**“We Give Thee but Thine Own”
LBW 410**



*** “We Give Thee but Thine Own”
LBW 410**

- 1 We give thee but thine own,
whate’er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.**
- 2 May we thy bounties thus
as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our firstfruits give.**

*** “We Give Thee but Thine Own”
LBW 410**

- 3 Hearts still are bruised and dead,
and homes are bare and cold,
and lambs for whom
the Shepherd bled
are straying from the fold.**
- 4 To comfort and to bless,
to find a balm for woe,
to tend those lost in loneliness,
is angels’ work below.**

*** “We Give Thee but Thine Own”
LBW 410**

**5 The captive to release,
the lost to God to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace
it is a Christlike thing.**

**6 And we believe thy word,
though dim our faith may be:
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,
we do it unto thee.**

*** DISMISSAL**

P: Depart in Christ's Love.

**C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving
all. Amen!**

POSTLUDE

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