

Triune Lutheran Church



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

*We thank you for joining us here
at Triune Lutheran Church, a
family united by our Risen Lord,
Jesus Christ!*



In order to make you feel more at home, here are a few notes about the service. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. We hope to make your time here as meaningful as possible!

Worship

- The * by the headings throughout the service indicate when we invite you to stand, as you are able.
- The light print will be spoken by the pastor or another worship leader, while we encourage you to speak the **bold print**.
- The hymns are chosen from our *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) hymnal, which is the red book directly in front of you in the pews. You will find the hymns in the last two-thirds of the book with the bold numbers on the top of the pages.
- We welcome all the baptized to join us in the Lord's Supper, where we believe Jesus is present "in, with, and under" the bread and wine as his body and blood. After the organist and assisting minister commune, you will be invited to come forward up the non-organ side aisle to the pastor, who will give you bread (gluten-free wafers also available upon request). You are encouraged to keep the bread in your hands and then dip it into the chalice of wine for intinction. You may also come forward to receive a blessing by simply keeping your hands folded. You may return to your seat up the center aisle. If you are unable to come forward, the elements will be brought to you.
- For visitors, if you so choose, we encourage you to fill out a card available at the center-aisle end of the pew to learn more about us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

A reading from Romans: Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this sacrament. Holy Spirit, breathe into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illuminate our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen!**

***GATHERING HYMN**

“Come, We that Love the Lord”

ELW 625

***REMEMBRANCE OF ALL SAINTS**

Let us remember all the saints before God, including those from our Triune family, who have died within this past year: Gary Weiss; and all those we lift up in our hearts.

We praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints. We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised, and now for adding us who celebrate the love of your Christ for the redemption of the world. Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you. Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, exciting us to love, in anticipation of an eternal reunion. **Amen!**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines
strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all
the earth,

for the LORD has spoken.

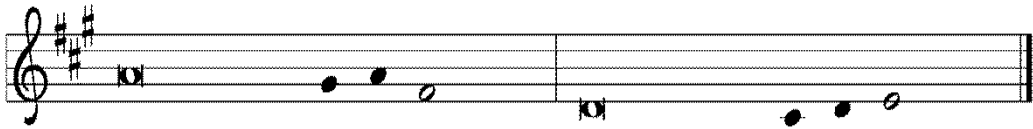
⁹It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he
might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!



¹The earth is the LORD's and all | that is in it,
the world and those who | dwell therein.

²**For the LORD has founded it up- | on the seas
and established it up- | on the rivers.**

³Who may ascend the mountain | of the LORD,
and who may stand in God's | holy place?

⁴**Those of innocent hands and puri- | ty of heart,
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they
pledge by | what is false.**

⁵They shall receive blessing | from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of | their salvation.

⁶**Such is the generation of those who seek | you,
O LORD,
of those who seek your face, O | God of Jacob.**

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever-
| lasting doors,
that the King of glory | may come in.

⁸**Who is this | King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, might-
| y in battle!**

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever-
| lasting doors,
that the King of glory | may come in.

¹⁰**Who is this | King of glory?
Truly, the LORD of hosts is the | King of glory.**

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6a

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

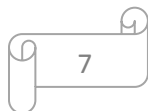
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”


⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ^{6a}Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

The Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!



*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*GOSPEL

John 11:32-44

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord!

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

This the Holy Gospel of our Lord!
Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“For All the Saints”

Verses 1, 3, 5, 7

ELW 422

***APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen!**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence

Lord God, Sovereign of all creation, draw us into your presence, and transform us to be a holy people. Bless us through your word and holy meal to show your boundless love to others. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Move us to reinvigorate polluted waters and air, renew fallow fields, and revive natural habitats that have been destroyed. Open our eyes to the bounty you have given us, and inspire us to tend to it. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Fill all our public servants and we who elect them to office with your wisdom. Let your justice flow through the entirety of our governments and institutions. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Unbind those who are burdened by illness or grief, including Joann Loede, Bev Deitrick, Hazel Schwab, Trudy Weidman, Mardell Weiss, Dave & Clara Wilcox, Ed Uhlir, Jenny Bennett, Cathy Gallagher, Mary Phillips, Richard Jakubcin, George Tomaselli, those serving in the armed forces, and all those we name in our hearts....Wipe away the tears of those who cannot see your life through the weight of their affliction. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen and bless this Triune family's ministries of outreach, healing, and hospitality. Make us eager to receive all who need our gifts to share. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We bless you for the lives of the saints who now rejoice in your salvation. Join us with all whom you have made righteous through your Son, including Gary Weiss; and preserve us all in eternal life. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen!**

***PEACE**

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

OFFERING

***OFFERING HYMN**

“As the Grains of Wheat”

Verse 1

ELW 465

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Creator God,

you made everything, and you provide for every need.

