Twentyfifth Sunday after Pentecos

"His master replied,

'Well done, good and faithful servant!

You have been faithful with a few things;

I will put you in charge of many things.

Come and share your master's happiness!"

Matthew 25:23, NIV

WELCOME TO ALL

Welcome to worship at Trinity Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here. 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.

Based on revised CDC guidance, we are no longer encouraging the wearing of masks for those attending worship, regardless of vaccination status. However, if you have symptoms, have tested positive for Covid or been exposed to someone with Covid-19, we ask that you do wear a mask. Please feel free to continue wearing a mask in worship for your safety, if desired.

This guidance may change if our risk level changes.

Bathrooms are located down the hall from the side entrance to the sanctuary. Children are always welcome during worship, but if desired, there is a nursery in room 107 available for children ages birth to school age.

Please be aware that we are streaming our services. If you do not wish to be on camera please contact the church office.

Twentyfifth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 19, 2023
Traditional Service with Holy Communion

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.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation responds in bold print.

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

PRELUDE "Thanks Be To God" Handel

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm 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.**

OPENING HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" ELW 858

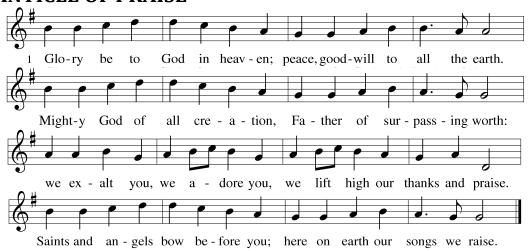


APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



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

Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the Lord as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the Lord.

⁷Be 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.

¹²At 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." ¹³Their 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.

¹⁴The 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. ¹⁵That 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, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

¹⁷I 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. ¹⁸Neither 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.

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Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

PSALMODY Psalm 90:1-12

We will speak the Psalm responsively.

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (Ps. 90:12)

¹Lord, you have been our refuge

from one generation to another.

²Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.

³You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."

⁴For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;

⁵you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:

⁶in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.

⁷For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.

⁸Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

⁹When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

¹⁰The 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.

Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation?

¹²So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

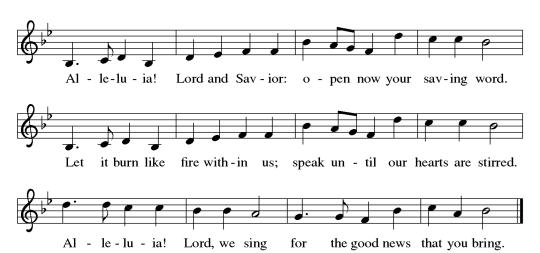
Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!



Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25thchapter. 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; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then 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.' ²¹His 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.'

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²²And 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.' ²³His 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.' ²⁴Then 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; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But 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? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For 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. ³⁰As 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.**

Please he seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Barb Barry

YOUTH GATHERING BLESSING

ANTHEM "Draw Us Together" Choplin
Senior Choir

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

Names of family & friends in prayer found on page 17.

A brief silence.

Response following each petition:

L: Hear us, O God.

R: Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you!















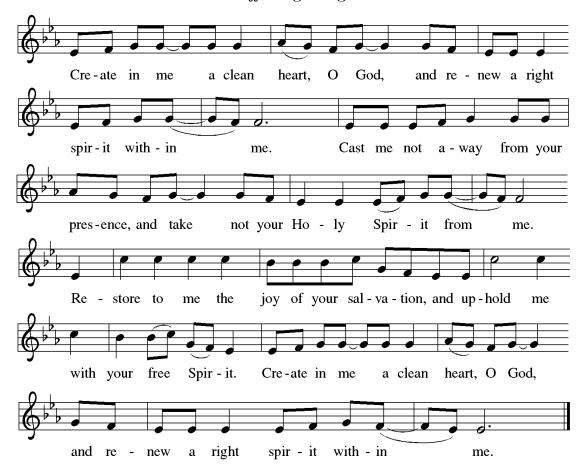


OFFERING

Thank you for your generous and faithful support. We are not currently passing the collection plates; instead you may place your offerings in the plates provided by the door as you enter or exit worship.

If you prefer, Trinity offers 5 other ways to give as well: Text, Mail, Mobile, Automatic Transfer, & Online. Contact the church office for details.

Create in Me a Clean Heart Offering Song



MEAL

THE 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

Thanks be to God.



Please be seated.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

All baptized followers of Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table.
Communicants are ushered forward row-by-row.

Please open your hand and the pastor will place the bread in your hand.
Once you have eaten the bread, the communion assistant will offer you
a cup of wine or juice from the tray.
Wine is red. Juice is white.

After drinking, you may return to your seat along the side aisle.

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

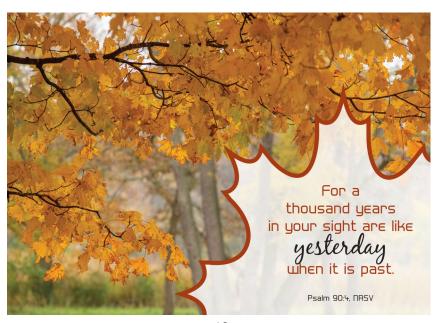
James Druckenbrod, Donald Grier, Philip Lobaugh, Barb Montgomery, & Brenda Runshaw

Gracious God, as you have sent messengers of compassion to your people, we send these Eucharistic ministers in your name. Empower them to serve brothers and sisters who are unable to share the sacrament with us today. Fill them with your Spirit; give them the gifts of humility, patience, gentleness, kindness, and above all, love, that through their ministry others may know the peace of your presence, and that by the body and blood of your Son they may experience the joy of your salvation.

Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER THE BENEDICTION





SENDING

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

POSTLUDE "Fanfare" Lemmens

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my wife "Philly Girl" by Robert a.k.a. Bobby Koenig.





The children's bulletins are given to the Glory of God, and in honor of Trinity's children by Dave and Becky Morningstar.

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE:		
Sunday, November 12, 2023:	97	
Online views:	108	

Next week's Lessons:

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

| Psalm 95:1-7a

• Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46



WORSHIP A	SSISTANTS
Preacher /Presider	Pastor Barb Barry
Organist	Robert Eyer, Jr.
Ushers	Don Grier
Ushers	Ken Runshaw
Acolyte	Tommy Barra
Lector	Brianne Parham
Communion Asst.	Luke Coder
	Ruth Cramer
Communion Prep	Gloria McCauley
Livestream Team	Jason Brown
Nursery	Lisa Coder
	Luke Coder



We Pray For

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Family & Friends of Martha Hoffman
Tammy McDonald
Becky Morningstar
Shirley Shilling
Judy Royce
Denny Verner
Sharon Emmons
Carl Fahnestock
Bob Shannon
Bea Clark

Linda Remson Bernice Conner Jean Baughman Sue Lensbower Diane Sterner Doris Krieble Greg Wilson Stanley Shilling Doug Price Deb Hutsler Thomas Clarke Brenda Zullinger Marlene Fisher Mary Royce Phyllis Dusman Floss Sterner Curt Stambaugh Cheryl Kelly Cameron

MEMBERS

Robert Koenig Paul & Bert Kolva

Katie, Payton, & Audrey Kough

Joyce Kovach

**Names may be added / removed by calling the church office.

OFFERING

Total Budgeted Giving Expected as of November 12, 2023: \$151,923.19
Amount received as of November 12: \$114,917.18
Thank You!

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday, November 22 Closed

Thursday, November 23
Thanksgiving Day - Closed



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Tomorrow November 20th Newsletter Deadline

NOVEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING

World Hunger

The special appeal for the month of November is World Hunger and United Churches Emergency Clearing House. Since hunger is a continuing problem, we as Christians need to continue sharing what we have with those who do not have enough food. Our synod continues to lead the synods in total giving. An envelope for World Hunger will be with your church envelopes. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

United Churches Emergency Clearing House Ministry

About sixteen years ago local churches, in cooperation with the Salvation Army, established a Clearing House Ministry as requested by churches in Chambersburg and surrounding communities. The Emergency Needs Clearing House receives donations from area churches and individuals to help people with bills for things like utilities, rent, fuel oil, prescriptions, gasoline, and other miscellaneous needs.



Christmas Dinner: Trinity's Church Council is planning a congregational Christmas Dinner on Sunday, Dec. 17, 2023 at 6 PM in the Social Hall The CASHS Choristers will provide entertainment. Christmas Dinner will be catered by Hickory Ridge Restaurant. *Reserve your seat by Dec 3*.

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bell Ringers Needed: The Salvation Army is requesting bell ringers for their Red Kettle Fundraising. Trinity has accepted to ring the bell at Sunnyway Foods on Saturday, December 9 from 9 AM to 5 PM. This is an **inside** venue. This is a wonderful Christmas service opportunity. The more who sign-up, the shorter the commitment of time will be. Please call ASAP the church office 717-263-8156 or contact Louisa Etter at 717-352-7691 or chamba@embarqmail.com with the time you would like to ring the bell.



Discount Cards! Please see your
SpiriTrust Lutheran
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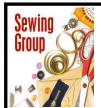
SPONSORS NEEDED

Sign-up on bulletin board in hallway or call the church office.

Altar Flowers

\$40+

Children's Bulletins \$3



SEWING GROUP

Dec. 13, 2023 @ 11 AM @ Gloria M's home. For more info call/email the church office.

THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

Sunday - 11/19 9:00 AM Learning for all Ages: Scripture and Coffee - Lounge High School Class - Social Hall - Stag Confirmation - Cloud 9 2nd to 5th Grade - Library Preschool to 1st Grade - Nursery Worship - Sanctuary Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost Monday - 11/20 7:00 - 8:30 PM Boy Troop - Scout Room NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Tuesday - 11/21 6:30 - 8:30 PM Girl Troop Committee - Scout Room Vednesday - 11/22 OFFICE CLOSED 5:30 PM 7:00 PM Yoga - Social Hall Choir - Sanctuary Thursday - 11/24 Friday - 11/24	ge —
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Scripture and Coffee - Lounge	
High School Class - Social Hall - Stag Confirmation - Cloud 9	e,
2 nd to 5 th Grade - Library	
Preschool to 1st Grade - Nursery	
10:00 AM Worship - Sanctuary	
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Gift Cards Needed for the Salvation Army Angel Tree. Cards from Walmart, Kohl's, and Target in the amount of \$25 turned







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"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"