

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 2025

Our Mission...



To joyfully share the Abundant Life in Jesus' cross with all people today, embracing His hope for tomorrow.

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church!

Jesus gives new life wherever His Gospel is preached! If you are a visitor, we welcome you in Jesus' name. Please come again to join us in worship and become acquainted with our family in Christ.

Visitors ~ please sign our Guest Book at the back of the church.

Sunday school for three-years-old through High School are held at 8:30 am in the lower level.

Adult Bible Class is held in the Fellowship Hall on the lower level at 8:30 am each Sunday.

Rest rooms (2) are located on the same floor as the Sanctuary, across from the mailboxes. One is handicapped accessible and has a Baby Changing Station.

Assistive Hearing Devices can be found in the back of the Sanctury. Please ask an Elder or Usher for assistance.

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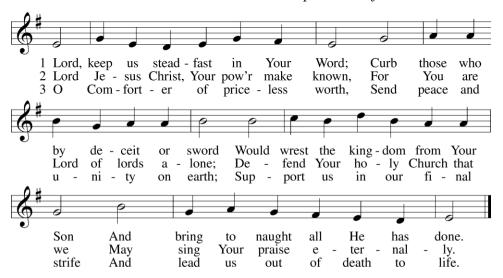
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PRELUDE

WELCOME

HYMN of INVOCATION

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word ~ LSB 655



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CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

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

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen. Matthew 28:19b; 18-20
- 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.

 1 John 1:8-9

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.
- 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.

 John 20:19-23
- C Amen.

SERVICE of the WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 121:1-2, 5, 7-8; antiphon: Luke 21:33



Heaven and earth will | pass away,*

but my words will not | pass away.

I lift up my eyes | to the hills.*

From where does my | help come?

My help comes | from the Lord,*

who made | heaven and earth.

The Lord is your | keeper;*

the Lord is your shade on your | right hand.

The Lord will keep you from all | evil;*

he will | keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your | coming in* from this time forth and for- | evermore.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

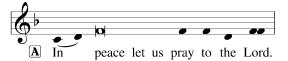
as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Heaven and earth will | pass away,* but my words will not | pass away.

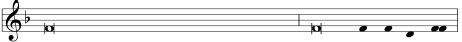
KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

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C Lord, have mer - cy.

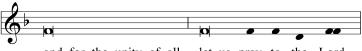


A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



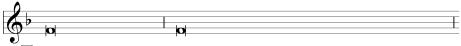


A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.





A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise





C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.



THIS is the FEAST

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SALUTATION and COLLECT of the DAY

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2 Timothy 4:22



P Let us pray.

O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



OLD TESTAMENT READING

Malachi 4·1-6

¹ "For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts.

⁴"Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

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



These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,* in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

EPISTLE READING

2 Thessalonians 3:1–13

¹Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, ²and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. ³But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. ⁴And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. ⁵May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

⁶Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁹It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹²Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

¹³As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE

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HOLY GOSPEL READING

Luke 21:5-28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.



⁵While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, ⁶"As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." ⁷And they asked him, "Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?" ⁸And he said, "See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them. ⁹And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once."

¹⁰Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹²But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. ¹³This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict.

¹⁶You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all for my name's sake. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your lives.

²⁰"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, ²²for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. ²³Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. ²⁴They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

²⁵"And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

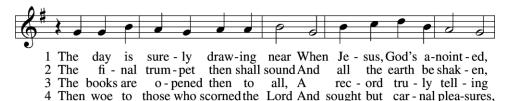
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

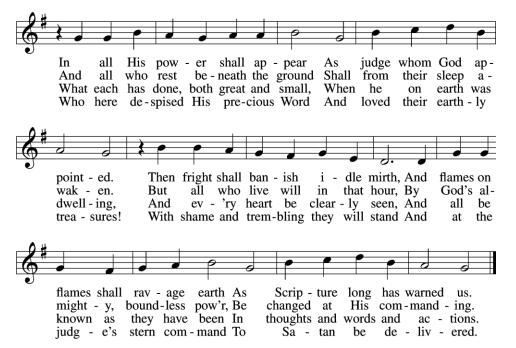


CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN of the DAY

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near ~ LSB 508





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- 5 My Savior paid the debt I owe And for my sin was smitten; Within the Book of Life I know My name has now been written. I will not doubt, for I am free, And Satan cannot threaten me; There is no condemnation!
- 6 May Christ our intercessor be And through His blood and merit Read from His book that we are free With all who life inherit. Then we shall see Him face to face, With all His saints in that blest place Which He has purchased for us.
- O Jesus Christ, do not delay, But hasten our salvation;
 We often tremble on our way In fear and tribulation.
 O hear and grant our fervent plea: Come, mighty judge, and set us free From death and ev'ry evil.

C 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.

PRAYER of the CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

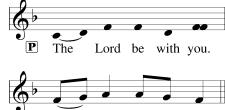
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OFFERTORY pages 159-160



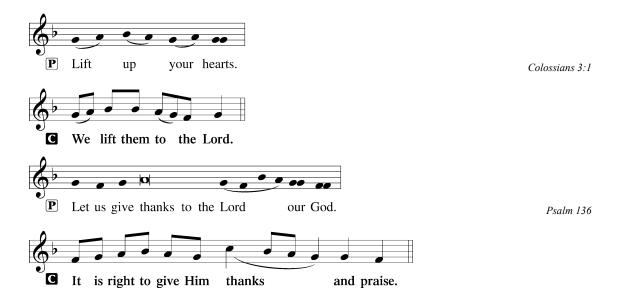
SERVICE of the SACRAMENT

PREFACE page 160

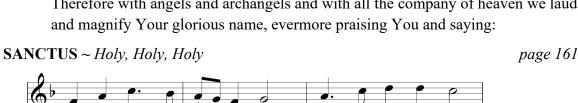


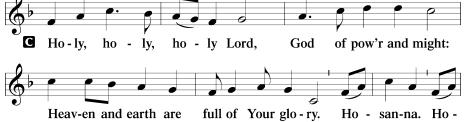
• And al - so with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:







PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

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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 all-availing 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.

