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**Luke, Evangelist**

**October 17 & 18, 2026**

# Welcome to Worship!

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The **worship bulletin** is intended to help guide us through our worship. Sections in **bold** print are for congregation response. Throughout the bulletin you will note two symbols that denote when the congregation is invited to stand (▲) or be seated (▼) as your body allows. **Large print copies** of our worship service and **wireless sound enhancers** are available.

We believe our risen Lord Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine of **Holy Communion** and we extend our Lord's invitation to all who are baptized to share in this meal.



## Luke, Evangelist

**October 17 & 18, 2026**

Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 8:15am (Broadcast, 98.7FM, 107.5FM, 1480AM, 910AM;  
Livestream @www.trinitylatrobe.com), Sunday 10:45am

## Service of Holy Communion

(ELW Setting 4)

From the visit of Mary to Elizabeth's house; through the visits of Jesus to Zacchaeus's house, Mary and Martha's house, and Levi's house; to the visit of the risen Christ to Cleopas's house, Luke's gospel is a story of God's hospitality. God is guest and host, and Jesus' meal fellowship is a proclamation of God's inner circle of outsiders, a gathering not of the righteous but of those who have received God's mercy.

*The prelude is a signal to end our conversation and  
prepare our hearts and minds for worship.*

## Temple Talk

"We've Come This Far By Faith"

**ELW #633**

(Assembly please sing refrain)

## Prelude and Silent Prayer

**10:45am**

"Make Me a Servant"

Willard

Youth Choir

## Welcome and Announcements

*(at the end of the bell peal, please stand as your body allows)*

## GATHERING

**The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.**

### ▲ Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 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 and self-examination)*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

▲ Gathering Hymn     *(please follow the cross in procession)*

“How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

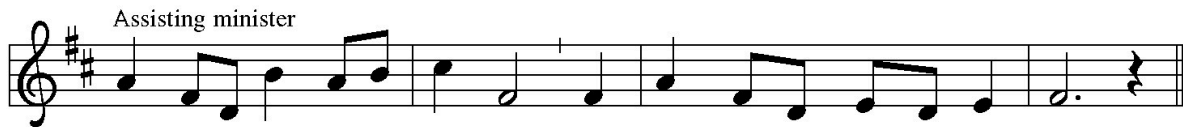
**ELW #580**

### ▲ Greeting

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.**

## ▲ Glory to God



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

## ▲Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God, you inspired your servant Luke to reveal in his gospel the love and healing power of your Son. Give your church the same love and power to heal, and to proclaim your salvation among the nations to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our healer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Word

**God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.**

## ▼Children's Message

## Presentation of Bibles

### ▼First Reading: Isaiah 43:8-13

*Set in the framework of a court of law, this poem describes God calling Israel to the witness stand to testify to the fact that God alone is the true God.*

<sup>8</sup> Bring forth the people who are blind yet have eyes, who are deaf yet have ears! <sup>9</sup> Let all the nations gather together, and let the peoples assemble. Who among them declared this and foretold to us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let them hear and say, "It is true." <sup>10</sup> You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. <sup>11</sup> I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no savior. <sup>12</sup> I am the one who declared and saved and proclaimed, not some strange god among you; you are my witnesses, says the Lord, and I am God. <sup>13</sup> Indeed, since that day I am he; there is no one who can deliver from my hand; I work, and who can hinder it?

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 124** (Leader/Assembly: Saturday, spoken; Sunday, sung)

*Our help is in the name of the Lord. (Ps. 124:8)*

<sup>1</sup> If the Lord had not been | on our side,  
let Isra- | el now say;  
<sup>2</sup> **if the Lord had not been | on our side,**  
**when enemies rose | up against us,**  
<sup>3</sup> then would they have swallowed us | up alive  
in their fierce | anger toward us;

<sup>4</sup> **then would the waters have | overwhelmed us**

**and the torrent gone | over us;**

<sup>5</sup> then would the | raging waters

have gone right | over us.

