

Trinity Lutheran Church

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
November 8th, 2026

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304 E. Ferris Street
Galesburg, IL 61401

"the welcome place"

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+++GATHERING+++

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.

Prelude Music Sing Ye First *Ecumenical Bell Choir*

Welcome - Please Sign Friendship Registry
The red ELW hymnal and the purple ACS hymnal are in the pew racks

(Stand)

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.

We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.

☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn Come, We That Love the Lord, ELW (red) #625

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.

Hymn of Praise **ACS, Setting 12, pg. 31**



Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

[1] 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. [2] And 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—
lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. [3a] Then I took
your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through
all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

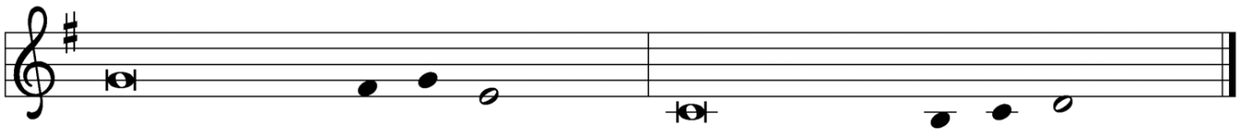
[14] "Now, therefore, revere the Lord and serve him in sincerity
and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served
beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the Lord. [15] Now if you
are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will
serve, whether the gods your ancestors served 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."

[16] Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should
forsake the Lord to serve other gods, [17] for 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, [18] and the Lord 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."

[19] But 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. [20] If you forsake the Lord and serve
foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm and consume you,
after having done you good." [21] And the people said to Joshua,
"No, we will serve the Lord!" [22] Then 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." [23] He said,
"Then put away the foreign 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."
[25] So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day and made
statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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

Psalm 78:1-7



sung responsively

[1] Hear my teaching, | O my people;
incline your ears to the words | of my mouth.
[2] **I will open my mouth | in a parable;**
I will declare the mysteries of | ancient times—
[3] that which we have heard and known, and what our fore- | bears have told us,
we will not hide | from their children.
[4] **We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power | of the Lord,**
and the wonderful works | God has done.
[5] The Lord gave a decree in Jacob and established a | law in Israel,
commanding our ancestors to teach it | to their children;
[6] **that the generations to come might know, and the children | yet unborn;**
that they in their turn might tell it | to their children;
[7] so that they might put their | trust in God,
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep | God's commandments.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

[13] 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. [14] For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. [15] 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. [16] 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. [17] 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.
[18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation ACS, Setting 12, pg. 33



Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.
[3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them,
[4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept.
[6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] 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.' [10] 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. [11] Later

the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.'
12 But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13 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 Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes

Sermon Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes

(Stand)

Hymn of the Day Awake, Awake, For Night Is Flying,
ELW (red) #436

Apostles' Creed

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

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

You illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict, especially Lutheran World Relief. Uphold veterans and those who care for them. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, facing uncertain treatment options, or grieving. We pray especially for Brian, Rosey, Ray, Bill, Jerri, Nancy, and Bona. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You give rest to weary hearts and bodies. As the days grow shorter in the north, help us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days, honoring the need for quiet and stillness. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We offer to you these prayers as well as those we now name to you either aloud or in our hearts.

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.
(you may offer each other a sign of peace)

+++MEAL+++

Offertory Music Let Justice Roll Like A River Marty Haugen
Senior Choir

(Stand)

Offering Prayer

Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
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:

Holy, Holy, Holy **ACS, Setting 12, pg. 36**



We praise and glorify you, all-holy God,
for the universe beyond our knowing,
and for friends and strangers and family.
We praise you for your covenant people,
and for centuries of faithful Christians.

We praise you for your Son Jesus Christ,
who on the night before he died 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.

And so we proclaim the mystery of our faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for your Holy Spirit,
nourish us with the body and blood of Christ,
and renew the world with your mercy.
We praise you, all-holy God,
today, tomorrow, and forever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

