



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

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Masks are welcomed,
but no longer required.

Vaccinations are highly
recommended.

Please maintain
appropriate distancing
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All are invited to join us at
the Lord's table for Holy
Communion.

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Our AED machine is
mounted on the wall in
the stairway near the
baptismal font.

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Trinity Lutheran Church
is recognized by
Reconciling Works as a
"Reconciling in Christ"
Congregation which
welcomes all LGBTQ+
persons into all facets of
congregational life.

LECTIONARY 33/PENTECOST 23

THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 AM

NOVEMBER 13, 2022

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

Congregational words are in bold print.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J. S. Bach

Please stand in body or spirit.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who redeems us in Christ Jesus,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors.
We have ignored voices that call for your justice.
We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness.
We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community.
We truly repent of things we have done and left undone.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness,
follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ.
Amen

Rejoice and be glad! God hears the prayers of all who cry out,
 and restores us to life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
 Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father,
 and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

GATHERING HYMN - ELW 705 - God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

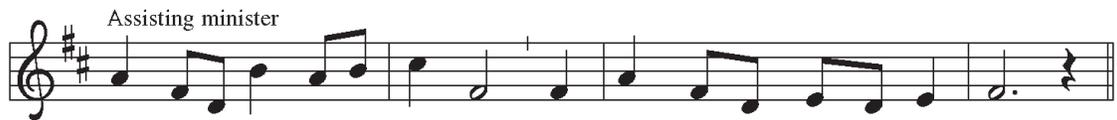
Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873-1932

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



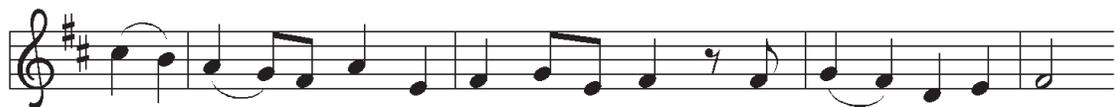
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Be seated.

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a

Malachi, whose name means "my messenger," warns that "the day is coming." On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the "sun of righteousness" will shine on those who honor God.

After the reading:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98

Sing to the Lord a New Song

Donald Busarow

The congregation joins on the refrain.

Refrain: Congregation and Choir

Sing to the Lord a new song

who won-drous things for us has done;

with his right hand and his ho-ly arm

has won him-self the vic-to-ry.

He has made known his great victory;
his righteousness he has revealed to the nations.
He has remembered his mercy to Israel,
and all the earth has seen the victory of our God. *Refrain*

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
Lift up your voice, rejoice and sing.
Sing to the Lord with the harp and the voice of song;
with trumpets and the sound of the horn.
Shout for joy! Shout for joy!
Shout with joy before the King, the Lord! *Refrain*

Let oceans and rivers now clap their hands.
The lands and the mountains ring out with joy to the Lord.
He shall judge the world in righteousness
and all people with equity. *Refrain*

Sing to the Lord a new song who wondrous things has done.

Trxt: Psalm 98, adapted Donald Busarow

Music: Donald Busarow

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SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

After the reading:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand in body or in spirit.

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.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

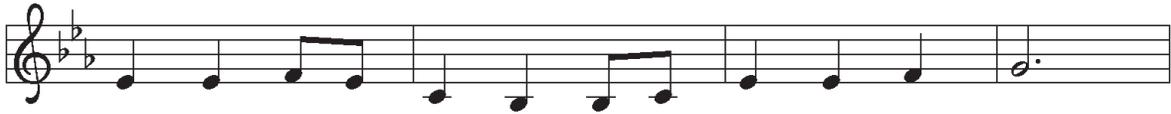
Praise to you, O Christ.

Be seated.

SERMON

Please stand in body or spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY - ELW 793 - Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

After a brief silence each petition concludes:

Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

After the final petition:

