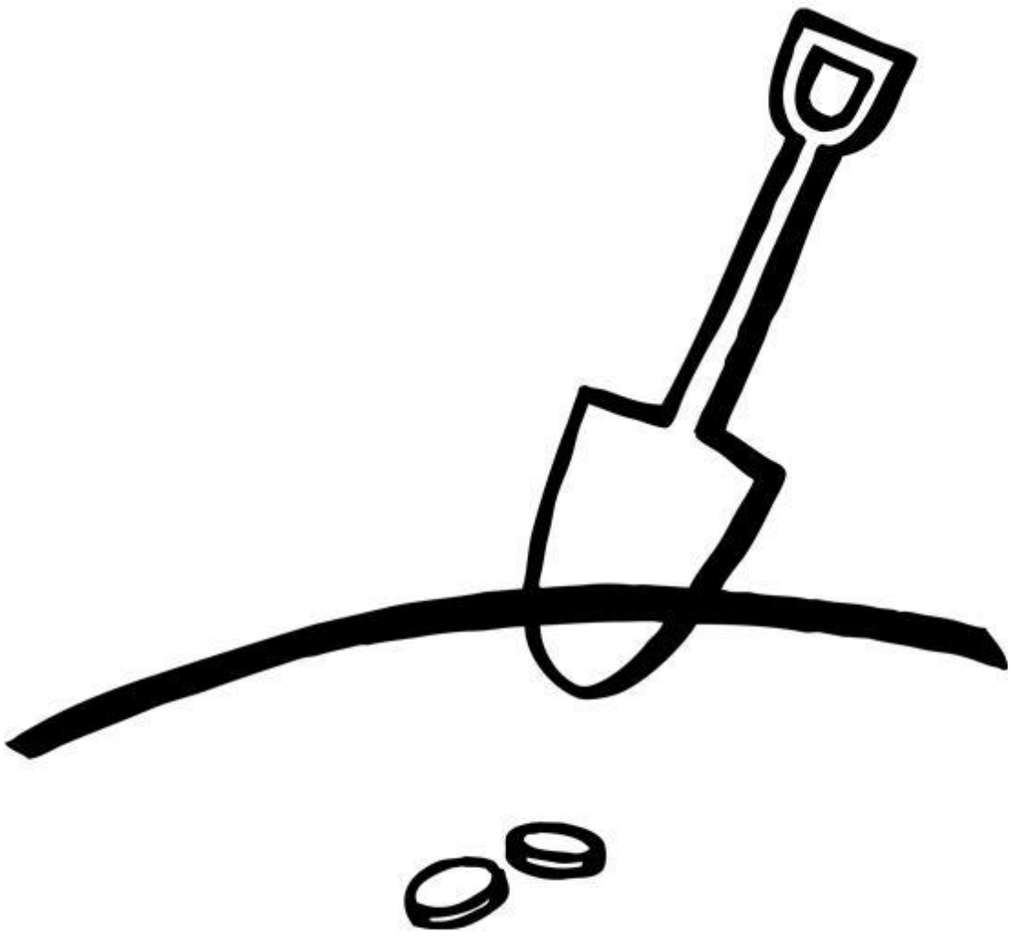


Trinity Lutheran Church

Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost
November 15th, 2026

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304 E. Ferris Street
Galesburg, IL 61401

"the welcome place"