The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you.

As we eat and drink with thanksgiving,

fill us with your love;

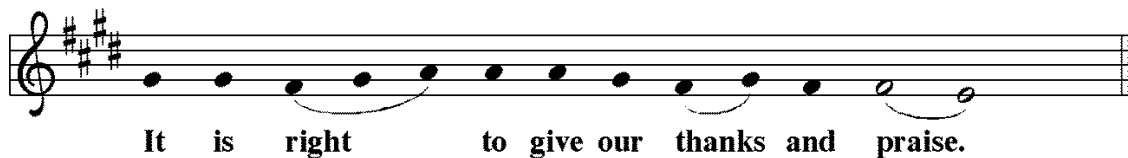
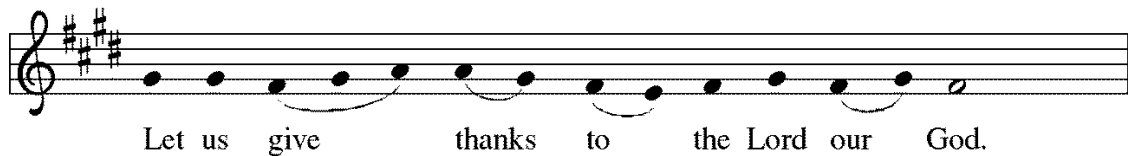
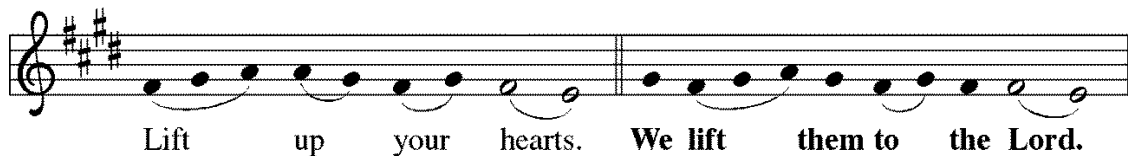
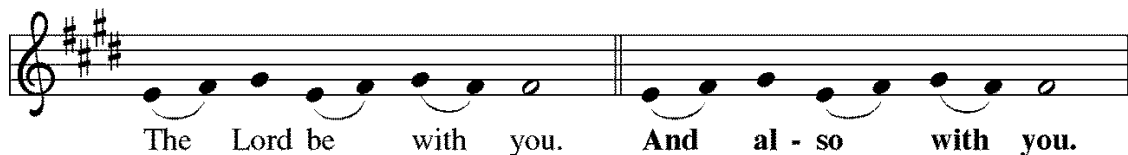
let that love flow through us to others;

and join us to the saints before us

in a holy and boundless communion;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen!**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING



*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the witness of the saints
you show us the hope of our calling,
and strengthen us to run the race set before us,
that we may delight in your mercy,
and rejoice with them in glory.

And so, with all the saints,
with the choirs of angels and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy". It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a focus on the words "san - na" and "high - est".

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

With all the saints of Africa and Asia, India and the islands, Europe and the Americas, we praise you, O God, for you create the worlds. With all the baptized, the old and the young, the weak and the strong, the famous and the forgotten, we bless you, O God, for you provide us with water and food.

With all the faithful in cities and on farms, in mansions and huts, past and present, we worship you, O God, for you shelter the generations. With all your holy people, those who

ministered in the church, those who served the poor, and all who walked the way of the cross, we glorify you, O God, for in Jesus you journeyed with us on earth. With Paul and the evangelists, we remember the meal of your Son:

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With Peter and all the martyrs, we honor Christ's death. With Mary Magdalene and all the apostles, we proclaim his resurrection. With John and all the theologians and mystics, we look for his returning.

With Mary and all who sang of your greatness, we pray for the power of you as the Holy Spirit. Continue to enliven this gathering in this bread and this cup as the holy presence of the body and blood of Christ.

Form us into a communion of service, and infuse your earth with the wholeness we seek. With grandparents and godparents, with the church universal, lead us to a future we cannot yet see, and at the end draw all humanity to yourself.

Now with all of the family you saved by your love, we proclaim blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might, be to you, o God, forever and ever.
Amen!

***LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Hunger no more. Thirst no more.
Come to the banquet of life!
Thanks be to God!

