

Trinity Lutheran Church

Christ the King November 26, 2023

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

304 E. Ferris St. Galesburg, IL 61401 Christ the King

Introduction

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading, God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

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Prelude Selections from Hymns for Today arr. Carol Tornquist

Welcome, Announcements & Friendship Registries-Please Sign In.

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Thanksgiving For Baptism

On this Christ the King Sunday, as we bask in the grace of God's gentle guidance, we pause to remember the rhythmic flow of the liturgical year, paralleled by our own journey through baptism. Through water and the Word, we have been embraced into the ever-turning cycle of God's love, from the quiet hope of Advent to the triumphant joy of Christ our King.

Thanks be to God for the gift of baptism!

From the earliest days, God's Spirit danced upon the waters, crafting life in abundant variety. From Creation's first streams to the Jordan's sacred flow where Christ was baptized, water is the enduring sign of God's dynamic work in creation and our lives.

As seasons change and years turn, God's love remains constant, pouring over us like life-giving waters.

In Lent, we journey inward, grounded in God's promises. In Easter, we revel in the new life offered through Christ. On Pentecost, we are stirred by the Spirit's wind, propelling us forward. Each moment, each season, intertwined with the waters of our baptism.

Through each ebb and flow, we are reaffirmed: In baptism, we are reborn as God's cherished, called to reflect divine love.

As we celebrate Christ the King, let's embrace the flowing rhythms of the liturgical year and the baptismal waters that mark us as God's beloved, ever ready for Advent's return.

Christ is our guiding light, the heart of our journey! Through each season, with each heartbeat, may we live as God's baptized and beloved.

Let us join together, giving thanks for God's boundless love and faithfulness, mirrored in the cyclical dance of our liturgical calendar and the sacred waters of baptism.

Amen!

Gathering Hymn

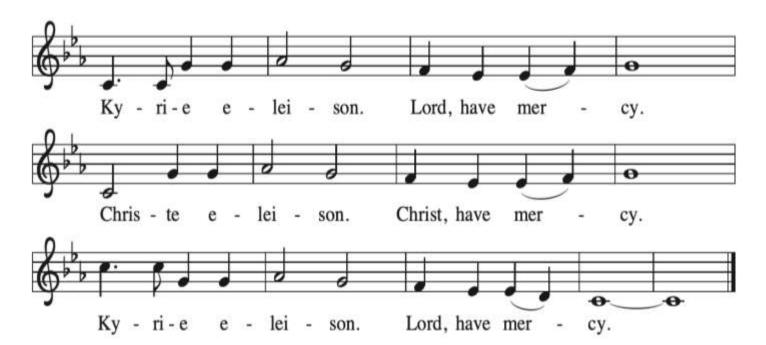
ELW #838

Beautiful Savior

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.





Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of the ever-turning seasons and expansive prairies, in the rhythm of Advent's waiting, Lent's reflection, Easter's joy, and Pentecost's fire, Your story is told and retold amidst nature's own dance. As we stand on the cusp of winter, where autumn's golden tapestry begins to be blanketed by frost, open our hearts to the full arc of Your redemptive tale. May our voices, blending with the whispered secrets of transitioning grasslands and the silent promise of snow, sing of Your love that guides us through each liturgical season and nature's own cycle. On this Christ the King Sunday, as we recall the journey from Bethlehem's manger to Calvary's cross and beyond, root us deeply in the boundless love of Jesus, our touchstone in every season of life. **Amen!**

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Advent Reading Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,

and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reflection: The End and The Beginning

Hymn of Response: ELW#254 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Christmas Reading Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and

wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Reflection: Newborn Beginning...after Caesar by Walter Brueggeman

Hymn of Response: ELW#279 O Little Town of Bethlehem v. 1&2

Epiphany Reading Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we

observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,

are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler

who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road

Children's Message: Star Words

Hymn of Response: ELW#308 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!

Lent Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'

and 'On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,

and serve only him." "

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Reflection: History of Hymns: "Were You There" by David Bjorlin

Hymn of Response: ELW# 353 Were You There v. 1, 2 &5

Easter Reading: Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised

from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Reflection:

Here Are Your Disciples

Lord Jesus, here are your disciples your wounded hands and feet in the world today are ours.

At times we have been the frightened ones, staying at a distance, worried about our safety or our reputations. But you come close to us, bringing peace and challenge, unlocking our potential and setting us free.

At times we have been the doubting ones, when creeds conflict or certainty has evaded us. But you come close and allow us to speak our minds, accepting us and setting us free.

At times we have been the confused ones, feeling far from you with questions that don't have answers.

So, in the evening of your resurrection we listen for your voice.

