

**Time after Pentecost
Facebook Live
November 16, 2025,
Unity Worship Service, 9am**

Welcome

LET US PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Welcome to worship at **Tierrasanta Lutheran Church**

We're excited that you have chosen to worship with us. We encourage you to fill out the green visitor sheet located in the pew pocket and place it in the offering basket. We have "Busy Bags" for kids in the narthex, and children's bulletins are available from an usher. A Nursery for children 3 and under is at the west end of the hallway.

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's text is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the "meantimes." The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right."

PRESERVICE MUSIC *(Piano)*

PRELUDE "O Jesus I Have Promised"- arr. Kinyon (Handbells)
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WELCOME TO WORSHIP BY PASTOR BOHDAN VADIS

THE BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(a moment of silence for self-examination)

P: Faithful God,

C: you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths.

We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.

P: Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, ☩ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 796 "How Firm a Foundation" (stz. 1, 2)

1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!

What more can he say than to you he has said
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

- 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

+++ Alisha Ann White

P: In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God. Alisha, do you desire to be baptized?

P: I do.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things. By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan, your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that Alisha who is here baptized may be given new life. Wash away her sin, cleanse her by this water and bring her forth as inheritor of your glorious kingdom. To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

C: I do.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**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.
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.**

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

P: Alisha Ann White, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your daughter Alisha from the power of sin and for raising her up to new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Alisha: the spirit 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.

C: Amen.

P: Alisha Ann White, Child of God, you have been sealed with the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

C: Amen.

P: Through Baptism God has made Alisha a new sister a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

C: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 796 "How Firm a Foundation" (stz. 4)

4 "Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove
my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."

APOSTOLIC GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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!

P: Let us pray together:

C: O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND 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. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

All Christians are invited by our Lord to receive His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. Children who have not yet received First Communion instructions are invited to come forward to receive a blessing, but are requested to wait with Communing until they have been properly instructed. If you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest. Wine is in the gold chalice and grape juice is in the pottery chalice.

COMMUNION MUSIC ELW 502 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;

I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.

- 2 Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth
and, where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me,
thy rod and staff my comfort still;
thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S OFFERING - Maasai 1-2-1- School Empowering Maasai Youth

Through Education. Helping them build a future. We're partnering with a Maasai community in Tanzania to create a quality school that is a road to hope and a future for the Maasai.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children Dismissed to Godly Play - In the Youth Building

FIRST READING *Malachi, whose name means “my messenger,” warns that the day of the Lord is coming. On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the “sun of righteousness” will shine on those who fear God.*

Malachi 4:1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

SECOND READING *Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. Paul warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.*

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

SPECIAL MUSIC “Faith Trilogy” - Buckwalter (Handbells)

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GOSPEL *As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and shall be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21st chapter, beginning with the 5th verse.

C: *(Spoken)* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

P: Here ends the Reading of the Gospel.

C: *(Spoken)* **Praise to You, O Christ.**

MESSAGE BY PASTOR BOHDAN VADIS

SONG "The Old Rugged Cross"

(Verse 1)

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross
The emblem of suff'ring and shame
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain

(Chorus)

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross

And exchange it some day for a crown

(Verse 2)

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true

Its shame and reproach gladly bear

Then He'll call me some day to my home far away

Where His glory forever I'll share

(REPEAT CHORUS)

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

P: Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

P: God of roots and branches, defend the leaders of your church as they proclaim the gospel using discernment, wisdom, and brave testimony. Keep all the baptized on righteous paths in response to Christ's call. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God of roaring seas, in a world of earthquake, famine, and plague, use your mighty power to nurture the land and all that lives upon it. Restore people and places experiencing natural disasters. Strengthen organizations who provide aid to any in crisis. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God of victory, among quests for power, guide those in government, courts, law enforcement agencies, and the military. Turn them from war and violence to actions of care that build up the common good. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God of healing, where injustice and exploitation result in populations that are marginalized or underserved, accompany those abandoned by friends, hurt by family, and harmed by violence or oppression. Care for all who are ill, anxious, or in pain of any kind, especially: *Reid Bixler, Barbara Berg, Anita Vadis, James Vadis, Brandi Vadis, Marianne d'Arnaud, Ellen Mize, Frank Fogg, Suzanne Till, Carol Bergdahl, Mike George, Diane Raines, Kathy Kelly and Anastasia Balmaceda.* Lord, please guide and protect our military personnel serving in harm's way. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God of new songs, in a congregation of faithful believers, energize us for compassionate service and delight us through worship and inspired prayer.

