



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

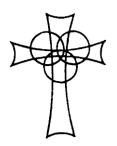
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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

In the Name of Jesus Christ, Welcome! As the seasons change and time continues to run its appointed course, people are always confronted with how change-filled our lives can be. The Pastor and People of Trinity are happy that you have come to worship with us this morning and to receive strength for daily life and living through God's holy Word and Sacraments. We hope and pray that as you go back into the change-filled world we live in, the changeless Christ that we proclaim in this place will go with you.

PRAYER UPON ENTERING WORSHIP

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.

CONCERNING HOLY COMMUNION

Lutherans believe that in this Sacrament the very Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are present in, with, and under the physical elements of bread and wine. And this Sacrament is distributed to the Baptized of the Church who believe in the Presence of Christ in the Sacrament, sincerely repent of their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this Holy Meal. Those who are present at this celebration who are baptized, have been instructed in the meaning of this Supper, and believe likewise are welcome to commune with us at this Altar today. Anyone who desires, child or adult, may come forward to receive a blessing.

Persons who have questions about what Lutherans believe or have any spiritual concerns are asked to speak with an Usher so that they can direct you to the Pastor so that you may speak with him before communing.



THE DIVINE SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

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₩ In the Name of Jesus Christ ₩

▼ The Preparation **▼**

The Flute and Piano Prelude

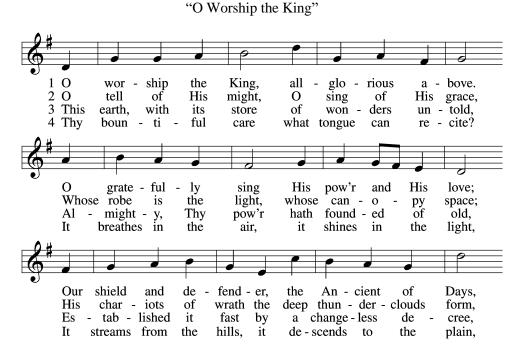
"O Worship the King"

The Words of Welcome

The Congregation rises.

The Opening Hymn

, Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 804





- 5 Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
 In Thee do we trust,
 nor find Thee to fail
 Thy mercies, how tender,
 how firm to the end,
 Our Maker, Defender,
 Redeemer, and Friend!
- O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
 While angels delight to hymn Thee above,
 Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
 With true adoration shall sing to Thy praise.

Text: Robert Grant, 1779–1838, alt. Tune: William Croft, 1678–1727 Text and tune: Public domain

The Invocation:

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the Name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

The Confession of Sins and Absolution:

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

▼ The Service of the Word **▼**

The Introit of the Day

Psalm 143:2, 5-6, 10-11; antiphon: verse 1

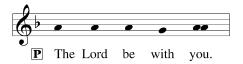
- Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!
- Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.
- I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands.
- I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.
- P Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!
- For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!
 In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

The Hymn of Praise:

This Is the Feast



The Salutation and Collect of the Day:





P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Congregation is seated.

The Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 1:7-16

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. ⁸And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice— "I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. ⁹On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. ¹⁰"On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. ¹¹Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.' ¹³Their goods 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 mighty man cries aloud there. ¹⁵A day of wrath is that day, 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.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.



The Epistle 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

The Trinity Singers

"With My Whole Heart"

The Congregation rises.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
- **C** Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴[Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and

faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

The Congregation is seated.

The Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 784

1 Take life and let it be my Con - se crat ed, 2 Take my hands and let them move At the im pulse 3 Take voice Al - ways, my and let me sing on ly 4 Take my sil ver and my gold, Not a mite would Lord, to Thee; mo - ments and my days, Take my Let them let them be Swift and of Thy love: Take my feet and King; for Take my lips and let them be Filled with with - hold; Take my in tel lect and use Ev - 'rv flow in cease-less praise, Let them flow in cease-less praise. beau - ti - ful Swift and beau-ti - ful for Thee, for mes - sag - es from Thee, Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee. pow'r as Thou shalt choose, Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

The Hymn continues on the next page...

5 Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine; Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne, It shall be Thy royal throne.

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At Thy feet its treasure store; Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee, Ever, only, all for Thee.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour

The Sermon

Entrusted Servants Text: Matthew 25:14-30

The Congregation rises.

The Nicene Creed:

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.