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen

PEACE

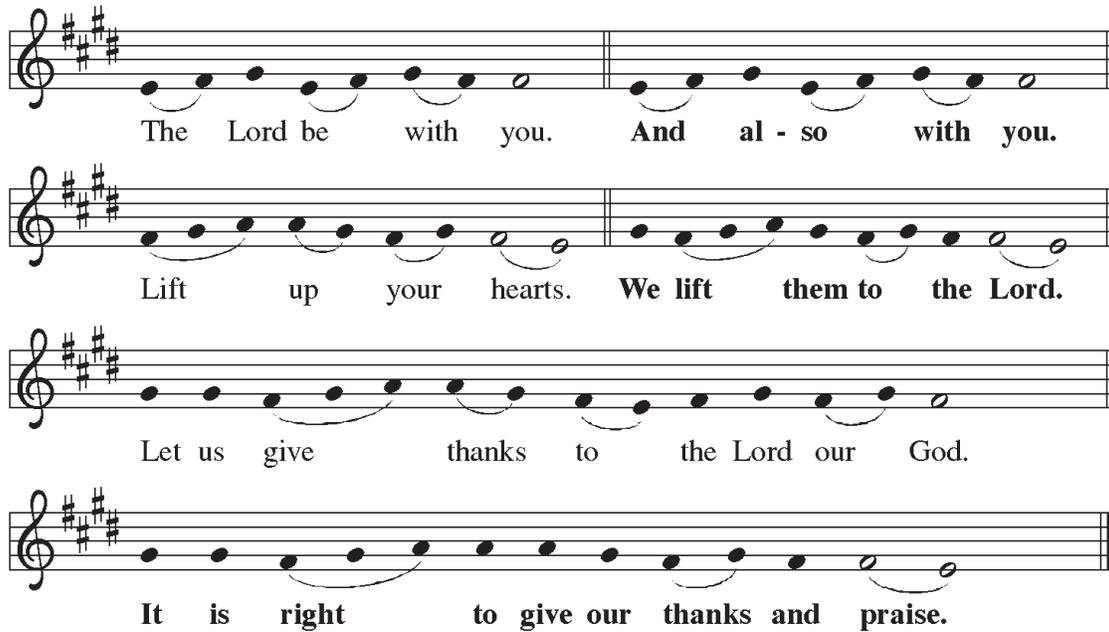
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Please greet one another and remain standing in body or spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, Maker of all things.
As you have entrusted us with all that you have created,
now gather our gifts,
nourish us with this sacrament,
and send us to those who hunger and thirst,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, you alone are holy....within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness...out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks...among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

In the night in which he was betrayed...we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit...by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints.

Be seated.

LAMB OF GOD

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.

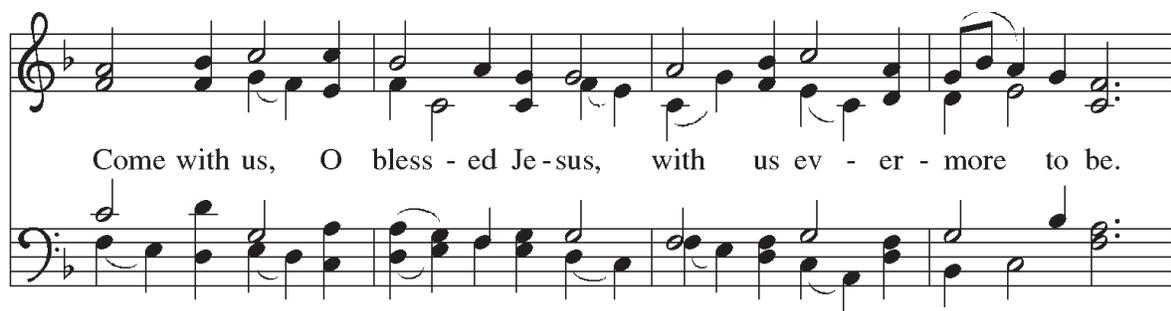
DISTRIBUTION

Following the direction of the usher, approach the altar, maintaining a safe distance between households. Please ask your server if you need a gluten-free wafer or prefer grape juice. As you return to your seat, place your empty glass in the corner basket. Those not partaking of communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you are unable to approach the altar for communion, inform the usher and the sacrament will be brought to you.

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION - ELW 501 - Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus

See page 12.

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION - ELW 501 - Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus



Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er - more to be.



And, in leav - ing now thine al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee!



Let thy bright ce - les - tial cho - rus nev - er cease the heav' n - ly strain;



but in us, thy lov - ing chil - dren, come with peace, good will to reign.

Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820-1891

Music: WERDE MUNTER, Johann Schop, 1600-1665; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750

After all have received Communion, please stand in body or spirit.

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. We give you thanks, most gracious God,
that you have fed us with the bread of heaven
and given us a foretaste of Paradise.

Enliven us to be your body in the world
and to serve those who are in need;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

BLESSING

The God of peace,
who creates all things and calls them good,
who makes us alive in Jesus,
and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen

SENDING HYMN - ELW 796 - How Firm a Foundation - see page 14

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be a blessing to the world.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

God of Grace and God of Glory

Paul Manz

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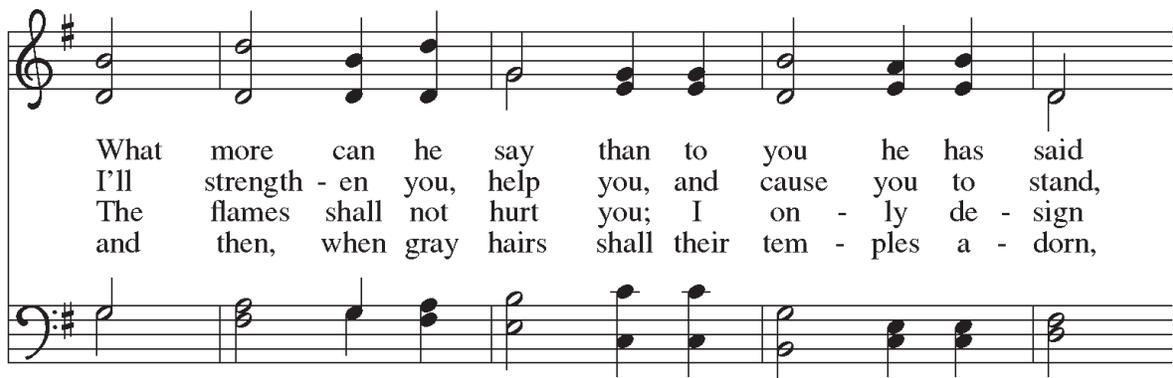
SENDING HYMN - ELW 796- How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
 Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