Encourage your people in building equitable community where all are valued.
Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: For what else do we pray? Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God of every generation, we remember the saints with steadfast love and faithfulness. Confident in Christ's victory over death, may we be inspired by the example of the faithful. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

LITANY OF REDEDICATION

P: To be a disciple of Jesus means making a decision to follow Jesus. It means giving up everything - turning away from the temptation to create false gods such as money, comfort, or ambition. Jesus reminds us that possessions do not make our lives secure. Security is not a matter of individual self-sufficiency. The quality of our relationship with God is all important. We are rich in serving God, not through that which we own.

C: Help us, God, to hear your call above the many conflicting claims of today. Then encourage us to accept your call and to go and do what you want us to do.

P: Our love for God finds expression in our relationships with others. We must be prepared to hear God's call and, in obedience, to find joy in meeting the needs of our neighbor. What have you done for the hungry, the lonely, the homeless? The quality of our love for others expresses our love for God.

C: By the power of the Holy Spirit, give us wisdom to respond to your call and to help others discover how you are calling them.

P: In the path begun by confessing Jesus as Christ and Savior, we journey from death to life as healed, forgiven children of God. We are called to spend our lives in the service of Christ, who came to serve us all, and who gave his life as a ransom for many.

C: God, open our hearts that we may discern in others – and ourselves – the great worth and calling you bestow upon all people, that we may not ignore the world and its needs.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Holy and mighty God, we have sought to be a faithful and loving people. We have tried hard to live out a gospel of reconciliation and peace. Bless our congregation that we may continue to discern your way at work within us. In all that we say and do may we be a people shaped in both values and words by our caring and loving God. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

- + Jacob Hageman
- + Alisha White
- + Skip Heishman
- + Mark & Michelle Heishman, Briella, Aria
- + Dennis A. Brittan
- + Kathy Perez
- + Douglas Brown
- + Sandra Scherf

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

P: Do you desire to become part of the Body of Christ through the ministry of Tierrasanta Lutheran Church and to be co-workers with us in the gospel?

Response: I do.

P: With the help of the Holy Spirit, will you strive to use your God-given time, talents and treasures to support the ministry of this congregation?

Response: I will by the help of the Holy Spirit.

P: Do you promise to seek God's direction for your life, to serve God in responsible freedom as a member of this congregation, in ministry to all people? Will you seek to meet the needs of a broken world and to walk humbly with God all the days of your life?

Response: I do, asking God's guidance.

P: Let us pray.

C: O God of Hospitality, we praise you for the opportunity to welcome new members among us this weekend. We thank you for their life

stories, their faith journeys, their diversity of gifts. May we who have been here awhile be zealous in our willingness to listen and to learn. Make us open to revised visions and new perspectives. Help us to provide a nurturing environment for these new friends as we establish a shared faith and a common history. Bless us all, O God, as we worship together and seek to be your servants in a needy world. Amen.

MISSION MOMENT ON STEWARDSHIP - *Doren Reese*

DEDICATION OF THE PRAYER QUILT

Tylor & SoYoung Green, sponsors: Donna Burton & Linda Moeller

OFFERING SONG "All My Hope"

Verse 1

I've been held by the Savior
I've felt fire from above
I've been down to the river
I ain't the same a prodigal returned

Chorus

All my hope is in Jesus
Thank God that yesterday's gone
All my sins are forgiven
I've been washed by the blood

Verse 2

I'm no stranger to prison
I've worn shackles and chains
But I've been freed and forgiven
And I'm not going back I'll never be the same
That's why I sing

(Repeat Chorus) x2

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OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us

with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

P: The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you + and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING "I'll Fly Away"

VERSE 1

Some bright morning when this life is o'er
I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore
I'll fly away

CHORUS

I'll fly away O glory
I'll fly away
When I die hallelujah by and by
I'll fly away

VERSE 2

When the shadows of this life have gone
I'll fly away
Like a bird from prison bars has flown
I'll fly away

(REPEAT CHORUS)

VERSE 3

Just a few more weary days and then
I'll fly away
To a land where joys shall never end
I'll fly away

(REPEAT CHORUS)

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THE DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God.

Assisting Minister: Howard Gray

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