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+++GATHERING+++

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

Prelude Music Pastorale in F Major J. S. Bach

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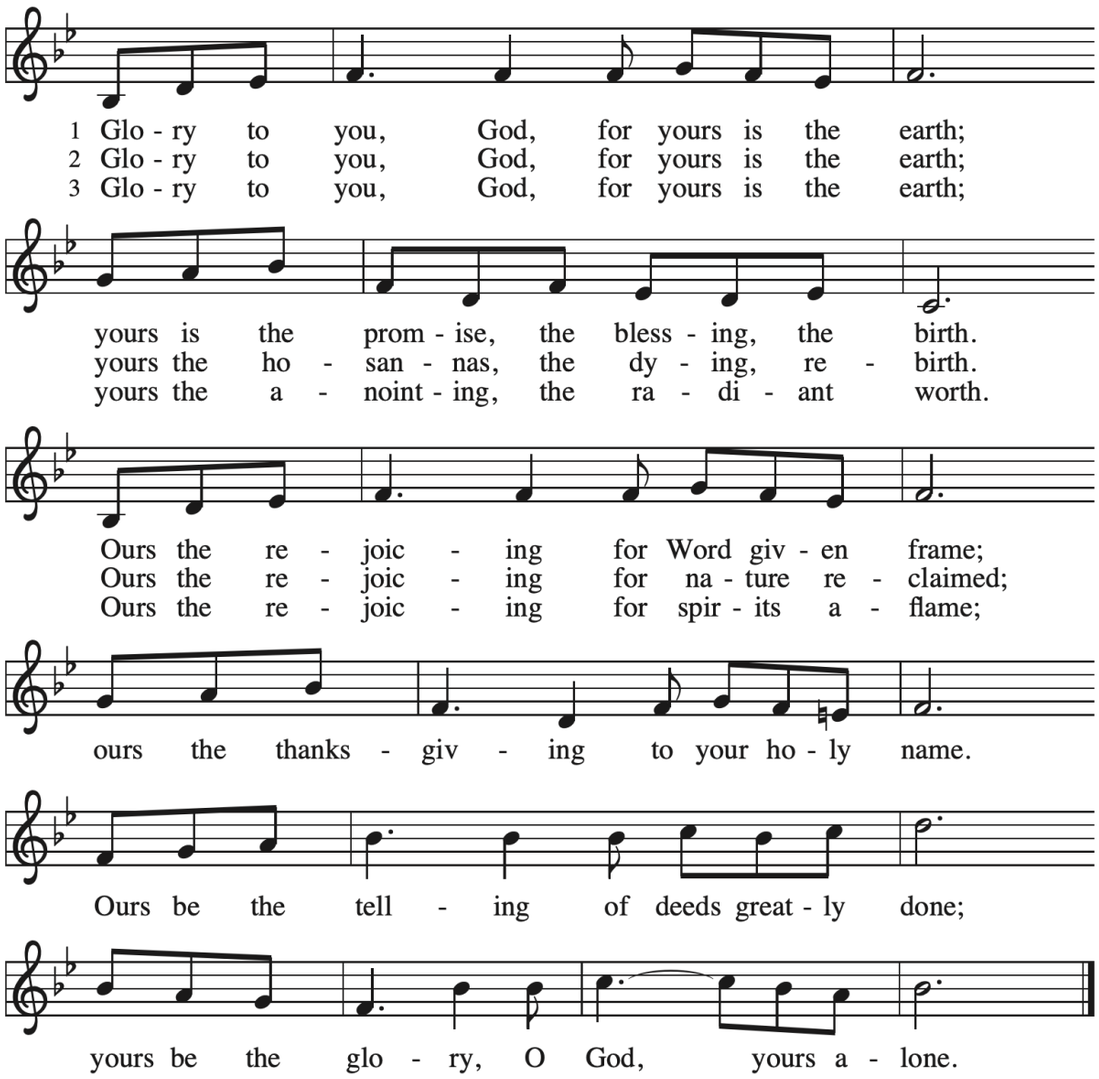
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn Christ, Be Our Lord, ELW (red) #715

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.

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

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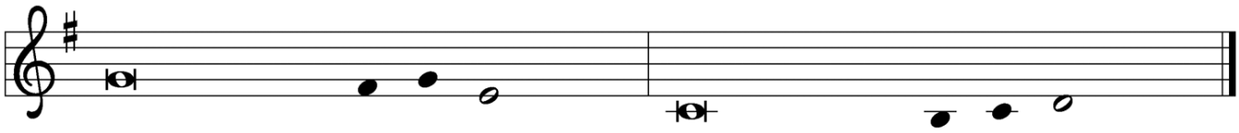
First Reading: Judges 4:1-7

[1] The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord,
after Ehud died. [2] So the Lord sold them into the hand of King
Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his
army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. [3] Then the
Israelites cried out to the Lord for help, for he had nine hundred
chariots of iron and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty
years.

[4] At that time Deborah, a prophet, wife of Lappidoth, was
judging Israel. [5] She used to sit under the palm of Deborah
between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the
Israelites came up to her for judgment. [6] She sent and summoned
Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him,
"The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Position yourself at
Mount Tabor, taking ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and
the tribe of Zebulun. [7] I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's
army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his
troops, and I will give him into your hand.' "

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

Psalm 123 *sung responsively*



[1] To you I lift | up my eyes,
to you enthroned | in the heavens.