The Prayer of the Church:

- Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P Gracious God, we confess that no one living is righteous before You, and so we plead Your mercy for us and for all people, that we might be given grace to stand before You on the day of Judgment, clothed completely in the righteousness of the Only Faithful One, Jesus Christ our Lord, and giving You endless thanks and praise for Your great mercy and love. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, Your Son will return at a time when people do not expect. Grant all Your baptized people to live holy lives in this age looking forward with eagerness to His joyous return, seeking only to be found in Him on that glorious Day. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Source of all life and good, we praise You for Your blessing upon the seedtime and the harvest, allowing us to enjoy the fruits of the earth in their due season. Make us ever thankful for the abundance which You supply and be grateful for Your blessing of daily bread. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Giver of all we have, how often we forget that nothing is truly our own and that all things belong to You. Forgive us and help us to use Your gifts wisely, both for our good and as a blessing to others in their need. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P King of all nations, to You we commend the government of our nation and of every nation on earth, and all whom You have placed in authority over us, asking that You would guide them, bless them, and uphold them in every good deed. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Lord, our Dwelling Place in every generation, into Your merciful hands we commend all who suffer at this time—those who are ill, those who suffer the effects of aging, those who are lonely and frightened—especially remembering ______. Grant them all Your peace, Your healing, Your life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

- P Giver of every good and perfect gift, be with all those who celebrate Your great and abundant blessings to them, especially ______. Continue to bring them joy and move us all to be ever thankful for all the blessings that come to us from Your loving hand. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Lord of life, grant comfort to those who mourn the death of loved ones (especially ...). By the proclamation of Christ's victory over death assure them that all who die in Christ will surely rise to eternal life on the Last Day. Help us all to live each day in that confidence so that we may face our final hour in confidence and hope. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Compassionate Lord, You care for every child of Your creating. Hear the prayers of Your children for all of the needs and concerns we have, especially remembering ______, as well as the requests of those who have asked for our prayers, which we present to You from the things unspoken and hidden in our hearts.... And we pray You to hear and accept our prayers, granting us all things that seem best for us according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Bountiful Host, in the Eucharist You spread before Your people a heavenly feast of joy for them to share here on earth. Grant that all who come to Your Son's altar this day may receive His holy Body and Blood with living faith to their abundant blessing. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Lord of Life, Your Son is the Resurrection from the dead, and so we give thanks for Elizabeth of Hungary, Clement of Rome, and all those who have fallen asleep in faith in Him, knowing that they live forevermore. Bring us to share with them the joys You have prepared, and grant that on the Last Day, clothed in our resurrection bodies, we may join the heavenly hosts in singing Your praises without end. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

The Sharing of the Peace:

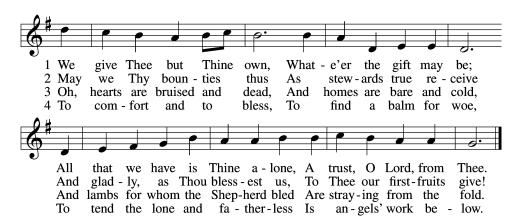
- **P** We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near. The Peace of the Lord be with you always!
- C And also with you.

The Congregation is seated.

▼ The Service of the Sacrament **▼**

The Hymn of Preparation

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 781 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"



5 The captive to release,To God the lost to bring,To teach the way of life and peace,It is a Christ-like thing.

6 And we believe Thy Word,
 Though dim our faith may be:
 Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
 We do it unto Thee.

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The Congregation rises.

The Preface Dialogue:

P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



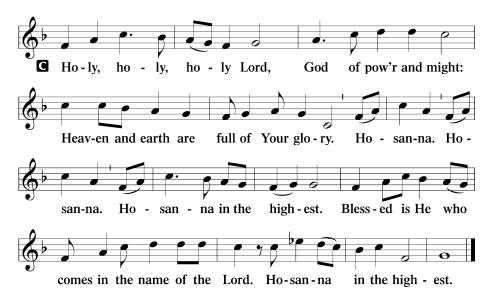
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:



The Sanctus:



The Prayer of Thanksgiving:

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the allavailing sacrifice of His Body and His Blood on the cross.

Gathered in the Name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His Body and drink His Blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



The Lord's Prayer:

- **P** 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.