LORD'S PRAYER page 162

- **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

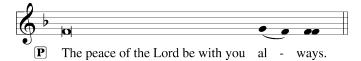
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Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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."

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

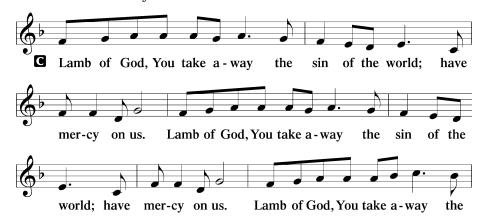
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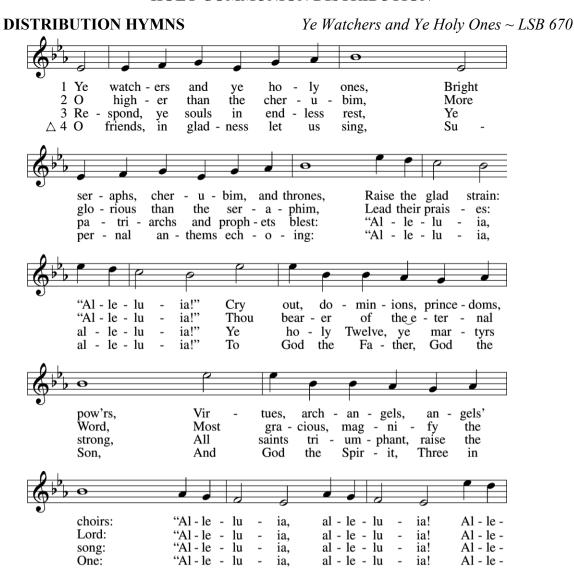
AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God

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Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers ~ LSB 515



- 1 Re joice, re joice, be liev ers, And let your lights ap pear;
- 2 The watch-ers on the moun tain Pro claim the Bride-groom near;
- 3 The saints, who here in pa tience Their cross and suf-f'rings bore,
- 4 Our hope and ex pec ta tion, O Je sus, now ap pear;



The eve-ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark-er night is near.
Go forth as He ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.
Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor-row is no more.
A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be-night-ed sphere.



The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.

The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.

A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;

With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride-groom is at hand.
In tri-umph cast be - fore Him Their di - a - dems of gold.
The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!

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- 1 The Church's one foun da tion Is Je sus Christ, her Lord;
- 2 E lect from ev 'ry na-tion, Yet one o'er all the earth; 3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der The world sees her op-pressed,
- 4 Through toil and trib u la tion And tu mult of her war
- 5 Yet she on earth has u nion With God, the Three in One.



She is His new cre - a - tion
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion:
By schisms rent a - sun - der,
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion
And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion

By wa - ter and the Word.
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
By her - e - sies dis-tressed,
Of peace for - ev - er - more
With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To His ho - ly bride; be One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food, goes up, "How long?" saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry Yet vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest, Till O bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



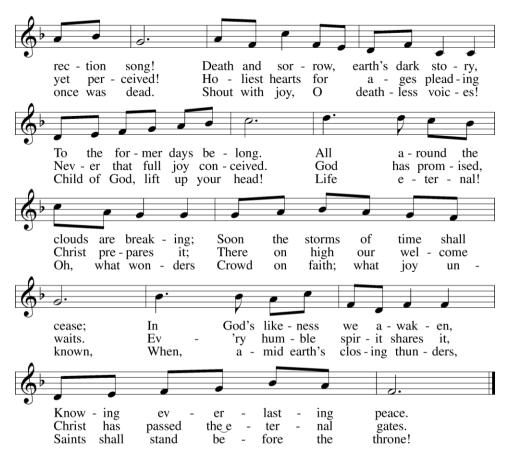
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died. And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued. night of weep - ing Shall be the And soon the morn of song. And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest. That we, like saints be - fore May see You face. us. face

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Sing with All the Saints in Glory ~ LSB 671



3 Life e - ter - nal! Heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who



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THANK the LORD page 164



Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy

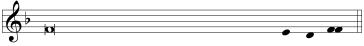


POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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BENEDICTION

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.

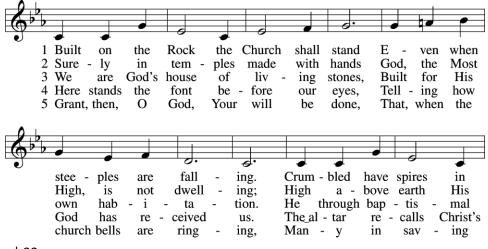
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

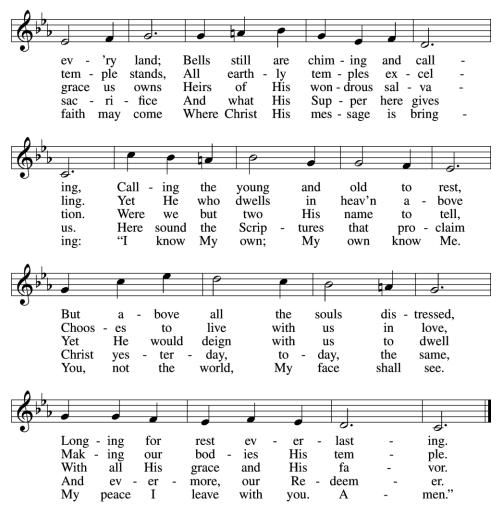
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



HYMN to DEPART

Built on the Rock ~ LSB 645





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