[2] **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand | of her mistress,**
so our eyes look to you, O Lord our God, until you show | us your mercy.

[3] Have mercy upon us, O | Lord, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough | of contempt,

[4] **too much of the scorn of the in- | dolent rich,**
and of the derision | of the proud.
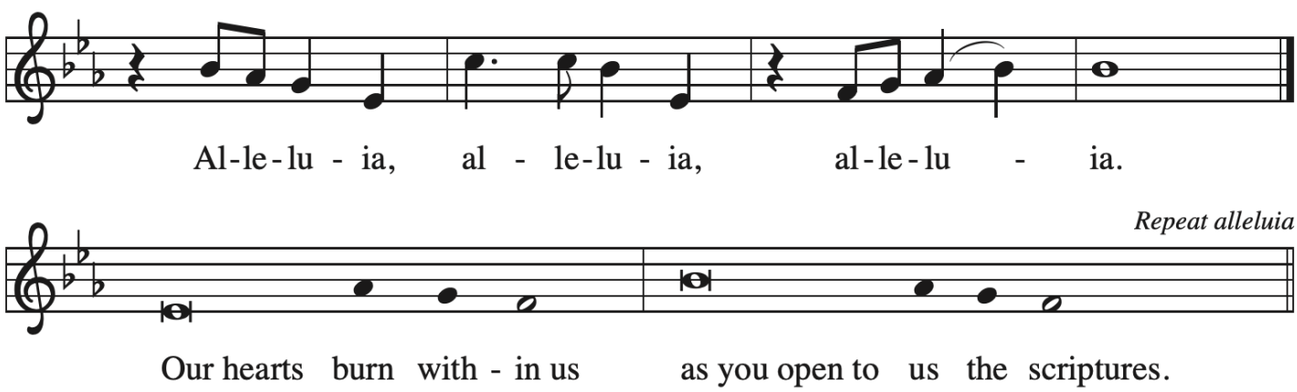
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

[1] Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters,
you do not need to have anything written to you. [2] For you
yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a
thief in the night. [3] When they say, "There is peace and security,"
then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come
upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! [4] But you,
brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise
you like a thief; [5] for you are all children of light and children of the
day; we are not of the night or of darkness. [6] So, then, let us not fall
asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, [7] for those
who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at
night. [8] But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on
the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of
salvation. [9] For God has destined us not for wrath but for
obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who died for
us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.
[11] Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as
indeed you are doing.

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

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation ACS, Setting 12, pg. 33



Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once 16 the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not

scatter, [25] so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' [26] But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? [27] Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. [28] So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29] For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30] As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

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 God of the Fertile Field, ACS (purple) #1063

Affirmation of Baptism

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Cecilia Crawford, one with us in the body of Christ, who is making public affirmation of her baptism.

I present Cecelia, who *desires* to make public affirmation of *her* baptism.

Let us pray.
Merciful God, we thank you for this sister,
whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.
You have called her to yourself,
enlightened her with the gifts of your Spirit,
and nourished her in the community of faith.
Uphold your servant in the gifts and promises of baptism,

and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.
We ask this in the name of Christ.
Amen.

Profession of Faith
I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

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

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
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.

Affirmation

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?
I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support *sister* and pray for *her* in their life in Christ?
We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in Cecilia the gift of your Holy Spirit: 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, both now and forever.
Amen.

Let us rejoice with this sister in Christ.
We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.

(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 build up the church as a community of faithful witnesses throughout the generations. Enliven the worship, outreach, and service work of our congregations and ministries with the hope of your good news. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

As the nights grow longer in the northern hemisphere, make us mindful of the earth's need for rest. Provide for fallow fields and hibernating animals; show us how to curb human impact on vulnerable lands and species. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Rescue all nations and peoples from violence, displacement, or famine. Disrupt complacency among national and local leaders. Recommit our communities to transforming the systems that divide and oppress into those that empower and unite. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In your embrace, we find refuge from all trials and troubles. Care for families who are separated or estranged, accompany all undergoing medical procedures or mental health treatment, and reassure any who are ill or despairing, especially Brian, Rosey, Bill, Jerri, Ray, and Bona. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Bless all who serve in congregational leadership: council members, finance committees, volunteer coordinators, and property teams. Encourage healthy stewardship of time, talents, and resources for the mission of the gospel. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

