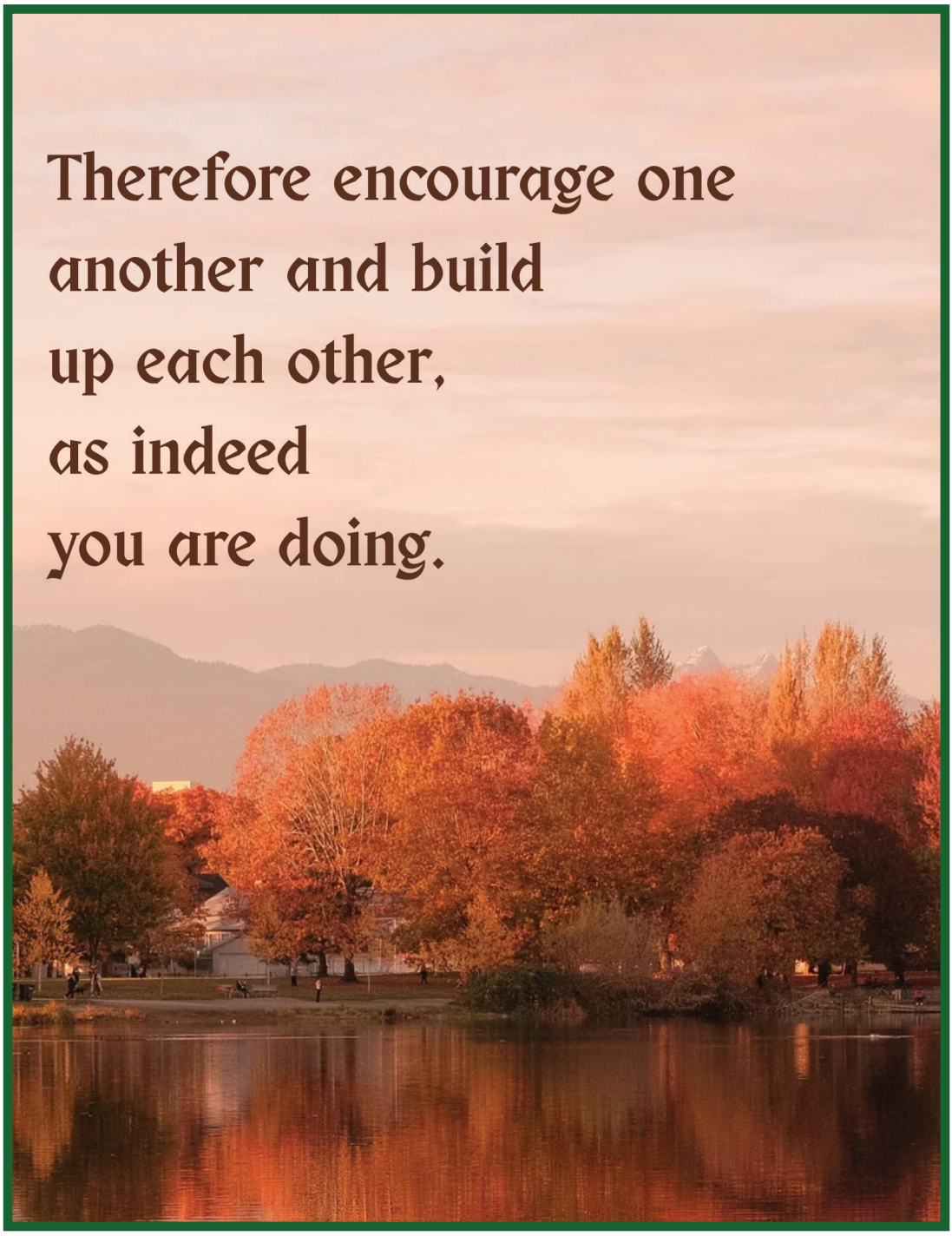
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1 Thessalonians 5:11

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

11.15.2026 | 10:00 am | trinitylutheran.ws

Welcome to Trinity!

A place of love, grace, and belonging, where all, without exception, are loved, honored, valued, affirmed, welcomed, and celebrated.

If we can make you feel more at home, please speak to an usher or greeter.

As disciples of Christ working for peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and embrace all people, without exception, into the fullness of God's love. We advocate for racial, gender, queer, and economic equity. We celebrate people of all cultures, ages, races, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status, and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this community. All are invited to join us as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another.

