

Trinity Lutheran Church

24th Sunday of After Pentecost November 12, 2023

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304 E. Ferris St. Galesburg, IL 61401 *"the welcome place"*

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Introduction

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.

+ + + GATHERING + + +

Prelude

Chanson

Kevin Norris

Welcome, Announcements & Friendship Registries-Please Sign In.

(Stand)

Invocation

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved. **Amen.**

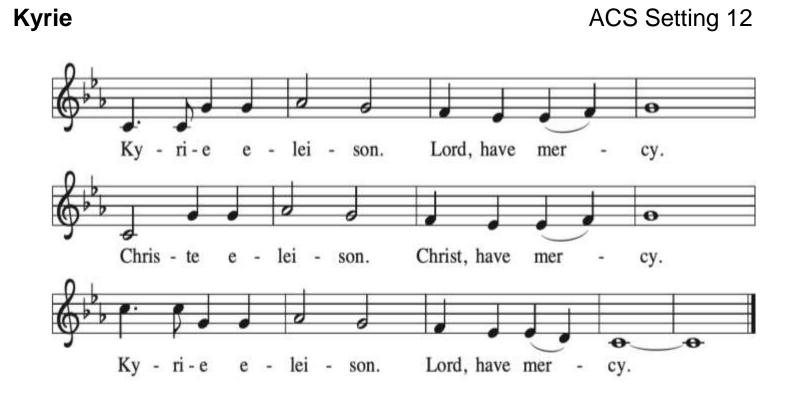
Confession and Forgiveness

Holy One, we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen. Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through + Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. Amen.

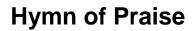
Gathering Song ELW#717

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.**



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This is the Feast

ELW Setting 8



Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Sit)

+ + + WORD + + +

First Reading Amos 5:18-24

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord?

It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake.

Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm 70

Psalm Chanted



Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;

O Lord, make haste to help me.

Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;

let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back because of their shame.

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;

let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the Lord!"

But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.

You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.



Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

The holy gospel according to Matthew. Glory to you, O Lord.

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

(Sit) Children's Message Sermon

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes

(Stand) Hymn of the Day ELW #244

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

Apostles Creed

Let us join together in the confession of our faith. I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 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. 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.

(Sit)

Prayers of Intercession.

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

O God for whom we wait, come quickly to your people, bring your salvation, and center us in hope found only in you. Deepen our faith through meaningful worship and send us out with your justice and truth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God for whom we watch, we glimpse your power in rushing water and your beauty in the darkening night. Restore this creation, and provide clean water to all people and animals. Save us from foolish, wasteful living. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God for whom we long, let justice roll down like waters on all nations. Bless citizens with wise leaders; save your children from war. We pray for the veterans of this community, that they are supported and loved. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God, in whom we hope, we pray for all who are in need. Provide for those who experience homelessness or hunger, support the under- or unemployed, and comfort any who are suffering this day especially Dena, Bonnie, Bev, Jean, Jenna, and Lester. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God for whom we listen, inspire the music ministry of our congregation. Fill our worship with songs to proclaim your greatness. Help us to sing and dance with joy and tell boldly of your salvation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God, in whom we remain, we remember our loved ones who have died and now live in you. Bring comfort and the assurance of new life to all who grieve. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

A brief silence.

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

+ + + MEAL + + +

(Sit) Offering Song Let Us Tongues and Talents Employ Handbell Choir

(Stand)

