

*24<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost*

Sunday, November 15, 2020 – Traditional Service

*For to all those  
who have, more  
will be given,  
and they will  
have an  
abundance.*

*Matthew 25:29, NRSV*



## WELCOME TO ALL

Welcome to worship at Trinity Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here. Even though we are spread out and wearing masks, we are delighted to gather as one people in the name of the risen Lord Jesus, in whose power over disease and death we take hope. Please use this bulletin to participate in the liturgy and take it with you when the service is ended. Don't forget to register each week on our website or by calling the office (717-263-8156) for the service that you wish to attend, so that we can maintain appropriate physical distancing in our sanctuary. If you are a guest or visitor worshipping with us and did not know to register for today's service, no problem; we have kept open some extra seating just in case. Simply plan to register for the service next week – and we do invite you to worship with us again!

Bathrooms are located down the hall from the side entrance to the sanctuary. Our nursery is not yet open, but the space is available for special use by individual families. If you visit the nursery to settle a child or change a diaper, please let one of the pastors or ushers know so that we can be sure to sanitize the room before the next service.

Ushers will dismiss worshippers at the end of the service row by row. Please wait to be dismissed, and conduct conversations and fellowship in the fresh, open air outside. We trust that as we take such precautions together, we follow our Lord's command to love our neighbor, and we help to ensure that we will be able to continue to gather for worship during the pandemic. Thank you for working with us toward that end!

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*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, and  
cross - eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.*

## **WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***Congregation responds in bold print.***

***Please respect the silence of those around you preparing for worship.***

**PRELUDE**

***“Meditation on A Shaker Hymn”***

Martin

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One,  
**we confess that we are not awake for you.**  
**We are not faithful in using your gifts.**  
**We forget the least of our siblings.**  
**We do not see your beautiful image in one another.**  
**We are infected by sin**  
**that divides your beloved community.**  
**Open our hearts to your coming,**  
**open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,**  
**open our hands to serve your creation.**  
**Amen.**

Beloved, we are God's children,  
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.  
Through † Jesus you are forgiven,  
by Jesus you are welcome,  
in Jesus you are called to rejoice!  
Let us live in the promises prepared for us  
from the foundation of the world.  
**Amen.**

## **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

P: 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**

Let us pray.

**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.**

*Please be seated.*



# WORD

## FIRST READING

## Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.

<sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, “The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.” <sup>13</sup>Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

<sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there.

<sup>15</sup>That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, <sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

<sup>17</sup>I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. <sup>18</sup>Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD’s wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**



THE  
DAY  
— OF THE —  
LORD  
IS NEAR.

ZEPHANIAH 1:7, ESV

## PSALMODY

## Psalm 90:1-12

*We will speak the Psalm responsively.*

- <sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to another.
- <sup>2</sup>**Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or the land and the earth were born,  
from age to age you are God.**
- <sup>3</sup>You turn us back to the dust and say,  
“Turn back, O children of earth.”
- <sup>4</sup>**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past  
and like a watch in the night;**
- <sup>5</sup>you sweep them away like a dream,  
they fade away suddenly like the grass:
- <sup>6</sup>**in the morning it is green and flourishes;  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**
- <sup>7</sup>For we are consumed by your anger;  
we are afraid because of your wrath.
- <sup>8</sup>**Our iniquities you have set before you,  
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**
- <sup>9</sup>When you are angry, all our days are gone;  
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- <sup>10</sup>**The span of our life is seventy years,  
perhaps in strength even eighty;  
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,  
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.**
- <sup>11</sup>Who regards the power of your wrath?  
Who rightly fears your indignation?
- <sup>12</sup>**So teach us to number our days  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

## SECOND READING

## 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>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! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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When Peace, like a River  
*It Is Well with My Soul*

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea, bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 It is well with my soul,

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **GOSPEL**

## **Matthew 25:14-30**

*The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>14</sup>“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>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.’ <sup>21</sup>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.’ <sup>22</sup>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.’ <sup>23</sup>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.’ <sup>24</sup>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 seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup>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?’ <sup>27</sup>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. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## **CHILDREN’S SERMON**



# BIBLE MILESTONE EVENT

## *The Solid Rock-Bible Presentation*

*We give praise and thanks to the Lord  
for those who will be receiving Spark Bibles today:*