ADULTS & CHILDREN

Worship Bags are available in the Narthex or the Gym for children. Bags for preschoolers are tied with a white ribbon. Bags for elementary age children have no ribbon. After worship, used bags may be placed in the baskets next to the stands.

A nursery hosted by a member of the Trinity staff as well as a small group of rotating volunteers who have been trained in Trinity's Child Protection Policy is available each Sunday morning beginning at 9:45 am to care for infants and toddlers who would prefer enjoying play time instead of attending 10:00 am worship. The nursery is located on the first floor of the Pence Building. Please reach out to a greeter or usher if you need assistance.

PRAYING WITH US

We encourage you to participate fully in our service, as you are comfortable. We invite you to read aloud the **bold text**. Wherever you see ✠, you are invited to cross yourself. Other actions are indicated during the service, but none are required.

LET'S GET CONNECTED

If you are new to Trinity, we are thrilled to have you here. If you would like to know more about this congregation and our ministry please share your contact information with us by filling out a Connection Card which can be obtained from the pew racks or baskets. Thank you for your presence among us.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of their Wedding Anniversary by John and Barbara Beckford.

Serving Today

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Preaching

Patrick Preacher
Presiding Minister

Jim Parham
Pianist and Choir Director

Lector
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Prayers
Austin Blythe

Cantor
Lani Wise, Russ Wise

Percussion
John Beckford

Communion Assistants
Gene Lynch, Garrett Boling

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Jesse Fagala

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God Welcomes All

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as able

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mother/Father God,
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,
renew our hearts,
and bring us to new life.
Amen.

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. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

890 Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory



Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819 - 1910, adpt, Trinity 2026
Music: North American, 19th cent.

BATTLE HYMN
15 15 15 6 and refrain

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all.
And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Now the Feast and Celebration



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The prayer of the day covers the wide variety of human longing and responsibilities of the church and humanity and is specific to the scripture texts for the day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord is with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.
Generous and abundant God, you have entrusted each of us with gifts, resources, opportunities, and the capacity to make a difference in the world. Open our eyes to see that these gifts are not ours to hoard or protect, but to share for the flourishing of all. Free us from the fear of scarcity, the temptation of self-interest, and the systems that value profit over people. Give us courage to invest ourselves in what matters: love, justice, compassion, and the common good. May our lives multiply your goodness in ways that reach far beyond ourselves. In the name of Christ, who shows us the way of abundant life.
Amen.

Please be seated.

God Speaks to Us Through a Living Word

We follow a three year cycle of readings called a Lectionary. These are lessons being heard in congregations from many denominations throughout the world on this day.

FIRST READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

A reading from First Thessalonians.

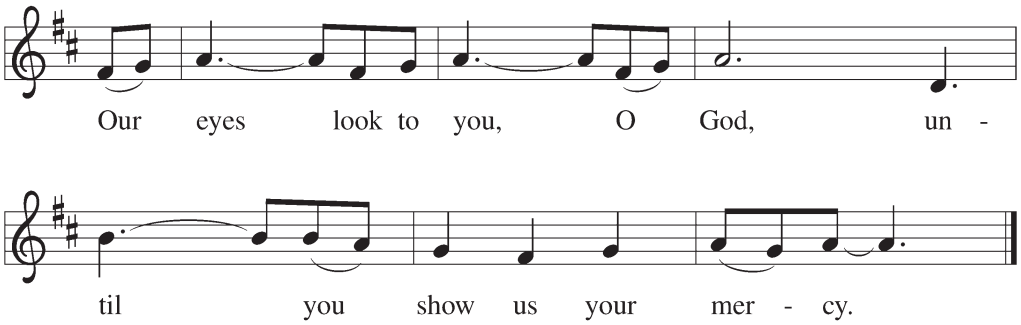
1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, my dear siblings, you do not need to
have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of
the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 When they say, “There is peace and
security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon
a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! 4 But you, my dear siblings, are not
in the dark of night 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.