The faithful of every age trust in the hope of your saving grace. In thanksgiving for the ways our ancestors have journeyed before us, we remember all who have entered eternal life in you. 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 Now We Join in Celebration David Cherwien

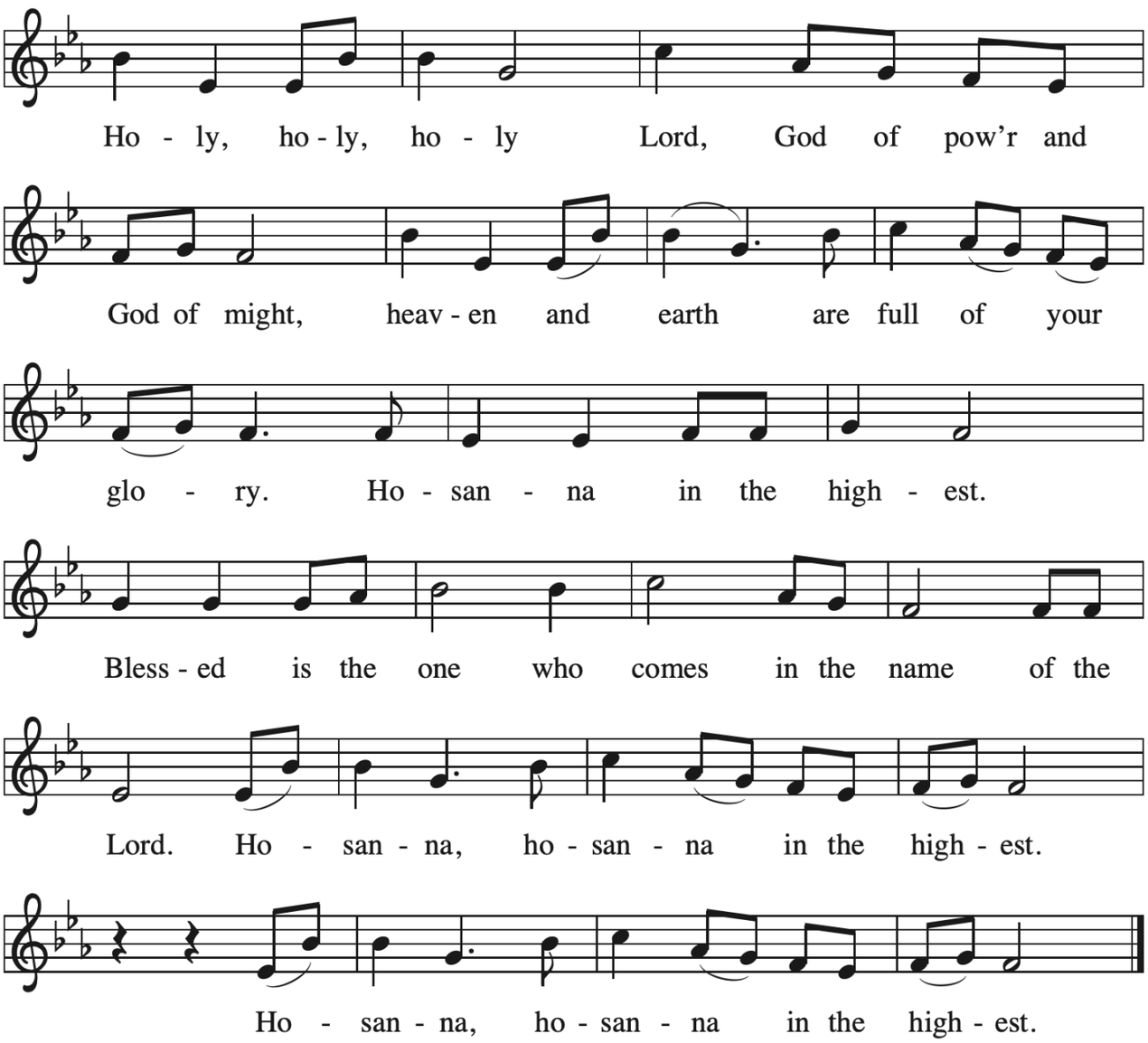
(Stand)