<b><u>SPARK STORY BIBLE</u></b>	<b><u>SPARK BIBLE</u></b>
Macy Coder Stella Upham Jenna Vogel	Caleb Atherton Luke Coder John Diehl Carter Staley Drew Staley Piper Upham

**Receive this Bible.  
Hear God's word with us.  
Learn and tell its stories.  
Discover its mysteries.  
Honor its commandments.  
Rejoice in its good news.  
May God's life-giving word  
inspire you and make you wise.**

**SERMON**

***“Concerning the Times & Seasons”***

Pastor Spomer

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

***“His Eye is on the Sparrow”***

Gabriel

*Bob Secrist*

*Soloist*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, let us 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

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Lord of the church, inspire your people to use the gifts you have given them for the sake of your Kingdom. Make us attentive to your coming and give us hearts eager to respond to your call. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, unify us across ministries, congregations, and denominations, and refine us to participate in your healing activity throughout the world.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord of creation, we stand in awe at the works of your hands and praise you for the beauty surrounding us in nature – the lingering fall colors on our street corner, the season of rest for area farms, the rolling hills and Blue Ridge mountains on our horizon. Bless the earth for your glory and restore its integrity where exploitation has caused ruin.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord of all in need, search out those who cry to you in distress, especially Brantley, Scott, Jim, Ray, Rachel, Dottie, Corrina, Shirley, Christine, Mae, Kayla, Rose, Larry, Mary, Edie, Sherry, Linda, Peg, Tim, Cameron, Jim, Ron, Cheryl, Gillon, Ron, Jim, Becky, Bernice, Tanner, Ayano, Leland, Edith, Marlene, Anna, Josh, Crew, Bertie, Sue, and William. Scatter the heavy clouds of depression, chronic illness, unemployment, and loneliness with your radiant light. Send us as encouragement and signs of your healing.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

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Lord of the living and the dead, we give you thanks for the saints at rest from their labors. Rouse us to live by their example, that saints yet to come may also know your love. Give our members a firm sense of your enduring presence and care, especially, Stephen & Joy Caldwell; Andrew, Heather, Arlee, & Layton Campbell; Gladys Carter; Bishop & Evelyn Christman; Beatrice Clark; Norma Cleaver; William & Bonita Cockley; Charles, Lisa, Luke, & Macy Coder; Donald & Ruth Cramer; and Mary Cramer.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

P: Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

**Amen.**



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom 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 kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.**



# SENDING

## THE BENEDICTION

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

## DISMISSAL

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

*Please be seated.*

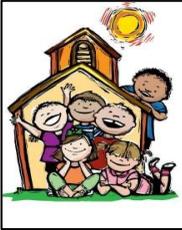
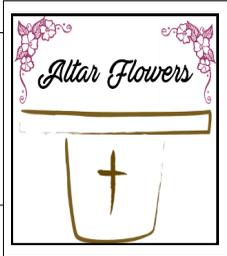
**POSTLUDE**      *“Praise the Lord the King of Heavens”*

Smith

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*Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for our family, friends, and for Trinity and it's members by Dewey & Carol Hutsler.*



*The children's bulletins are given to the glory of God and in honor of Trinity's children, by Barb Montgomery.*

<b>LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:</b>	
<i>Sunday, November 8, 2020</i>	
In-Person	59
Online Worship Service Views:	140
Online Contemporary Devotional Service Views	6

## STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

*“Therefore encourage one another and build up each other,  
as indeed you are doing.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:11*

“Do or do not. There is no try,” said Star Wars character Yoda.

Notice there is no “try” in Paul’s instructions either.

We can act on our thankfulness to God by encouraging others and  
building one another up in Christ’s name.

Who needs your encouragement this week? How will you act on that need?

Budgeted amount needed: \$8,072.12 11/08/2020 Offering: \$7,102.49

Thank You!



Encourage  
one another  
and build up  
each other....

1 Thessalonians 5:11, NRSV



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### Vision

*"Growing in God"*

### Mission Statement

*"Seed - Planting and Growing in our Faith  
Sow - Sharing the word of God with our community  
Steward - Giving to all the love of God  
Service - Showing the love of God with our community"*