This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 123

Psalm Refrain



Psalm Tone



[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. R

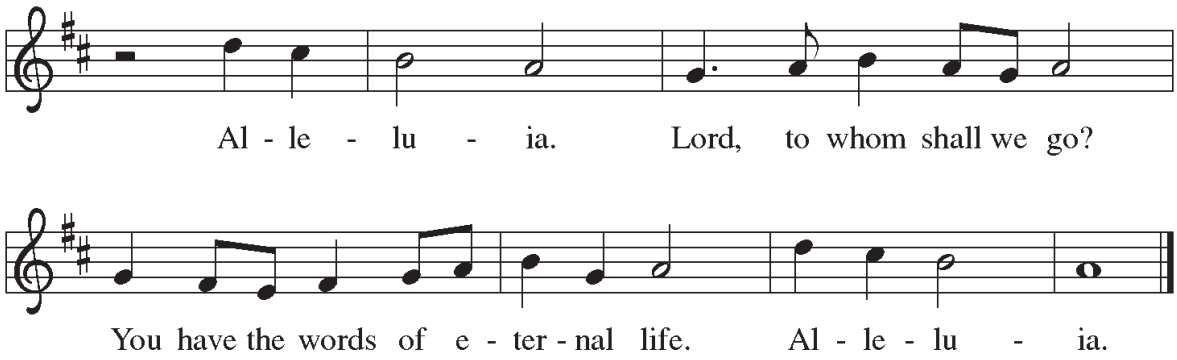
The Psalm is a hymn or poem. The psalms cover the whole range of the relationship between God and God's people. The Book of Psalms, while a "book" of the Bible, consists of 150 hymns intended to be sung.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Spreading Sunshine, Shining Light

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand as able.



During worship, there is always a reading from a Gospel. We stand to indicate the importance we place on Jesus' words and actions.

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

The Holy Gospel according Saint Matthew the twenty-fifth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

14 Again, it's like a wealthy landowner who was going on a journey and called in
three workers, entrusting some funds to them. 15 The first was given five talents,
to another two, and to the third one, according to each one's ability. Then the
landowner went away. 16 Immediately the worker who received five talents went and
invested it to make another five. 17 In the same way the worker who received the two
doubled that figure. 18 But the worker who received the one talent instead went off
and dug a hole in the ground and buried the money.

19 "After a long absence, the traveler returned home and settled accounts with them.
20 The one who had received the five came forward bringing the additional five,
saying, 'You entrusted me with five; here are five more.'

21"The landowner said, 'Well done! You are a good and faithful worker. Since you
were dependable in a small matter, I will put you in charge of larger affairs. Come,
share my joy!'

22 "The one who had received the two talents then stepped forward with the
additional two, saying, 'You entrusted me with two; here are two more.'

23 "The landowner said to this one, 'Cleverly done! You too are a good and faithful
worker. Since you were dependable in a small matter, I will put you in charge of
larger affairs. Come, share my joy!'

24"Finally the one who had received the one stepped forward and said to the
landowner, 'Knowing your ruthlessness— you who reap where you did not sow and
gather where you did not scatter— 25 and fearing your wrath, I went off and buried
your one talent in the ground. Here is your money back.'

26 "The landowner exclaimed, 'You worthless, lazy worker! So you know that I reap
where I don't sow and gather where I don't scatter, do you? 27 All the more reason to
deposit my money with the bankers, so that on my return I could have had it back
with interest! 28 You, there! Take the one talent away from this bum and give it to the
one with ten.

29 "'Those who have will get more until they grow rich, while those who have not will
lose even the little they have. 30 Throw this worthless one outside into the darkness,
where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

When Faithfulness Looks Like Resistance

HYMN OF THE DAY

Please stand as able.

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



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Music: RUSTINGTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918
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APOSTLE'S CREED

In the Apostles' Creed, we respond to the proclamation of God's Word by confessing the faith that has been handed down through generations of Christians. We "believe" (from the Latin credere, meaning "to put one's heart into") as an act of trust in the story of God's creating love, redeeming work in Jesus Christ, and life-giving presence through the Holy Spirit. We say "I believe" not as an isolated individual, but as one held within the faith of the whole church, the Body of Christ, which supports and strengthens us when our own faith feels fragile. When it is not capitalized, the word "catholic" means universal—affirming that this faith belongs to the whole people of God, in all times and places.

God has made us God's people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Prayers of Intercession are always responsive, because everyone gives voice to the supplications. We include prayers for others throughout the world, in our Synod, and those connected to our congregation.