Offering Prayer

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. **Amen.**

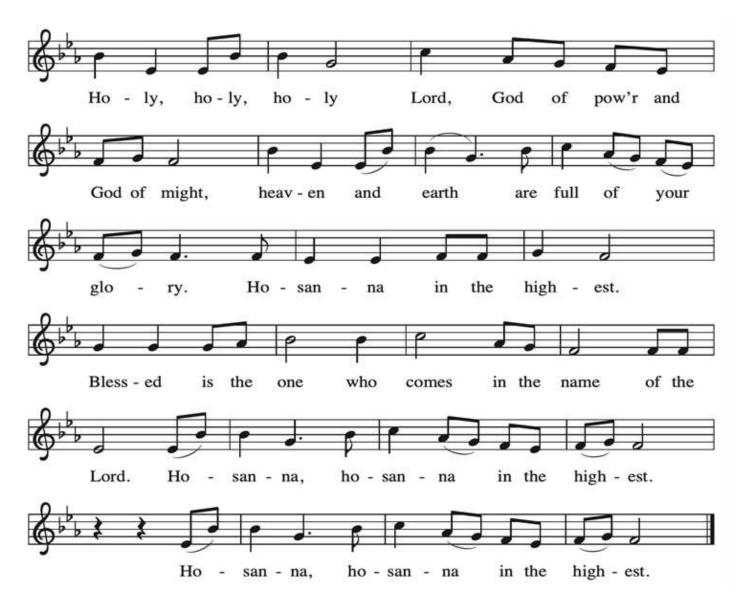
Great Thanksgiving

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.**

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Eucharistic Prayer.

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.

The Lord's Prayer

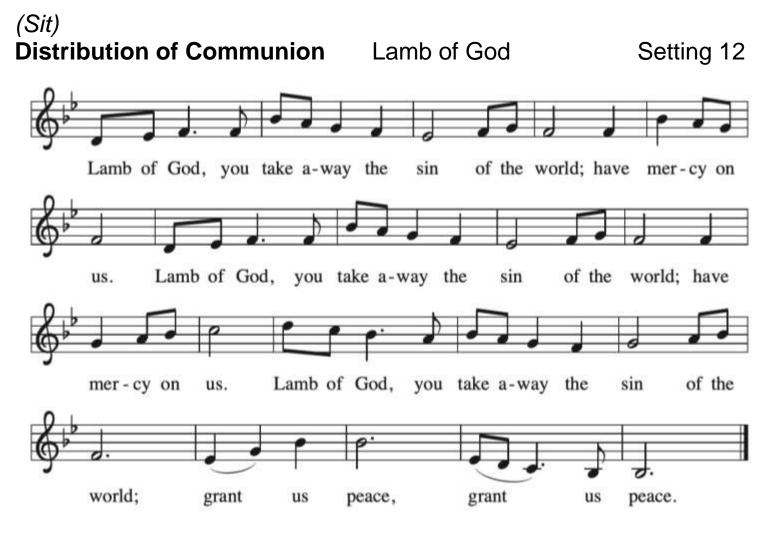
Let us pray together as Christ taught us

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 Communion

There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

All are welcome to receive communion at Trinity Lutheran Church. If you wish to receive you may come forward as dismissed by the usher and will be given a wafer in the center aisle. Then you may take a small cup from the tray. Red wine is along the outside, and white grape juice is located in the center of the tray. Gluten-free bread is also available. Place empty cups in the bowls located at the side aisle as you return to your pew. If you prefer to receive a blessing rather than communion, you may indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest as you come forward.

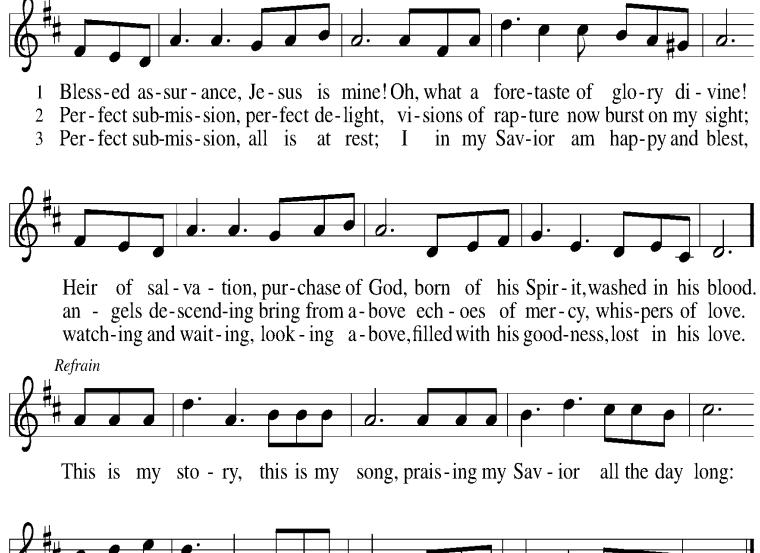


Adagietto

Kevin Norris

Post Communion Hymn ELW#638

Blessed Assurance





this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

(Stand)

Prayer After Communion

Lord Jesus,

in this simple meal you have set a banquet.

