



**Christ the King / Thanksgiving  
25<sup>TH</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
November 22, 2020**

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*At harvest time we join the psalmist in offering thanksgiving to God: “You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.” We are grateful for the abundance of the good things of God’s creation. Paul reminds us that our thanksgiving overflows into generosity. As the body of Christ in the world, we give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.*

## **Gathering Music**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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.**

## Opening Hymn – *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

- Michael Burkhardt

### 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.**

### Prayer of the Day

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

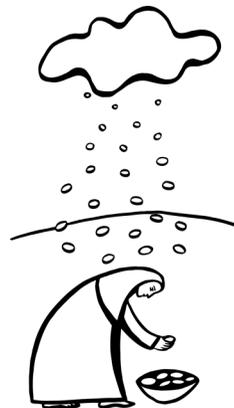
### Welcome and Announcements

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 8:7-18

*Times of abundance tempt us to forget God and rely on our own power and resources. But God is the one who took Israel out of Egypt, led and fed them in the wilderness, brought them into the land, and gave them power to be productive. To thank this God is to remember and proclaim God's deeds.*

<sup>7</sup>For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, <sup>8</sup>a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, <sup>9</sup>a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. <sup>10</sup>You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

<sup>11</sup>Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. <sup>12</sup>When you have eaten your fill and have built



fine houses and live in them, <sup>13</sup>and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, <sup>14</sup>then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, <sup>15</sup>who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, <sup>16</sup>and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. <sup>17</sup>Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." <sup>18</sup>But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm:** Psalm 65

*You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty. (Ps. 65:11)*

<sup>1</sup>You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;  
to you shall vows be fulfilled.

<sup>2</sup>**To you, the one who answers prayer,  
to you all flesh shall come.**

<sup>3</sup>Our sins are stronger than we are,  
but you blot out our transgressions.

<sup>4</sup>**Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell  
there!**

**They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the  
holiness of your temple.**

<sup>5</sup>Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our  
salvation,

O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

<sup>6</sup>**You make firm the mountains by your power;  
you are girded about with might.**

<sup>7</sup>You still the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

**<sup>8</sup>Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs;**

**you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

<sup>9</sup>You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

**<sup>10</sup>You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

<sup>11</sup>You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

**<sup>12</sup>May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.**

<sup>13</sup>May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;

let them shout for joy and sing.

### **Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15**

*Christian fellowship involves sharing with those in need. Here Paul is gathering a collection for the church in Jerusalem from all the Gentile churches he helped found. We can be extravagant in our giving because God is extravagant in providing for our lives.*

<sup>6</sup>The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written,

“He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”

<sup>10</sup>He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; <sup>12</sup>for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. <sup>13</sup>Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the

generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, <sup>14</sup>while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. <sup>15</sup>Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel:** Luke 17:11-19

*A Samaritan leper becomes a model for thanksgiving. He does not take for granted the kindness shown to him but takes time to thank Jesus and to glorify God.*

The holy Gospel according to Luke the 17<sup>TH</sup> Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup>they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup>When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup>He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? <sup>18</sup>Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup>Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children's Sermon**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day – *The Lamb***

- Jonathan Kohrs

*Hymn text and a reflection about the hymn can be found on pages 15 & 16 at the back of the bulletin.*

## **The Apostle's Creed**

**We believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the power of 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 will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**We 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.**

## **Prayer of Healing**

*Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning... Psalm 30*

Almighty and merciful God, you are the only source of health and healing; you alone can bring true calmness and the fullness of peace. Grant to us, your children, an awareness of your presence and a strong confidence in you. In our pain, our weariness, and our anxiety, surround us with your care, protect us by your loving might, and permit us once more to enjoy health and strength and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**



## Prayer for First Responders and Healthcare Workers

*God is our refuge and our strength... Psalm 46*

God of earth and air, water and fire, height and depth, we pray for those who work in danger, who rush in to bring hope and help and comfort when others flee to safety, whose mission is to seek and save, serve and protect, and whose presence embodies the protection of the Good Shepherd. Give them caution and concern for one another, so that in safety they may do what must be done, under your watchful eye. Support them in their courage and dedication that they may continue to save lives, ease pain, and mend the torn fabric of lives and social order; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Prayers Of Intercession