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 the body of Christ and her ministries with the hope of your good news. Sustain Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry of the ELCA and South Carolina's Synodical Bishop, Wade Roof, as they work to encourage your people. God, in your mercy,
receive 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, especially the groundhogs, bumblebee queens, and box turtles of our area. Show us how to curb human impact on vulnerable lands and species, reminding us that our own slowing down is good for this world you created. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Rescue all nations and peoples from violence, displacement, or famine, especially across Sudan and its Darfur region. 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,
receive 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 those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts … God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

You are our breastplate of love and our helmet of hope as we experience change and transition in this place. Today we give you an abundance of thanks for the ministry of Kay Cook, Trinity's Office Manager of twenty years, as she celebrates her retirement. While we wish her well, let us carry with us the gifts she brought to this place: her determination to see Trinity remain strong, her careful, listening ears with a heart always ready to comfort and console, and her amazing memory of this, her beloved home of faith from birth. Remind her that this is still her home, and we are still her people. Grant us wisdom and compassion to enter this new chapter together with joy. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Bless all who serve in congregational leadership, especially council members and property and maintenance volunteers. Encourage healthy stewardship of time, talents, and resources for Trinity's unique mission of the gospel. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

The faithful of every age trust in the hope of your saving grace. We give thanks for all the saints who have claimed their baptismal promise, especially Saint Martin of Tours, whom we commemorated this past week. He saw Christ in a shivering stranger and laid down his sword to follow the Prince of Peace. Clothe us with that same courage to share what we have and to choose peace over violence. 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,
receive our prayer.

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 is with you always.
And also with you.

Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated.

The Peace has been exchanged in worship since the time of the first Christians. It is a profound act to offer the miraculous peace of God to one another before we join in communion with God and each other.

The Offertory is when we bring our gifts of bread, wine, money, and our very selves to present to God as our initial act of thanksgiving. This collection is a visible reminder that our whole lives are God's, and a part of what God has given us we give back in thanksgiving for all that we have and all that we are. Financial contributions can be placed in the offering plates during worship, mailed to the church, or given electronically by going to our website trinitylutheran.ws, by scanning the QR code, or texting TLCGIVE to 73256.

God Invites Us to the Table

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Giver of Every Perfect Gift
Music: K. Lee Scott; Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda; Addie Black, violin

Giver of every perfect gift, You shape my life from womb to grave.
Reveal your good and gracious will that plants me in this time and place.
Display the gifts assigned to me. Make them a witness to your name.

You planned and know the gifts I have; Creator God, from you they come,
Unique and special, from your heart, Intended for a chosen role.
Thrill me to find and recognize The talents only you can give.

Revealing Word, sent Son of God, Proclaimer of the Kingdom's dawn,
It is for you, because of you, That every talent is bestowed.
You have a part for me to fill, A purpose for this life of mine.

Enabling Spirit, Gift of gifts, Empower me, stir up my faith,
make me an instrument of grace, Of mercy, blessing, peace, and joy.
Let me not miss another day In seeing what your gifts can do.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Please stand as able.

Take My Life, That I May Be
Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad





OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray, 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.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is with you.
And also with you.

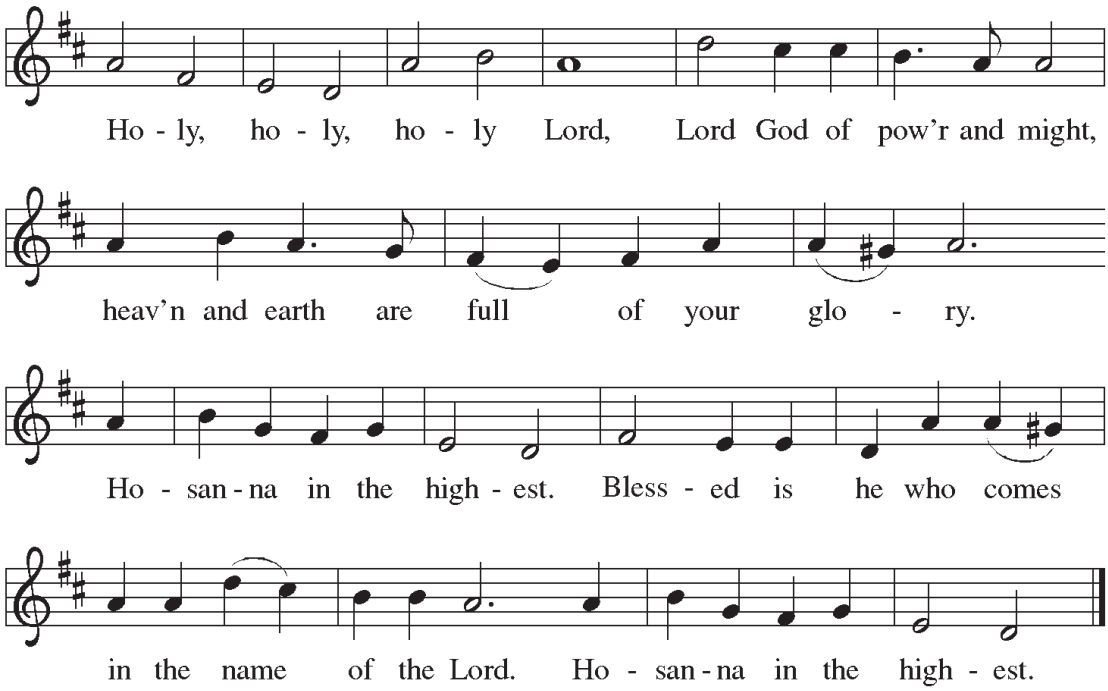
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