Sustain us on the journey,

strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,

and give us glad and generous hearts

as we meet you on the way.

Amen.

+ + + SENDING + + +

Blessing

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. **Amen.**

Sending Song ACS #949 Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning



Dismissal

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude	Trumpet Tune on Grosser Gott	Jeffrey Blersch	
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As you leave, please take a moment and greet one another.			

Worship Participants

Audio: Norm Tippey Video: Sarah Brakenbury Usher: Carol Brown, Linda Tippey, Jim Woods Communion Setup: Jen Robinson Assisting Minister: Nick Elders Reader: Janet Page Wine Server: Nancy Sandall, Jen Robinson Closing Duties: Hillary Hoffman Acolyte: Julia Robinson Coffee Fellowship Servers: Louise Allen, Phyllis Anderson Organist: Bette Mohr Director of Choirs: James Hutchings Pastor: Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes



Today's Radio Broadcast was sponsored by **Brenda Patterson**, *to God be the Glory.*

Today's Altar Flowers were donated by **Heather Hellenga**, *in loving memory of Beth Potter.*

Announcements

Coffee Fellowship-Join us in Fellowship Hall immediately after service

Worship Participant Non-Availability Forms are DUE by November 13th

The Tie That Binds will meet on November 14th at 9 am

Adult Bible Study will meet November 14th at 6 pm

Council Meeting-Tuesday November 14th at 7 pm

Potluck w/ White Elephant Bingo-Join us for some food and fun on November 16th at 12 pm bring a dish to pass and your own table service

Sandburg Music Fall ConcertNovember 17th7 pmThe Sandburg choir and band will be performing an American
Tapestry themed concert directed by James Hutchings and Dr.
Stephen Jackson.*Free and open to the public*

Time & Abilities Forms due next Sunday, November 19th

Please prayerfully consider being a worship participant when completing your forms. There are a variety of important positions in worship service and we will gladly train and help you learn them.

Views & Brews: Join Pastor Carrie and/or Scott

Mondays at 10 am and Thursdays at 7 pm Check on Facebook or reach out to Pastor for the location.

Saturday Worship Service is at 5 pm on November 18th

Prayers: If you're in need of prayer for yourself or a loved one, please fill out the salmon-colored slips in the Narthex and drop them into the collection plate.

Current Prayer List:

Dena Garrison	Prayers for peace & comfort	
(daughter of Hilma McDorman)		
Bonnie Winship	Prayers for peace & comfort	
Jean Musolf	Prayers for comfort & health	
Bev Powell	Prayers for healing & recovery	
Jenna	Prayers for stable health, pain-	
(niece of Erin Crawford)	free future	
Lester Johnson, Sr.	Prayers	

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes, Pastor, Out-of-office: Friday Cell phone: 618-803-8778 Church Office: Phone 309-343-4191 Hours 8:00 am - 1:00 pm, Monday-Friday 1st & 3rd Saturdays, Worship at 5:00 pm, Holy Communion Sunday Worship at 9:30 am; Holy Communion Sunday; Facebook Radio Ministry at 9:30 am on WRAM – 1330 AM www.trinitygalesburg.org trinitylutheran@trinitygalesburg.org

Vision Statement Developing Disciples – Connecting to Christ

Mission Statement

Led by the Spirit, we receive Christ's love, share God's forgiving grace, and reach out to welcome, encourage and serve all.

Welcome Statement

Members of Trinity Lutheran Church are freed by the Gospel to seek reconciliation and wholeness in a world that is frequently an unloving place. We extend welcome to all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, whether believer, doubter, or seeker. In Christ's love we invite you, so that led by the power of the Holy Spirit we will join together to strive for racial equity, justice, peace and love in all the earth.

> Our Guiding Principles 1. Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior. 2. We faithfully worship through Word and Sacrament. 3. We invite and welcome everyone. 4. We engage all generations in education and ministry. 5. We serve local and global communities.