The Words of Our Lord:

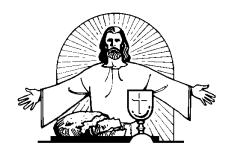
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My +Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

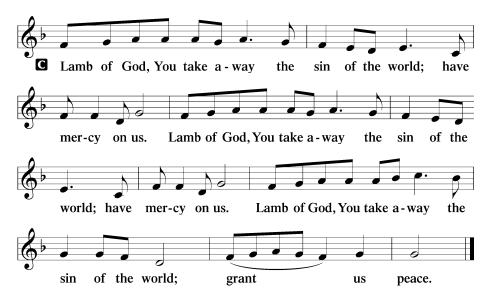
The *Pax Domini*:

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.





The *Agnus Dei*:



The Congregation is seated.

The Distribution of Holy Communion

Holy Communion is celebrated in this place in the joyful confidence that Jesus Christ Himself comes to us to give us in bread and wine His very Body and Blood to offer to us the forgiveness of sins. All Baptized Christians who have been instructed in the meaning of this Sacrament and confess with us Christ's Real Presence in this Holy Meal are welcome to commune with us at this Altar. A fuller explanation of what Lutherans believe concerning Holy Communion may be found on page one of this worship folder.

Holy Communion is distributed to the congregation at the chancel rail. Please follow the direction of the ushers to make your way to the Altar. You may kneel or stand as you feel comfortable. The Sacrament is distributed in the following manner...Please extend your hand to the assistant to receive the Body of Christ. Christ's Blood may be received in one of two ways, using that which you feel most comfortable: 1) individual cups containing wine and white grape juice will be offered by the Pastor, or 2) drinking from the chalice. Children and those not wishing to receive the Sacrament are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.



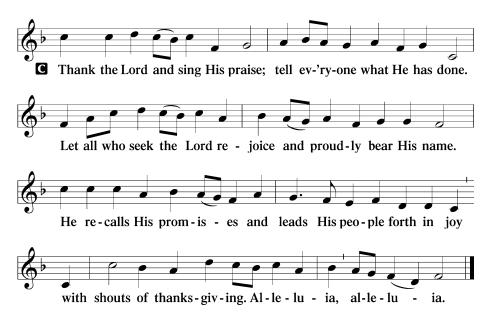
Music at the Distribution:

"Lord, We Thank You" – The Trinity Singers

The Congregation rises.

The Post-Communion Canticle:

Thank the Lord



The Post-Communion Collect:

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's Body and Blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Benediction:

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and

→ give you peace.



The Hymn to Depart

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 785

"We Praise You, O God""



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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

"We Praise You, O God"

▼ To God Be All Praise and Glory! ▼

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THOSE WHO SERVE US THIS MORNING IN WORSHIP

The Celebrant & Preacher The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel

The Lector Waymond Joynes
The Communion Assistant Helen Joynes

The Worship Assistant Helen Joynes
The Choir The Trinity Singers
The Flutist Susan Kennedy

The Parish Musician Skip Hall

NOTES AND NEWS

The flowers on the Altar today are given to the Glory of God by Gus Kruelle in remembrance of his wife Betty's birthday.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS ... Copies of the Lutheran Service Book in Large Print are available for use during worship for those who may have need of them. You may find them on the literature table at the rear of the sanctuary, and please return them there following the service.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES ... are extended to Shirley Simon and to the whole Simon family as we mourn with them at the passing of Art Simon. We pray that the Lord who promises Resurrection and Life to His faithful ones will bring all those who sorrow His comfort and peace. Plans for Art's Service of Victory are in process and we will pass on that news when they are finalized.

ADVENT IS COMING ... As another Church Year draws to a close, we prepare for the beginning of a new year of grace. To help us begin this new year aright, we are once again providing **Advent Devotional Materials** for each household, and for families with young children. You can pick up your devotions on the literature table in the rear of the sanctuary. Any packets not picked up by next Sunday will be mailed to you in hopes that they will reach you for your use by the First Sunday in Advent, December 3rd.

OUR PRAYER LIST ... We are pleased to have an active ministry of prayer among us, attested by the weekly "O Christ, Hear Us" page in the bulletin, inviting us all to remember these persons and needs in our prayer during worship at Trinity and in our own personal prayers during the week. We kindly ask you to also help us keep this list current and up to date by letting us know of any changes or deletions which need to be made. To do this please contact Pastor or the church office with a note that can be placed in the offering basket at church, or with an email.

ALTAR FLOWERS ... The flower chart for 2023 is available for you to donate floral arrangements to adorn the Lord's Altar in honor of special occasions or in memory of loved ones. The chart can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. The donation for a single arrangement is \$35.00. If you have any questions, please contact Rona by calling the church office or by email (trinity-elc-office@verizon.net).