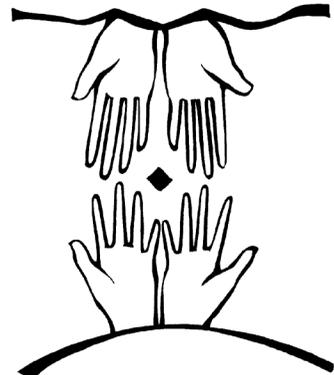
Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, you send from your abundance the people, talents, and resources needed for all the ministries of your church. We give thanks for the work you have accomplished through your people, and we pray for your continued blessings in our ministry together. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bountiful God, you feed us through the richness of the land, water, sunlight, and ample crops. Bless all those who cultivate the land to bring forth its bounty, especially farmers and migrant workers. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Merciful God, you order our lives by your providence. We give you thanks for laws, infrastructure, and leadership that structure and support our human endeavors. Align our purposes with your own, that all our undertakings might bring you glory. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**



Loving God, you open our hearts in compassion for one another. We give you thanks for the care and healing received through the hands and feet of your servants. Send us to love those most in need of your mercy (*especially*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Hospitable God, you connect and strengthen us through meals and conversation with family and friends. In this time of thanksgiving, steer us from passive receiving to active response, from old quarrels to reconciliation, and from overconsumption to true gratitude. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Eternal God, we give thanks for the love and care we have received from saints who have gone before us. By their example, enrich the generosity of our witness to others. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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.**

### **Offering Prayer**

God of all goodness,  
generations have turned to you,  
gathered around your table,  
and shared your abundant blessings.  
Number us among them  
that, as we gather these gifts from your  
abundance,  
and give thanks for your rich blessings,  
we may feast upon your very self  
and care for all that you have made,  
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and  
Servant.

**Amen.**



## **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.**

## **Blessing**

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.**

**Sending Music – *We Praise You, God*  
*Now Thank We All Our God***

- Charles Callahan

**Dismissal**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**Worship Leaders**

|                     |                                  |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Guest Leader</b> | Brian Janz                       |
| <b>Deaconess</b>    | Andrea Delaney                   |
| <b>Organist</b>     | Matthew Wahl                     |
| <b>Radio</b>        | Steve Dieckhoff & Steve Linstrom |

**Note on Special Offerings:**

Please consider sponsoring Radio Hour (\$100), 7-Day Candle (\$8), Bulletins (\$25), or the Newsletter (\$50). **The Radio, printed bulletins for those who aren't online, and the Newsletter are vital communication ministries during this time!**

**Ways to Give to Holy Trinity during Social Distancing**

1. Mail a check to the church
2. Give online through our website: [holytrinityelgin.com](http://holytrinityelgin.com)
3. Give+ through Vanco – sign up on your phone (it's an APP)
4. Simply Giving – call the church to get signed up for a regular offering

## **Announcements**

### **Pastoral Care:**

If you need pastoral care please reach out to Chaplin David Rohlwing or Deaconess Andrea Delaney.

Chaplain David: home 847-695-2745 or email: [dwrohlwing@att.net](mailto:dwrohlwing@att.net)

Deaconess Andrea: cell 847-504-7029 or  
[deaconessandrea@holyltrinityelgin.com](mailto:deaconessandrea@holyltrinityelgin.com)

Church office: 847-742-2025

### **Church Office Hours**

Due to the increasing Covid19 numbers and under the guidance of the Synod, Deaconess Andrea will only be in the office on Wednesdays from 9:00am – 4:00pm until further notice. Email and voice messages will be checked regularly.

To contact Holy Trinity please E-mail Deaconess Andrea at [deaconessandrea@holyltrinityelgin.com](mailto:deaconessandrea@holyltrinityelgin.com) or call the office at 847-742-2025.

### **Donations are needed and much appreciated!**

33-gallon trash bags, paper towels, dish soap, hand soap, bank boxes (for archives) and toilet paper can be brought to church anytime and placed in church office! Thank You!

### **Communion Kits to be delivered**

Chaplain David and Deaconess Andrea will bring you communion kits and leave them on your porch! We will be celebrating communion virtually Nov 29. Call or email the church if you would like kits of wine or juice and a wafer. They will deliver several kits.



## **Blanket & Sleeping Bag Drive**

Holy Trinity is hosting a Blanket & Sleeping Bag Drive now through the end of the year. We are in need of adult sized blankets and sleeping bags to distribute to those who will need the extra warmth to get through the winter. You may drop them off at the church during the week.

## **2021 Daily Reading & Prayer Books**

We have copies of the book "*Bread for the Day - Daily Bible Readings and Prayers for 2021*" available for anyone who wishes a copy. The book contains a brief scripture reading and prayer suggestions for each day. It also contains table graces, prayers for various situations, pages for recording prayer concerns, notes on festivals and so much more. The books were purchased with grant money so there will be no charge for the books. So please contact the church office today for your very own copy!