<sup>6</sup> **Blessed | be the Lord**

**who has not given us over to be a prey | for their teeth.**

<sup>7</sup> We have escaped like a bird from the snare | of the fowler;

the snare is broken, and we | have escaped.

<sup>8</sup> **Our help is in the name | of the Lord,**

**the maker of heav- | en and earth.**

### ▼ **Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:5-11**

*Knowing that death draws near, Paul, a prisoner in Rome, closes his letter to Timothy in a way that exemplifies how Christians face death: thankful for the grace to finish the race and trusting in the final blessing that awaits him in Christ.*

[The apostle writes:] <sup>5</sup> As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. <sup>6</sup> As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> Do your best to come to me soon, <sup>10</sup> for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. <sup>11</sup> Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me in ministry.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### ▲ **Gospel Acclamation**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## ▲ Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53

*These introductory and concluding verses of Luke's gospel provide us with the reason he is writing: so that we might know the truth about Jesus Christ who, in his suffering, death, and resurrection, fulfilled the ancient promises of God.*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 1st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative about the events that have been fulfilled among us, <sup>2</sup> just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, <sup>3</sup> I, too, decided, as one having a grasp of everything from the start, to write a well-ordered account for you, most excellent Theophilus, <sup>4</sup> so that you may have a firm grasp of the words in which you have been instructed.

<sup>24:44</sup> [Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” <sup>50</sup> Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup> and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

▼ Sermon

Pastor Jess Felici

▲ Hymn of the Day

“By All Your Saints” (Stanzas 1, 21, Last) **ELW #421**

Reception of New Members (10:45am)

**ELW pg. 234**

**▲ Nicene Creed** (Saturday / Sunday, 8:15am)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People** (*please kneel or sit as your body allows*)

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**▲ The Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**  
(*share God's peace with each other as you feel comfortable and then be seated*)

**Meal**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## ▼ Gathering of Gifts

*As we move to the time in our worship where we offer our gifts to God's church, a portion of your offering supports Equipping Congregation Leaders. The SWPA synod seeks to serve, connect & equip congregations to tell the story of Jesus. Your offering makes possible training events and resource sharing, including stewardship seminars, council trainings, and the synod resource center.*



*If you prefer, scan the QR code to give online. You may then place a giving card from the pew in the offering plate as it passes by.*

## ▼ Anthem

"Gathering Song"

Peloquin

Choir

## ▲ Offertory

"Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring"

ELW #691

1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.  
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.  
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.

We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.  
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.  
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

## ▲ Offering Prayer

Let us pray. 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.

## ▲ Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

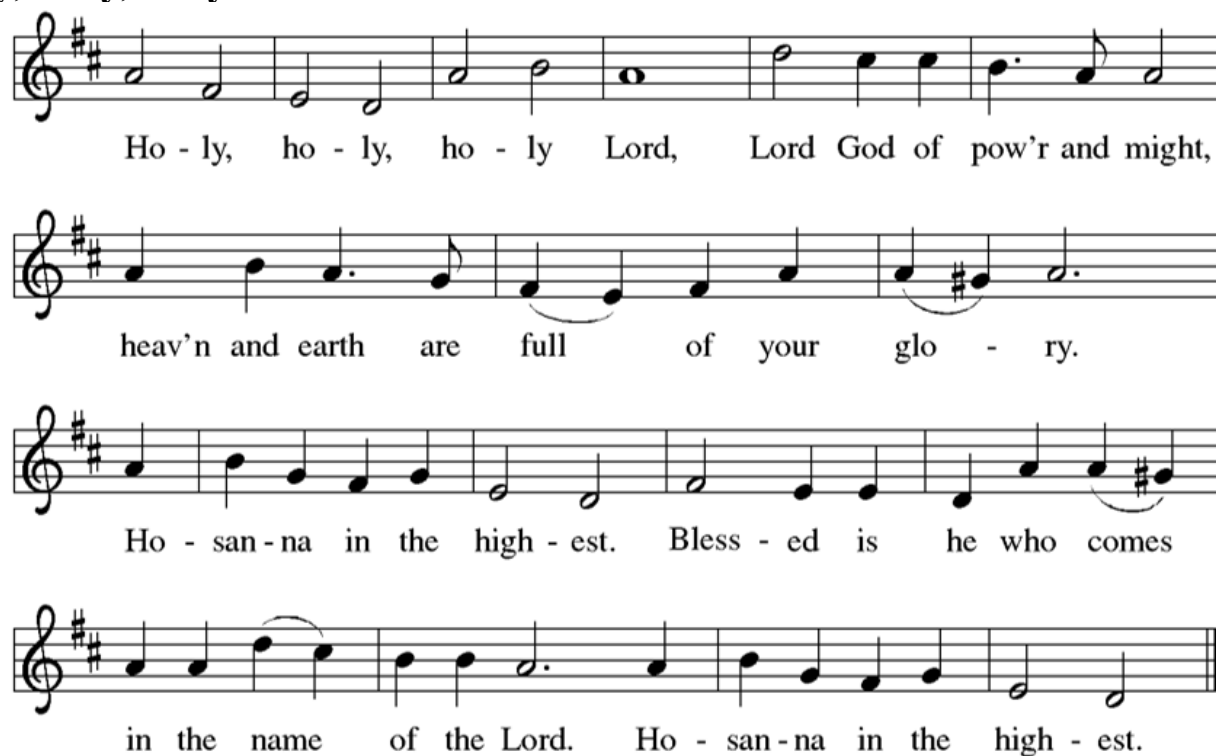
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with Luke all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## ▲ Holy, Holy, Holy



