

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Proclaiming, Teaching and Living the Gospel of Christ!



*Therefore keep
watch, because you
do not know the day
or the hour.*

Matthew 25:13

The Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 19 & 20, 2022



Welcome, children of our Heavenly Father!

I Cor.10:16 calls our eating and drinking of the sacramental bread and wine an actual sharing in the body and blood of Christ. As we share this gift of the Savior, we also seek to be faithful to the confession of the Apostles' Doctrine, which Scripture says was shared by those who received the sacrament together. For this reason, guests who desire to commune are kindly asked to speak to the pastor or an elder.



In our prayers: Benny (*grandson of Donna Ohrt*), Yvonne (*friend of Jean Janssen*), Delbert Dummer (*brother of Sharon*), Butch & Joan Guerrero (*parents of Rachel Taube*), Glen Hoffman (*husband of Cassandra*), Paul Johnson, Jeff & Jamie Jones (*friends of Kamber Johnston*), Rev. Justin Kane, Darcy Lind (*friend of Norma Bell*), Lisa Lorang (*granddaughter of Vinita Brutlag*), Amanda Malone, Marianne Mau, Donna Ohrt, Roger Phillips, Audrey Ruettger (*mother of Lynne Noffke*), Jeff Schultz (*brother of Deb Chmielowiec*), Justine Schultz (*niece of Deb Chmielowiec*), Butch Sorenson, Chris Tanner & September (*nephew & his fiancée of Nancy Varboncoeur*), Ray Thomas (*family friend of Jeremy & Heather Thurston*), Hugh Van Voorst, Jason Warpet (*cousin of Deb Chmielowiec*), Lorraine Whitwell, Donna Witheft.

For all those that our Savior knows are in need, and those we name privately before our Lord.

+ **ORDER OF WORSHIP—DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR—LSB 203** +
+ **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** +

Hymn of Invocation (*Saturday*): **The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us** *LSB 514*

Vocal Choir Anthem (*Sunday*): **A Call to Thanksgiving** *Words by Johathan & Joseph Martin*
Music by Joel Raney

Stand

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.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

L I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

C **The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.**

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L The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit (*Spoken responsively 1/2 verse by 1/2 verse*) Psalm 39:4–5, 7–8; antiphon: Isaiah 35:10

The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.

They shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath!

And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

My hope is in you.

Deliver me from all my transgressions.

Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

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.

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Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that, from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

¹⁷“Behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered
or come into mind.
¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever
in that which I create;
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,
and her people to be a gladness.
¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping
and the cry of distress.
²⁰No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not fill out his days,
for the young man shall die a hundred years old,
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.
²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
²²They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
²³They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD,
and their descendants with them.
²⁴Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
and dust shall be the serpent’s food.
They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain,”
says the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Handbell Choir Anthem (Sunday): Thanksgiving Medley Arranged by Patricia Hurlbutt

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:1–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

Hymn of the Day: Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

LSB 516

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

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

After each petition

- P** ...let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the

Lord's Prayer

C 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

P 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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei



The musical notation for Agnus Dei is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half).

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

Distribution

- Distribution Hymn: Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment** *LSB 511*
- Distribution Hymn: Jerusalem, O City Fair and High** *LSB 674*
- Distribution Hymn: Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia** *LSB 466*

Stand

Nunc Dimittis



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.
 We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Benedicamus

- A** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- 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.
- C** Amen.

Hymn to Depart: Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

LSB 515

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In Response to our Savior's Love

<u>Date/Weekend:</u>	<u>Sat.</u>	<u>Sun.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Offerings:</u>	<u>Operating</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>All Other Funds</u>	
November 6 th	42	98	140		\$ 3,903.00	\$ 230.00	\$ 150.00	
November 13 th	33	70	103		\$ 4,664.00	\$ 595.00	\$ 320.00	
Sunday School			27		\$ 32.00			
Bible Class	N/A	17	17					
Average amount needed weekly to meet current Operating expenses							\$ 5,450.00	
Average amount needed weekly to meet current Mission commitments							\$ 692.00	

Complete financial reports are given at Quarterly Voters' Meetings usually held on the third Sundays of January, April, July, and October. Please contact Diane in the church office to pick up your envelopes, if you need offering envelopes issued or wish to be removed from the offering envelope list.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry November 20 – Last Sunday of Church Year

Matthew 25:2 – “Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.” A truly wise man, as Jesus once said, builds on the Word of Jesus. There is no other foundation which will stand. Any other path is a foolish one. His Word leads to life and to depart from His Word leads to death. Clinging to His Word, we know we have His blessing.

Announcements

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Joe & Diane Hart in honor of Luke's, Diane's & Nicky's birthdays.