## **2021 Offering Envelopes**

Beginning December 1 offering envelopes will be available for 2021! Yes, already! Call the church office to stop by during the week to pick yours up. Or if you would like yours mailed, let Deaconess Andrea know. THANK YOU for supporting the ministries of HOLY TRINITY!





**\$10 and under**

Hand Sanitizer \* Gloves \* Hats  
Bags of dried black or pinto beans or  
rice \* Hand Warmers \* Burger King  
Gift Cards

**Under \$25**

Children's PJ's – all sizes

**Any denomination:**

Com Ed Gift Certificates (\$10, \$25,  
\$50, \$100)  
Gift Cards to Walmart or Aldi  
Gas Cards to BP, Speedway,  
Marathon  
\$ to Discretionary fund at Holy Trinity  
– emergency fund for those in need

Do you want to help make our neighbors holidays a little brighter? We are collecting the listed items for our neighbors & members this year. Any of the items can be mailed to church or dropped off to the office.

Any Questions? Contact Deaconess Andrea

To contact Holy Trinity please E-mail Deaconess Andrea at [deaconessandrea@holytrinityelgin.com](mailto:deaconessandrea@holytrinityelgin.com) or call the office at 847-742-2025.

**It's All Happening\*\* at Holy Trinity  
Children, Youth, Adult & Family  
Ministry Calendar**

**Quilting Group** will *NOT* be meeting on Tuesday 11/24 or 12/1.

**Sunday 11/29** – Worship Service at 9:30 am via  
*Radio Broadcast: WRMN 1410 AM & Live Stream: holytrinityelgin.com*

**Sunday 11/29** – Advent Zoom Series begins from 4:00-5:00pm.  
Contact Deaconess Andrea for the link.

*\*\* Face masks and social distancing are required for all gatherings inside and outside the church (except for Zoom). Thank you for your cooperation.*

**The Lamb**

- 1** The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!

*Refrain*

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own!  
The Lamb is reigning on his throne!

- 2** The Lamb, the Lamb, one perfect final offering.  
The Lamb, the Lamb, let earth join heav'n his praise to sing. *Refrain*
- 3** The Lamb, the Lamb, as wayward sheep their shepherd kill.  
So still, his will on our behalf the Law to fill. *Refrain*
- 4** He sighs, he dies, he takes my sin and wretchedness.  
He lives, forgives, he gives me his own righteousness. *Refrain*
- 5** He rose, he rose, my heart with thanks now overflows.  
His song prolong till ev'ry heart to him belong. *Refrain*

## Reflections from the Organ Loft...

This Sunday is a unique Sunday for worship. Due to the ongoing health situation, it is a combination of celebrating the final Sunday of the church year, Christ the King Sunday, as well as Thanksgiving. If you look at the music selections, you'll hear a few Thanksgiving pieces, perhaps a piece for Christ the King, and The Lamb. Some of those songs seem fitting, but at first glance it doesn't make sense why The Lamb was one of the chosen hymns.

The Lamb is by far one of the newest hymns in the hymnal, being written around 1985. What is most remarkable is that the text and the tune were written during a three-hour summer school class at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. Gerald Coleman was inspired to write the hymn after seeing a friend's painting titled "The Lamb". The painting is described as showing "a white lamb on a black background. The legs are tied and the Lamb seems to be still, except for the impression that it is offering its neck". When Ralph Schultz (a fellow church musician) asked Coleman about the piece being written before the end of the three hour class, he responded with, "After a painful and confusing hour, it came to me with great clarity that there would be no revisions. It is the only piece in my oeuvre of which I can say this, and I always considered it an inspiration, as if God were moving through my pencil."

With that being said, the fascinating story behind the piece still does not explain why this hymn was chosen for this Sunday. Simply put, the piece is a good transition to the next several weeks in which we await the birth of Jesus. It is the final time we reflect on what Jesus has done for us (looking at the close of a church year), while being the first time we ponder what the (soon to be) newborn will go through to save us. The song focuses on the cross, which for us today is at the center of our lives. The pain and suffering of Jesus shows just how strong God's forgiveness and love is for us.

Towards the end of the Bible in Revelation 5, John describes being before the throne of God. Despite being thousands of years after the crucifixion of Jesus, a Lamb lay near the throne appearing to be recently slain, reminding us that His sacrifice for us is ongoing and eternal. As the angels circled the throne, they sang the words in verse 12 that Coleman briefly quotes in the refrain of the hymn, "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

What a fitting way to conclude one church year and move into a new one, being reminded of what we are ultimately celebrating over the next several weeks.