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.**

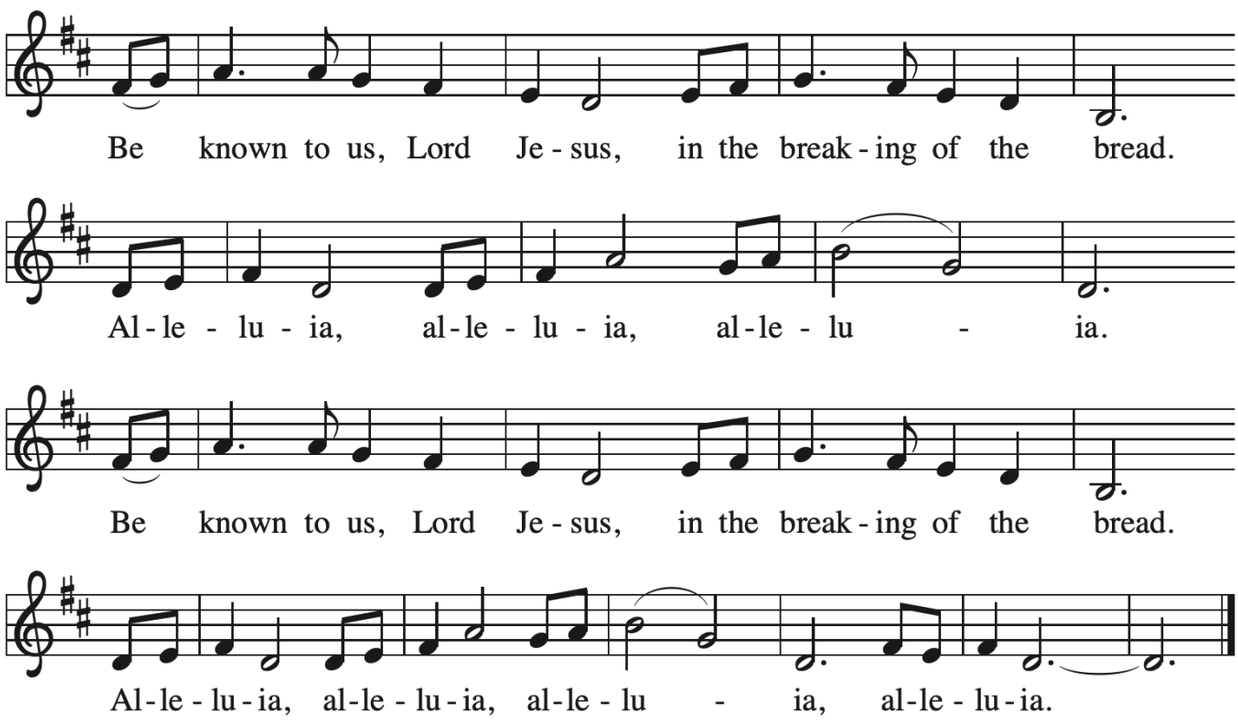
Invitation to Communion

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 *Adagio in C Minor* *J.S. Bach*

(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.

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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 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ,
ELW (red) #674

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude Music Fugue in F Major J.S. Bach

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

Today's altar flowers were provided by Trinity Lutheran Church
In honor of the confirmand, Cecilia Crawford.

Worship Participants

Audio: Sarah Brakenbury
Video: Sarah Brakenbury
Ushers: John & Lynn Armstrong
Communion Setup: Nick Elders
Assisting Minister: Nick Elders
Reader: Laura Saey
Wine Servers: Nancy Sandall, Sandra Gray
Coffee Fellowship: Fran Ploessl, Marty White
Acolytes: Hudson Babcock
Closing Duties: Nick Elders
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.**

If you require hearing assistance, hearing assist receivers are located on a stand in the narthex.

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
Bona Thorson (Lynn Armstrong's mother)	Healing & comfort

This Week at Trinity

Sun, Nov. 15th	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	5:00 pm	Youth Group
Tue, Nov. 17th	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
Wed, Nov. 18th	11:00 am	Sack Lunch Program
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thurs, Nov. 19th	12:00 pm	Lunch Bunch at Two Brother's Café
	12:00 pm	Tidings Deadline
Sat, Nov. 21st	5:00 pm	GRACE evening service

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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.