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, O God of the dawn, through Jesus Christ, who

is coming to the feast. You call us children of light and children of the day. You fill our lamps with oil and our hands with gifts, and you send us into the night to watch for your coming. Yet you do not leave us waiting in the dark. Even now Christ stands among us: in the hungry who ask for bread, in the stranger who seeks a place to rest, in all whom the world has left outside the door. Even now the wedding music is playing for everyone who has been told they do not belong. And so, with lamps burning and hearts awake, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus (holy, holy, holy) recalls the words of the prophet Isaiah, overwhelmed by the presence of God in the sanctuary, and these words were sung by the people as Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The Sanctus reminds us that this is an offering of the whole creation, which joins in singing these praises.



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.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on this bread and cup. Gather us, with all your beloved, into the wedding feast that has no end, where no door is shut and no one is turned away. Come quickly, Lord Jesus.

LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer is he prayer that Jesus gave to his followers when they asked him to teach them to pray. It links our daily bread to the spiritual food we receive in Communion. When we pray Holy Mother/ Father, we name what has always been true: God is not bound by gender, yet holds us with the fierce, tender love of every parent who has ever cherished a child. When we pray kin-dom, we reach for God's deepest dream: not a reign of power and hierarchy, but a beloved community where all belong, all are welcomed, and none are left outside.