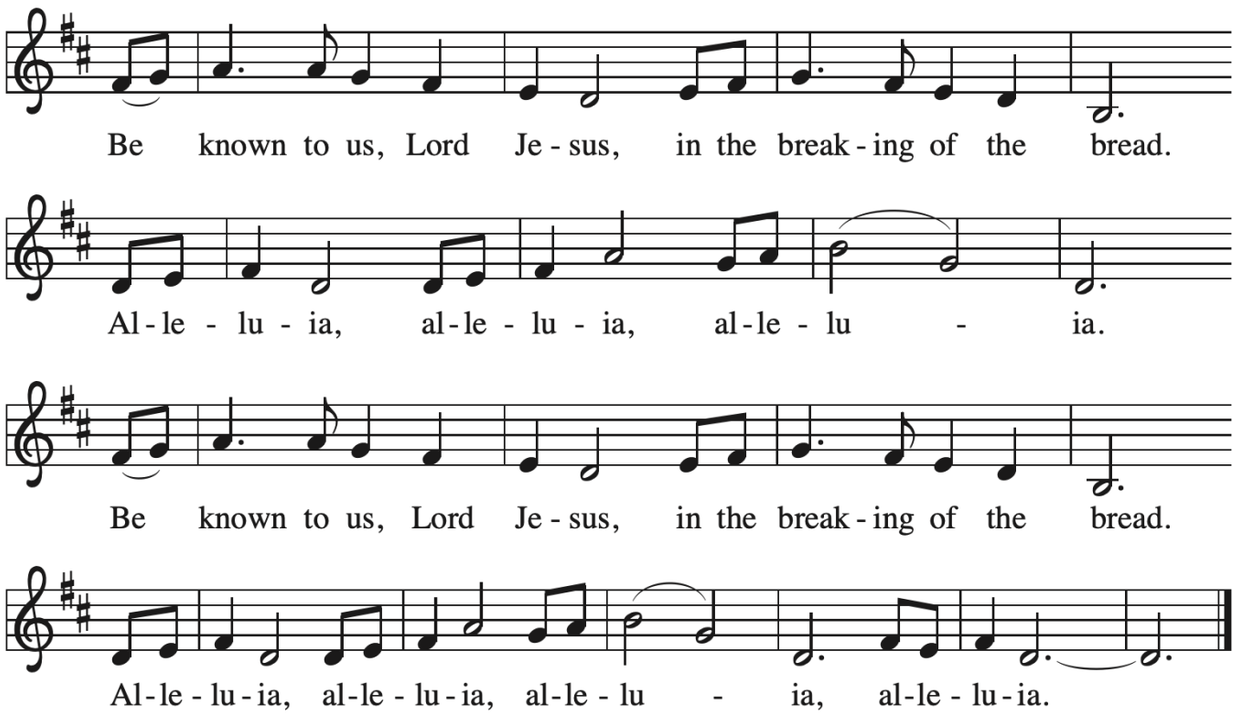
Invitation to Communion

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

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 bread 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.

(Sit)

Distribution of Communion **ACS, Setting 12, pg. 40**



Communion Music *O Day of Peace* *Charles Callahan*

(Stand)

Prayer After Communion

Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever.
Amen.

+++SENDING+++

Blessing

The holy Trinity,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.
Amen.

Sending Hymn Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning,
ACS (purple) #949

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude Music O Day of Peace Robert Buckley

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

Today's altar flowers were provided by Heather Hellenga and Tom Colcasure

In honor of their granddaughter, Lydia Rose's third birthday.

Today's radio broadcast was sponsored by Tom and Marcy Simkins

in honor of Bette Mohr and her musical gifts.

Worship Participants

Audio: Hillary Hoffman
Video: Bill Sime
Ushers: Carol Brown, Henry Gray
Communion Setup: Nick Elders
Assisting Minister: Julie Wiegand
Reader: Sandra Gray
Wine Servers: Sandra Gray, Marilyn Gehring
Coffee Fellowship: Layton & Nancy Sandall
Acolytes: Vivian Gray
Closing Duties: Hillary Hoffman
Organist: Bette Mohr
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes

Announcements

Coffee Fellowship will be held immediately after service.

Sunday School will be held after service, at 10:45 am. Please join us after service. **Youth Group will be held at 5:00 pm.**

There will be construction on the tower this Monday, November 9th. Please be aware when visiting.

We recently received a Roll of Honor for our archives, which has inspired project for this upcoming Veteran's Day. Please submit names and pictures of your veteran loved ones from past and present to be included in an online Veteran's Day memorial.

Prayer List: If you or loved ones need prayers, please fill out the salmon-colored form located on the bulletin table in the Narthex, and return it to the Office mailbox or drop it in the offering plate.

Name	Prayers for…
Brian Smith	Strength & recovery
Rosey Miyler & family	Healing & strength
Ray Stevens	Recovery & strength
Bill & Jerri (Roberta Major's brother and sister-in-law)	Healing & comfort
Nancy Sandall, on the passing of her sister, Susan Parkinson Kuehn	Peace & comfort
Bona Thorson (Lynn Armstrong's mother)	Healing & comfort

This Week at Trinity

Sun, Nov. 8th	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	5:00 pm	Youth Group
Mon, Nov. 9th	7:00 pm	Knox Co. Genealogical Society
Tue, Nov. 10th	9:00 am	The Tie That Binds
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
Wed, Nov. 11th	11:00 am	Sack Lunch Program
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Sat, Nov. 14th	5:00 pm	TLC evening service

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes, Pastor, Out-of-office: Friday
Cell phone: 618-803-8778
Church Office: Phone 309-343-4191
Hours 8:30 am – 12:30 pm, Monday-Friday
1st & 3rd Saturdays; Worship 5:00 pm; Holy Communion
Sunday Worship at 9:30 am; Holy Communion
Sunday Radio Ministry at 9:30 am on WRAM – 1330 AM, Facebook

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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

At Trinity Lutheran Church, we believe God's grace is extended to everyone. Members of Trinity Lutheran Church are freed by the Gospel to seek reconciliation and wholeness. We welcome people of 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.