Leaders in Today's Liturgy: November 13, 2022 - Lectionary 33

Preaching and Presiding: Pr. Bill Fryer

Assisting Minister: Pr. Virginia Biniek

Minister of Music: Karen S. Eddinger

Lector: Erica Hofmann

Greeters: Erica Hofmann

Ushers: Steve & Erica Hofmann

Communion Assistant: Russell Diesinger

Altar Guild: Anita Dolak, David Himes, and Amy Stewart-Himes

Today's altar flowers are sponsored by John & Kathy Duggan in loving memory of Jim & Louise Duggan and Carl Gibson, Kathy's father

We thank Donna Osborne for planning today's worship



Immediate prayer requests: Jim Hofmann (brother of Steve Hofmann), Cathy Manning, Armand Lykens, Harry Feinauer, Nathan Hudson (Anita Dolak's son-in-law), Christopher Drayer, Rick Chaveas, Kathy Stewart (mother of Amy Stewart-Himes), Leonard Smith (father of Andrew Smith), John Matern, (father of Deaconess Deborah), Linda Liptak (sister of Dick Horst and Robin Oberholtzer), Amy Reinsel, and Raye Watson

Ongoing prayer requests: Darryl Jeffries, Dar Unger, Karl Leuffen, Luther Route, Nathan Hudson (son-in-law of Anita Dolak), Walter Maier, JT Motley, David Strobel, Ruth Adam (friend of Graf family), Celia Cosentino (friend of Jane Zobian), Doris (friend of Pat McMahan), Dick Evans, Ed Harlin, Tina Koch (friend of Jenn Smith), the Sawyer family, Walter Schur, and David Unruh (brother of Ralph Unruh), Janet Clemmer, John Kirby, and Karl Leuffen

Trinity households in prayer: Barbara Kline; Judith Krick; Karl Leuffen; Amy, Igor, Anna & Nina Litvinov; and Hannah & Micah Long

Prepare for Worship November 20 - Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

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Sunday Forum on November 20: Renewed Spirit

For many years four Reading congregations have been intentionally working together: Grace, Holy Spirit, St. John's, and St. Luke's. After much discussion, study, and prayer they have combined into a new congregation: Renewed Spirit. Pastor Rob Argot will tell us about the history and process of their continuing ministry.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, November 13: Lectionary 33

9:00 AM: Sunday Forum (Auditorium)
10:00 AM: Worship (Nave)
11:15 AM: Mixed Ensemble (Bard House)
2:00 PM: Common Ground Worship
and Meal

Monday, November 14

7:00 PM: Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, November 15

9:30 AM: Full Staff Meeting

Wednesday, November 16

7:30 PM: Choir Rehearsal (Hintz Room)

Saturday, November 19

10:00 AM: Holy Communion Class

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Broadcast Schedule for November

All of our programs listed below can be watched on Comcast Channel 190, Reading Hospital Channel 80, online at www.trinityreading.org, on our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/trinitylutheranchurch. Trinity's Sunday morning worship is also live streamed via Facebook and YouTube. You may log on to either platform on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM and worship at the same time as the in-person congregation.

Sundays

6:00 PM World Views: Tibetan Buddhism
6:30 PM Music From Trinity:
Maria Damore & Marty Mellinger
7:00 PM Trinity Worship Service

Wednesdays

4:00 PM Trinity Worship Service
5:00 PM Music From Trinity:
Maria Damore & Marty Mellinger
5:30 PM World Views: Tibetan Buddhism

Church office hours are 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Monday through Thursday.

Poinsettia and World Hunger Gift Forms are available in the narthex. They will also be included in the December *Steeple Notes*. We invite you to turn in the forms no later than December 18.

Healing Power of 12-Step Spirituality Speaker Series Presents Drew Eisenhauer, Recovery Advocate, on Tuesday, November 15th, 2022 – 7:00 PM (Doors open at 6:30 PM) Atonement Lutheran Church, 5 Wyomissing Blvd., Wyomissing, PA. Free.

"What Did It Take"? Drew, a proud Berks County resident, discusses his 44 years of recovery and how it transformed his life and his relationship to a loving and miraculous Higher Power.

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