Our Mother/Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

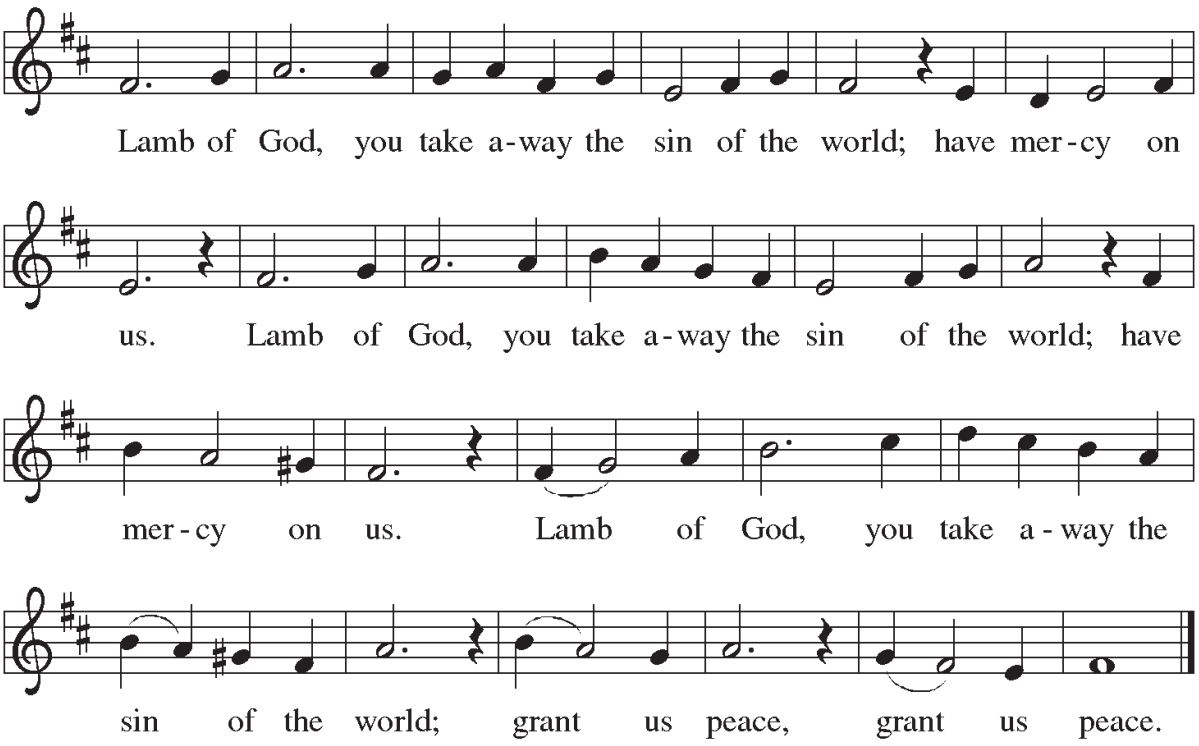
COMMUNION

All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Both wine and grape juice are available in the split chalice— wine in the larger section and grape juice in the smaller section. Christ's grace and forgiveness is found in the bread, wine, and grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available.

At the direction of the ushers, worshippers are invited to move to the front of the center aisle to dip the wafer into the chalice to receive Communion by intinction.

In an effort to further embrace Trinity's mission of welcome, affirmation, and hospitality, both wine and grape juice are available in the split chalice.

COMMUNION MUSIC



Shall We Gather at the River



Shine, Jesus Shine 671



Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950
Music: Graham Kendrick
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SHINE, JESUS, SHINE
9 9 10 10 3 3 and refrain

Be Thou My Vision – arranged for piano by Randall Hartsell (Addie Black, piano)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Please stand as able.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

After Communion, we give thanks for being part of the communion of God's life and for being fed so that we may go out to feed and serve others in our world.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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. **Amen.**

God Sends Us to Love and Serve the World

BLESSING

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. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ 674



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach-ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a - bound!

DISMISSAL

Beloved Community,
Go into the world and multiply what matters.
Share generously, love boldly, practice compassion, and work for a world where everyone has enough and all have a seat at the table.
Go in peace.
Love your neighbor.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Please join us in the Multipurpose Room to celebrate Kay Cook as she retires and show gratitude for her many years here with Trinity.

Having heard the Gospel and having been fed at communion, the final act of our common worship is the Dismissal. It is not an afterthought, but an integral part of the service. Jesus' final action on earth was to send his followers into the world to make disciples, baptizing and teaching them to obey all he had commanded. And so we are sent out into the world to proclaim the Good News and be Christ's hands and feet on earth.

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Activities & Opportunities

Our Christian symphathy is expressed to Donna Robinson at the death of her brother.

Church Office Hours
Monday – Church Office Closed
Tuesday – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Wednesday – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Thursday – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Friday – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

This schedule notes when administrative staff are in the office to answer phones and welcome guests. Our pastors are frequently away from the office providing pastoral care, attending community meetings, and making ministry visits. Pastoral availability is more expansive than the Church Office schedule.

Adult Faith Exploration meets each Sunday morning at 9:00 am in Rooms 12 and 13. Those interested in lively discussion around matters of faith and the current reality in which we live should give this class a try. Topics and discussion leaders change frequently to keep things interesting and engaging. Please reach out to Pastor Preacher with any questions or to inquire about serving as a Discussion Leader.

Candlelight Yoga. Because of ongoing interest in yoga at Trinity, gentle yoga classes led by Jill McBurney will continue in November and December. If you are weary, anxious, stressed-out, and burdened by the demands of life and craving some time to relax, then this may be just the event for you! Participants might enjoy bringing a pillow, blanket, and mat. Extra mats are available to borrow. Participants may choose to practice from a chair. Childcare is available. Upcoming classes will be held at 6:30 pm on Mondays, November 16, November 30, and December 14. Invite your friends and come and rest in the glow of candlelight, do some simple stretching, breathe deeply, experience restoration, and open your mind to this spiritual practice. All bodies and abilities are encouraged to participate. Reach out to Pastor Crowell at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws with questions.

Game Day Group. The Game Day Group meets on Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Mahjong is regularly played and learners are welcomed. Other card games and board games are also included in this fun afternoon of fellowship, laughter, and community building that meets in the Parlor. We even have coloring books! If you are interested or have questions, please reach out to Lani Ludian at 864-419-9574 or Suzanne Rudisill at 864-905-4119.