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

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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.

## ▲ Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy God,  
our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,  
you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.  
You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,  
and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.  
You sent your Son to eat with sinners  
and to become food for the world.

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 life given for us  
and his rising from the grave,  
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:  
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,  
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**Amen.**

## ▲ Lord's Prayer

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

**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.**

## ▲ Invitation to Communion

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty and 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, grant us peace.

## ▼ Distribution of Communion

*To receive communion, please come down the center aisle, take a cup from the tray and gather at the altar rail. Receive the bread into your hand. Wine will be poured into your cup. **The communion wine is gluten free. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.** For those unable to receive wine, communion cups with water are available. Leave the altar rail, place your cup on the tray and return to your pew via the side aisles. If you desire to receive communion in the pew, please alert an usher. Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

## ▲ 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. 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.**

## Sending

**God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.**

## ▲ 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 Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of grace ✝ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## ▲ Sending Hymn    *(please follow the cross in procession)*

“Give Thanks for Saints”

**ELW #428**

## ▲ Dismissal

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

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND** are dedicated to the Glory of God in  
in honor of our 69th anniversary, given by Jim & Carol Ross.

**THE BROADCAST THIS WEEKEND** is dedicated to the Glory of God in memory of Muriel I. Potter, given by Tim Potter, Terry & Fran Potter, Jack & Kathie Himic, and Raymond & Helen Potter.

## Serving this Weekend

**Preaching:** Pastor Jess Felici      **Presiding:** Pastor Jason Felici

**Director of Music:** Debbie Morley

**Lectors: Saturday 5:30pm: Donna Showalter**

**Sunday 8:15am:** Jean Sorber

**Sunday 10:45am:** Woneida Naggy

**Liturgical Deacons: Saturday 5:30pm: Darlene Hoffmann**

**Sunday 8:15am:** Kim Henry, Sandy Kisick

**Sunday 10:45am:** Woneida Naggy, Karen Clair

**Ushers: Saturday 5:30pm:** Donna Showalter, David Horvath, Linda McDowell,  
David Rock

**Sunday 8:15am:** Ted & Amy Benning, Chuck Seik, Jason Sheppard

**Sunday 10:45am:** Jill & Mike Macey, Becky Tomlinson, Susan Vargo

**Acolytes: Saturday 5:30pm: Kelly Stanko**

**Sunday 8:15am:**

**Sunday 10:45am:**

**Tellers: Sunday 8:15am:** Gary Sheppard, Jason Sheppard, Nancy McHenry

**Sunday 10:45am:** Jane Lawson, Marcia Salandro, Kathy Sowatskey,

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