Silence

The risen Christ says to us: "Peace be with you.
As the Father sent me, so I am sending you!"

As the body of Christ, let us join hands.

THROUGH OUR FEAR,
THROUGH OUR DOUBT,
THROUGH OUR CONFUSION
MAY WE CONTINUE JESUS' WORK
AS WE TRAVEL MANY ROADS,
LIBERATED AND UNITED
BYTHE LOVE OF THE RESURRECTED ONE.
AMEN.

Hymn of Response: ELW #365 Jesus Christ is Risen Today v. 1&2

Pentecost Reading: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and

residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Reflection: The Spirit is Moving!

Hymn of Response: ELW#400 God of Tempest God of Whirlwind v.1&2

Christ the King Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place; he made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.

Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of the prophecy, and blessed are those who hear and who keep what is written in it; for the time is near.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Nicene Creed

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 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.

Holy God, from Christ we receive our call to feed, clothe, and welcome. Direct your church to respond to this call with faithfulness and generous love. We pray for the work of ELCA World Hunger and partnerships with global feeding ministries. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In Christ, the rock of our salvation, we are brought into union with all of creation. With mountains, seas, dry lands, and animals of the field, we seek your guidance and protection. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In Christ we know merciful judgment. Guide rulers of every nation in ways of humble leadership and wise decision-making. Allow aid to come to all who are underserved and care to any who are neglected. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In Christ we feel the depth of your love and care toward us. Nourish all who hunger, connect any who are isolated, and surround all who experience rejection or abuse. We pray for those who suffer especially Dena, Bonnie, Jean, Bev, Harper Lee, Norm, and Annie. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In Christ we are made the people of his pasture. Inspire the outreach and social ministries of this congregation. We pray for all people who serve and attend to the needs of others. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy God, in Christ we are welcomed home. We praise you for the faithful witness of those who have served you and extended your welcome and love to us. Unite us with them as one body of Christ. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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.

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(Sit)

Offering Song

Lord of Light

Mark Sedio

(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.

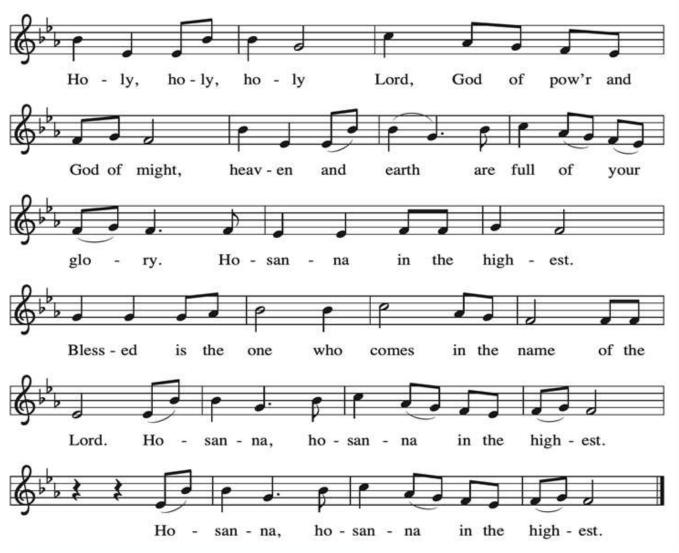
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessing, honor, and glory are yours, O God, eternal source of all creation. You are mightier than the thunder of waters, Mightier than the waves of the sea.

You are majesty on high. Yet when the time was right You sent your son, A vulnerable infant of low estate, To testify to the truth of power Made known in your embracing love

Jesus came to raise up the poor
And cast down the mighty.
He taught us, like no other,
That your kingdom is one of forgiveness,
Where human needs are daily met
And we are set free for love.

To you be glory and dominion forever.



And so we praise you as we sing:

Eucharistic Prayer.

On the night before he died for us
Jesus gathered his friends for a meal.
He took bread, gave you thanks, broke it,
Gave it to them, and said:
Take, eat, this is my body
Which is given for you;
Do this in remembrance of me.

After supper he took the cup;
When he had given thanks,
He gave it to them and said:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood
Poured out for the forgiveness of sins;
Do this in remembrance of me.

Christ has died. Christ has risen, Christ will come in glory.

Remembering all that he has done for us, His life, death, and resurrection, We offer you our praise and thanks. Send your Holy Spirit upon Our celebration, and us, That we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son And be filled with your life-giving Spirit.

Unite us in Christ and One to another From every tribe, people, Language, and nation To reveal your justice in the world, And crown us with your Holy wisdom That we may never Lose sight of your reign of peace.

All this we ask through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you an the Holy Sprit reigns in glory, Now and forever. **Amen**.

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.