SMART Recovery. Smart Recovery is an evidence-informed recovery program grounded in Rational Emotive Behavior Therapy (REBT) and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT). It supports people with substance use or other addictive behaviors to build and maintain motivation, cope with urges and cravings, manage thoughts, feelings, and behaviors, and live a balanced life. SMART Recovery addresses all kinds of addictive behaviors, is affirming of the LGBTQIA+ community, and avoids harmful labels. Jaime Fivecoat, a certified SMART facilitator, will begin hosting SMART meetings at Trinity in Rooms 12 and 13 on Mondays from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., starting November 16. Meetings are free and open to all. Reach out to Jaime Fivecoat with questions at jaime5gvl@gmail.com.

Grief Support Group. Trinity will host a grief support group on Tuesday, November 17 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. The group will be led by Jerry Wesley LMFTA, Trinity's Mental Health Wellness Advocate. Jerry will guide the discussion for a safe and respectful way for participants to ask questions, exchange experiences, and build connection in an effort to feel supported and find healing. Grief can come from the loss of a loved one, an end to a relationship, or changes in life stages such as children leaving the home for school or marriage. Come join the conversation and begin replacing grief with healing. Contact Jerry at jrwesley@trinitylutheran.ws for more information.

Love Wins. Love Wins will meet on Thursday, November 19 at 5:30 pm in the Parlor to discuss Rob Bell's book *What We Talk About When We Talk About God*. New folks are always welcome. Refreshments will be provided. Reach out to Angie McCormack at ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws for more information.

Preschool Play Group. Preschoolers, their siblings, and parents (or a caring adult) are invited to gather in the Pence Building in the Children's Room on Sunday, November 22 following the Community Thanksgiving Lunch for thirty minutes of play, activities, and a fun time of relationship-building. Reach out to Angie McCormack at ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws with questions.

Community Thanksgiving Meal. On Reign of Christ Sunday we celebrate with a meal where everyone has a seat at the table. Trinity's Annual Community Thanksgiving Lunch will take place in the Gym on Sunday, November 22 following worship. This annual meal celebrates the ways God has blessed our corner of Main Street while welcoming our downtown neighbors to break bread with us. Please consider bringing a side item or dessert to share. Sign-ups for dishes are available online (contact the Church Office if you need the link). Reach out to Terri Sullivan with any questions and to volunteer to help serve at sullivt26@aol.com.

Transgender Day of Remembrance. Join Trinity Lutheran Church and the Greenville Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Thursday, November 19 at 6:30 p.m. in Trinity's Sanctuary for a Transgender Day of Remembrance service, as we hold sacred space to grieve and honor Trans and gender-expansive siblings whose lives were taken by anti-Trans violence this year. Together we will remember lives, light candles in their memory, and proclaim that the God who draws near to those on the margins holds each of them in everlasting love. All are welcome to come mourn, remember, and recommit ourselves to building a world where every Trans person can live safely, fully, and freely.



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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Shared Calling

We are a diverse faith community proclaiming the inclusive gospel of Christ by practicing love through hospitality, justice, and belonging.

Core Commitments

- Relevant Worship
- Radical Welcome
- Queer Affirmation
- Authentic Community
- Justice and Advocacy
- Faithful Giving
- Spaces of Belonging

Life Together this Week: Come and Connect with Us!

TODAY	MON, NOV 16	TUES, NOV 17	WED, NOV 18	THURS, NOV 19	SUN, NOV 22
9:00 am Faith Exploration for Adults **10:00 am** Worship in the Gym and Live-stream Refreshments to follow **11:30 am** Reception for Kay Cook **11:30 am** History Reading Group	**6:00 pm** SMART Recovery Group **6:30 pm** Candlelight Yoga	**6:00 pm** Grief Support Group	**1:00 pm - 3:00 pm** Game Day (formerly Mahjong Group) **6:00 pm** Handbell Choir **7:00 pm** Adult Choir	**5:30 pm** Love Wins **6:30 pm** Transgender Day of Remembrance Service in the Sanctuary	**9:00 am** Faith Exploration for Adults **10:00 am** Worship in the Sanctuary and Live-stream Refreshments to follow **11:30 am** Community Thanksgiving Meal **After Lunch** Preschool Play Group