LUTHERAN RADIO ONLINE AND ON THE AIR FOR YOU THIS WEEK:

KFUO Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on **KFUO.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @**KFUOradio** on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Study 1 Corinthians 4-6 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. ET), hear a missionary update from the Helge family and the history of music in the Lutheran Church on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 10:00 a.m. ET), and study Mark 13-14 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 12:00 p.m. ET). Hear your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org and the KFUO Radio app!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR ... Will those who do good things be saved? Or, will those who are saved...do good things? Those who love Christ also love showing mercy to others. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, November 26, 2023, for a message from Guest Speaker, the Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy, "Loving Mercy", locally on WFAX 1220 AM or 100.7 FM at 11:00 AM and 10:00 PM, as well as at 5:00 AM and 6:00 PM on Saturdays. If you are out of the radio station's range you may listen online to WFAX worldwide at WFAX.com. The Lutheran Hour can also be heard online on KFUO.org on Sundays at 12:30 PM and 5:00 PM. For more information on this media ministry, or to listen to messages on demand, visit the Lutheran Hour Ministries website at lhm.org, under "Media" and "The Lutheran Hour".

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS ... In our weekly Prayer of the Church, the final petition is dedicated to all of the Faithful Departed who are now with the Lord and a part of the Church Triumphant. As a part of this remembrance, we recall by name the saints who are on the calendar of Feasts, Festivals, and Commemorations of our church and remembered during the current week. Some have asked for more information about these saints; so, biographies for each saint, along with a prayer and suggested Scripture readings, are now available for you on our church website.

THIS WEEK'S COMMEMORATIONS...

November 19 Elizabeth of Hungary, Princess & Worker of Charity

November 23 **Clement of Rome**, *Pastor*

Visit http://tlcmr.org/worship/celebrating-the-saints/ where you can learn more about the cycle of saints' days on the church calendar and find the biographies for each saint listed by month.

TREASURER'S NOTE:

Here's an update to last month's early financial report for 2023. First the good news! We received *more* offerings than needed for October:

October offerings received (5 Sundays): \$15,296

Income needed in October to meet the budget: \$13,536.83

Looking at the entire year, the picture remains similar as last month. Our offerings for the whole year have been roughly 10% short of our expenses. Overall expenses have been basically on target, though individual items have deviated. This has translated into us needing to take out \$8,000 from our Thrivent funds to cover 2023 expenses—\$4,000 on May 1, and another \$4,000 on July 1. Along with \$5,000 that we took out in early January to cover past due (2022) bills, we've withdrawn \$13,000 since last December. As of October 3rd, the total Thrivent balance was \$37,696, and we haven't had to make any additional withdrawals since.

I'll repeat what I said last month: I'm always impressed and awed by the generosity of this congregation—and the above figures include Mekane Yesus' regular giving as well. I've found it helpful to realize that if everyone increased their offerings by about 10% (maybe a *bit* more), we would probably be in good shape. We've increased our own very modest family offerings by 10%, and I hope others might do so too, or whatever they think is appropriate, giving from the heart as each is able. (I think we've already seen some of this in October!)

Michael McCover, Treasurer



COMPASSION CENTER NEWS... Our Compassion Center is open and is serving members of our community with their needs for food and clothing. If you are able to volunteer during the Center's open hours, please contact Elma. Thank you all for your continued help and support and prayers.

In an effort to keep the cupboards full at the Compassion Center during this ongoing time of need in our community, we will continue to need your generous donations of food. All non-perishable foods are welcome, and especially needed items include:

Peanut Butter; Pasta; Pasta Sauce; Macaroni & Cheese; Canned Tuna and Chicken; Canned Fruit; Soup.

Clothing donations are also welcome. There is a need for boys' and men's clothing, especially pants.

There is also a need for diapers, especially sizes 4, 5, and 6.

Donations can be dropped off at the Center during Center hours. And you can also leave your donations at church, and we will make sure that they are delivered to the Compassion Center. Thank you for your loving and generous support.

Center Hours: Mondays & Tuesdays: 10 AM – 4 PM

Wednesdays: 10 AM - 2 PM

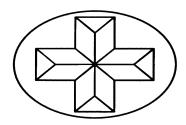
Elma Pervaiz, Coordinator, LMS Compassion Center, Hyattsville, MD

Center Phone Number: 301-277-2302, ext. 23

PREPARING FOR THE COMING SUNDAY ...