Sunday School/Children's Christmas Program: The Sunday School Children's Christmas program will be held along with the Christmas Eve service at 6:30pm. Rehearsals for music are held during the Sunday School opening. Once we assign parts it is very important that your child attend the practices on Sundays during Sunday School. As this is a church service it will be broadcast on Facebook Live so that family members who are not local and shut-ins are able to enjoy church. Parents/guardians please contact Heather Meredith (815) 573-1056 or Heather Thurston (815) 791-6708 to let them know if your child will be participating on Christmas Eve or with any questions. This Sunday, November 20th will be costume fittings throughout the Sunday School hour, November 27th Sunday School children will be decorating ornaments for the Parish Hall tree.

Herscher Council of Churches Community Thanksgiving Service: Council of Churches Thanksgiving Service will be held this Sunday, November 20th at 7:00pm at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church. *The joint choir have a short rehearsal 5:45-6:30pm on the 20th.*

Dartball: Practice will be held most Mondays when there are no league games scheduled. Contact Ryan Kruse or Brian Noffke, team captains with any questions!

Looking for a volunteer(s) to head up the Women of Trinity's 24th Annual Christmas Party. Due to scheduling conflicts, the committee that normally plans the party is unavailable this year. If you would be interested in heading up the party planning, please let us know in the church office right away. This event is normally held on the first Tuesday of December. Without a volunteer, regrettably, the party will be cancelled.



Poinsettias: The Altar Guild is taking orders to decorate the chancel for Christmas with red poinsettias. Plants will be in 8" pots, the cost is \$15.00 each. Please make checks payable to: Altar Guild. **Red forms are available in the Parish Hall. Please place orders with payment in the poinsettia basket in the Parish Hall by Sunday, December 4th.** Contact Becky Berger or Cassandra Royal with any questions.



Christmas Angel Tree Ministry: Angel ornaments are on the tree in the Parish Hall. If you choose to participate, please take an ornament or a few and purchase the desired item(s) listed on the back of the angel. **Please bring gifts to the church office wrapped with the angel tag number taped to the package by 12:00pm Sunday, December 11th.** Gifts will be distributed through the school district to families and/or directly to others in need in the community. Recipients will remain anonymous. We know you will be blessed joining in this ministry.



Employment Opportunity: We are looking to fill the Sexton position at Trinity by one or multiple people. A complete printed current "job description" is available in the church office. If you are interested in performing some or all of the Sexton duties, please contact Stan Schwark, Council Chairman or notify the church office. Salary to be determined as to what duties will be performed.

Gift Card Orders/Raise Right Fundraising: A letter explaining this program and list of retailers is available on the table in the Parish Hall, or you may go to raiseright.com and order online or give paper orders with payment to Diane in the office. **The deadline for Christmas delivery orders is Monday, December 12th by 9:00am.** Contact Diane in the church office with any questions regarding this no selling fundraising program. Thank you for your support! All proceeds benefit Trinity's Little Lambs Preschool. Remember, this program goes year-round!

Ushers: Please contact Joe Hart at 708-289-7846 with any questions or to volunteer for our Usher program. The 2023 Usher Schedule will be completed mid-December. Thank you for your service!



Hannah Circle Nut Sale! We have a few products left for sale from Priester's Pecans in the Parish Hall. Prices are marked on packages. All proceeds will be used to support Hannah Circle's missions. We thank you for your ongoing support of Hannah Circle's missions.

Wreaths across America: Jacob Wagner has supplied Trinity with information regarding this wonderful program. Help the Herscher American Legion Auxiliary honor local heroes! Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at Sts. Peter & Paul, Pilot & Trinity Lutheran Cemeteries. Visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org/IL0234P to sponsor wreaths. Please order by this Sunday, November 20th. Volunteers are also needed. Paper sponsorship forms are available in the Parish Hall for those that do not wish to use the internet.



**PARENTS'
DAY OUT**



Parents Day Out-Coming in December: The LYF will be holding Parents Day Out on December 11th from 10:30am-2:00pm. There will be sign-up forms in the Parish Hall or contact Jen Overacker at 815-370-3690.

This week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday 11/20	8:30am	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
	9:30am	Sunday School & LYF Bible Study/Meeting
	9:45am	Adult Bible Study
	2:00pm	Confirmation
	7:00pm	Community Thanksgiving Service @ St. Margaret Mary
Monday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
	7:00pm	Dartball Practice
Tuesday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
Wednesday		Little Lambs - No School 11/23-25
	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
Thursday		Little Lambs – No School
	9:00am	<i>Thanksgiving Worship with Holy Communion</i>
Friday		Little Lambs – No School
Saturday	4:00pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00pm	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
Sunday 11/27	8:30am	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
	9:30am	Sunday School & LYF Bible Study
	9:45am	Adult Bible Study
	2:00pm	Confirmation

Serving the Lord today: Pastor: Rev. Eric J. Brown

Cantor: Paul Johnson

Elder/Communion:

Kim Weerts (Sat.)

Bill Orr (Sun.)

Stan Schwark (Thanksgiving)

Next Week:

Gerry Kruse (Sat.)

Dale Simmons (Sun.)

Usher Captain:

Van Schwark (Sat.)

Bill Orr (Sun.)

Altar Guild:

Pam Matern & Brian Noffke