*COMMUNION HYMN



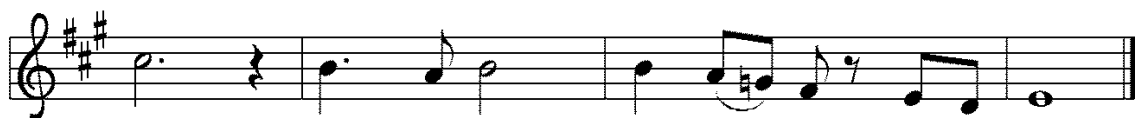
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION

*COMMUNION PRAYER

Sovereign God,
in this meal you give us a foretaste
of the great feast to come.

Keep us faithful to you,
that we, with all your saints,
may at length celebrate
the marriage feast of the Lamb,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen!

***BLESSING**

The love of God surround you;
the grace of † Christ release you;
and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength,
now and forevermore

Amen!

***SENDING HYMN**

“Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

ELW 886

***DISMISSAL**

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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We are All Saints

While flipping channels one night, I came across a Holly Hunter movie. I'm a big fan of her movies. It's a Southern thing—she grew up in Conyers, Ga., where I used to live. I know people who knew her when she was a kid—so we're practically related. The movie, *Home for the Holidays*, is a 1990s dramedy about a dysfunctional family's Thanksgiving.

At one point, Holly Hunter and her mother are having an argument about her older sister, something like, “Oh yes, as you’re always reminding me, she’s practically a saint.” Of course, it turns out she isn’t really a saint—just an overly responsible, bitter, perfectionist.

Today is All Saints Sunday, which raises the question: What exactly is a saint, and what is it we are celebrating today? First, it’s a time to thankfully remember those of our church members, friends and relatives who have died in the last year, who have gone to join the saints in heaven. Second, it is also a day we are invited to reflect on our own saintliness, especially in the light of the life and witness of those who have gone before us in the faith.

For we must remember that, as Christians, our family tree is not limited to, nor defined by, our biological connectedness. We are all grafted into God’s family tree through baptism; we have all been adopted as children of God and sisters and brothers of Christ through the working of the Spirit in our lives. Therefore, we are related to all the saints—they are our sisters and brothers.

When I reflect upon the lives of “the saints,” the ones I’ve known personally and those I’ve only heard or read about, I don’t feel very saintly myself. I feel like the little boy I read about who was met at the door by the author one Halloween. He was about 4 and wore a Superman outfit. He reached out his hand as he said trick or treat. The woman could not resist teasing him a bit, asking, “Where’s your bag?” He replied, “My mom’s carrying it. It’s too heavy for me.” The woman smiled and said, “But you’re Superman!” He glanced down at the “S” on his chest before whispering, “Not really, these are just pajamas.”

The Scriptures tell us that because we’re Christians, we’re also saints, but most of us don’t believe it. We look down at the “S” on our chest and then plead with God, “Not really, I’m only human.”

This is the great mystery of All Saints Day. We are indeed only human, but we are also “the saints who gather at ...,” as Paul put it in many of his letters. We are, as Martin Luther said, saint and sinner at the same time. Though we don’t go around in Christian pajamas with a big haloed “S” on our chest, we do have an invisible cross on our foreheads. It was put there at our baptism with these or similar words: “Child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.” Each of us has that mark on our lives, a mark that calls us forward into saintliness. We are invited to constantly live into our name as a child of God, as a baptized saint.

And we never quite make it. We're always aware of falling short, of not measuring up. We are also always aware that the other people in our family of faith seldom measure up either. Unfortunately, we are sometimes more aware of the failures of others that we are of our own. Someone sent me a little poem a few years ago. I ran across it in my files the other day:

*Oh, to live above,
with Saints we love,
Oh, that will be Glory.*

*But, to live below,
with Saints we know,
Well, that's a different story.*

The struggle of the Christian life is to remember that we are all saints in spite of our failures, and to remember that the other people in our church family are saints as well, in spite of their imperfections.

As Isaiah said: *On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear (25:6).*

We are invited, on this All Saints Sunday, to remember our sainted-ness, our blessedness, our holiness—all gifts from God, gifts we were given for the benefit of the world.

We are also invited to remember the sainted-ness, the blessedness, the holiness of others. To remember that they, too, are the beloved Children of God—and treat them that way.

Amen and amen.

- The Rev. Delmer Chilton



Our next congregational meeting will be next Sunday, November 11 at 5PM, and we will also have a potluck dinner as part of our time together. So please contact the church office, to not only let us know if you plan on coming, but if you can bring a dish to share. Also, bring your own beverage; the church will supply plates, silverware, and napkins. We hope you can join us for great food and important conversations about Triune!