The Feast of Christ the King: The Last Sunday of the Church Year (<u>LSB</u> Proper 29A), November 26, 2023

Scripture Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; 1 Corinthians 15:20-28; Matthew 25:31-46



PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19 – 26 May Be Subject to Change

Today	The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	
	8:30 AM	Bible Study
	9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion
		(at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	10:45 AM	Trinity Singers Rehearsal
	12:00 PM	EECMYM Worship (at church in person)
Monday	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
Tuesday	9:00 AM—Noon	Church Office Open
	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
Wednesday	9:00 AM—Noon	Church Office Open
	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
Thursday	Thanksgiving Day	Church Office Closed
Next Sunday	The Feast of Christ the	e King: The Last Sunday of the Church Year



CHURCH STATISTICS

Bible Study

Worship Service with Holy Communion

EECMYM Worship (at church in person)

(at church in person and via Facebook Live)

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Worship Attendance: 21; Communed: 21.

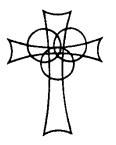
OUR STEWARDSHIP FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2023:

8:30 AM

9:30 AM

12:00 PM

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▼ O Christ, Hear Us! **▼**

Intercessions for the Week of November 19, 2023

Prayers for Continued Healing and Help

For Members of Our Trinity Family:

John, Diane, Julie & Kenny, Diane, John Tyler, Waymond, Paul, Alan, Kate, August, David, Ernie, Paul, Shirley, and Angela

For Those Who Have Asked of Our Prayers:

Luke, grandson of Charlie & Jean; Betty, mother of Helen;

Susan, relative of Gus & Betty; Joe, friend of Cullen; Britnany, niece of Lynda;

Juliet, mother of Ras-I; Linda, daughter of Gus & Betty;

Dennis & Caron, former Concordia School Teachers; Jari, former Concordia Teacher;

Catelyn, step-granddaughter of Ernie; Nathan, son of Art; Helen, aunt of Judy;

Bernie, friend of Trinity; Robin, daughter of Vincent & Tracy;

George, friend of Dave & Joyce; Danny, friend of Dave & Joyce;

Paul III, grandson of Paul; Ralph, uncle of Vincent & Tracy;

Cynthia, friend of Kim; Craig, friend of the Praticos; Oliver, son of David & Lisbeth;

Yvonne, relative of Carole; Doris, mother of Vincent; Dee, Godmother of David;

Kay, sister of Carole; John, father-in-law of Kristina; Tyler, son of coworker of Paul;

Orbelina & Family, mother of former Concordia Students; Evelyn, aunt of Judy;

Phillip & Amanda and Family and the Black Family, friends of Michelle

Thanksgivings and Blessings

David Varona, Jr., Betty Kibler, Amani Sandiford, Earl Elias, Stacey Hagedorn, †Betty Kruelle, and Melissa Replogle, who celebrate their birthdays this week. David & Lynda Pfeil, who celebrate their wedding anniversary this week.

Those Who Mourn

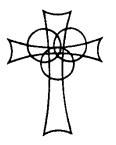
The family of the Rev. Dr. Arthur Simon, who passed away on November 14th.

We Keep In Our Prayers

- **♥** Our Trinity family, our ministries, and our mission.
- ▶ Pastor Gugssa Biru and the people of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus in Maryland.

- ★ For the Lord to continue to move the hearts of our Trinity Members to a deeper realization of our part in His mission to the world and to be Ablaze! with a desire to tell the Good News about Jesus with those whom we come into contact in our lives.
- For the work of our Compassion Center, for Elma Pervaiz, our center coordinator, and for Redeemer Lutheran and the Lutheran Mission Society, our mission partners.
- **▼** Our government leaders, and for the members of our armed forces.
- ▶ For peace and justice among the residents of our nation's cities and towns where there is unrest from fear and distrust.
- For an end to racism and bigotry in our nation and world.
- For all those still affected and recovering from the effects of natural disasters.
- For our brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer persecution for the faith and Name of Jesus, even to the point of shedding their blood.
- For peace in our world, especially in those places that are affected by war, oppression, or acts of terror.
- For all those we know who are sick, who grieve, and who are in any need of prayer.





Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

4000 – 30th Street at the intersection of 30th Street and Bunker Hill Road Mount Rainier, Maryland 20712

Sunday Mornings:

Adult Bible Study – 8:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion – 9:30 AM

Worship Services are livestreamed on Facebook Live For more information, please visit the church website.

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