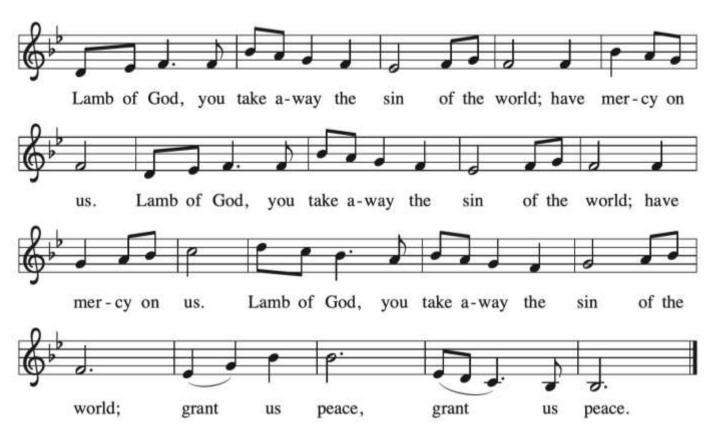
Invitation to Communion

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.

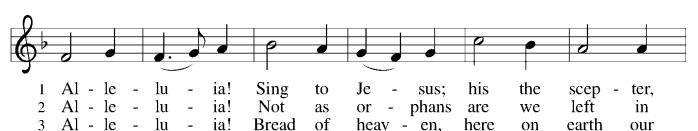
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Post Communion Hymn ELW#392

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



Al - le ia! King Lord lu e ter nal, om nip -0 -Al - le lu ia! Sing Je his the scep - ter, to sus;



his Al - le - lu - ia! his tri - umph, his the throne; the the Al - le - lu near us; faith sor - row now; ia! he is be -Al - le - lu food, our stay; ia! here the sin - ful flee to we own; Al - le - lu Mar - y, tent ia! born of earth your his the throne; Al - le - lu ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. lieves, nor ques - tions how. you from day to day. foot - stool, heav'n your throne. vic - to - ry a - lone.

Hark! The songs of peace -Though the cloud from sight re -In - ter - ces friend of sor, As with - in the veil you Hark! The peace - ful of songs



Zi like on thun - der a ceived him when the for ty deem - er. sin - ners, earth's re en - tered, robed in flesh, our Zi - on thun - der like a

might - y flood: days were o'er, hear our plea great high priest, might - y flood:

"Je - sus shall our where the here on "Je - sus



of ev - 'ry na _ tion has re - deemed us by his blood." out for - get hearts his prom ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"? a - cross of all less sweep the crys - tal songs the sin sea. eu - cha-ris - tic feast. earth both priest and vic tim in the of ev - 'ry tion has re - deemed us by his blood." out na

(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.

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Blessing

May the Lord God who is

And who was,

And who is to come,

The Almighty,

Be your strength, your hope,

And your joy,

This day and forevermore. Amen.

Sending Song ELW #855

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Dismissal

Beloved of God,

go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude Rejoice, the Lord is King

J. Darwall arr. P. Benjamin

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As you leave, please take a moment and greet one another.

Worship Participants

Audio: Brady Warner

Video: Brady Warner

Usher: John & Lynn Armstrong, Mike Gehring

Communion Setup: Jen Robinson Assisting Minister: Nick Elders

Reader: Sandra Gray, Carol Brown, Hillary Hoffman

Wine Server: John McClean, Lisa Shafer

Closing Duties: Bill Sime

Acolyte: Henry Gray, Julia Robinson

Coffee Fellowship Servers: John & Wilma Hessler, Peggy Magnuson

Organist: Carolyn Kellert

Director of Choirs: James Hutchings

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes



Today's Radio Broadcast was sponsored by Carol Brown for everyone who attends radio church!



Today's Altar Flowers were donated by **JoAnn Lakis and Family** *In memory of loved ones and Louis Lakis's November Birthday.*

Announcements

Coffee Fellowship-Join us in Fellowship Hall immediately after service

Sunday School & PRISMS will not meet today, see you next week.

Adult Bible Study will meet on November 28th at 6 pm

Choir Practice-Wednesday at 6:30 pm

Views & Brews: Join Pastor Carrie and/or Scott

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

Tidings Label & Seal-Please join us November 30th at 9 am

The Timely Tidings has been launched, and we're excited! This is an online newsletter that will be published weekly. It can be found on our Facebook page, and we will be emailing one to the congregation members in hopes of better, more effective communication!

2024 Contribution Envelopes are in and ready for pick up in the Narthex. Please visit the small table, they're in alphabetical order!

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
Harper Lee Lorentzson	Prayers for health & healing
Norm Tippey	Prayers for healing (hip surgery)
Annie Maier	Prayers for healing (surgery)

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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.