

REAL GOD. REAL PEOPLE. REAL GRACE.



Last Sunday of the Church Year November 26, 2023

Trinity Lutheran Church 10:00 am



We're glad you are here! You've come to a place where you can experience a real God with real grace for your real life, a place where you can connect with our Savior and His people! If you're a guest with us today, we consider it a privilege to have you with us and hope you'll come again. Please share your name with us by signing the Connect Card in the Trinity Today in your bulletin. Please include your address, phone number, and email. If you have any questions about the service or need assistance with anything, please don't hesitate to ask one of our ushers for help!

DEAR PARENTS: Out of all the responsibilities parents have in raising their children, leading them to know and connect with Jesus for life is the most important. We know it can sometimes be a challenge, but we commend and thank you for what you do when you bring your kids to church. Your family is a vital part of our community gathered in worship. If you need it, we have "busy" bags to help keep your young children occupied during the service. The bags are located near both entrances to the sanctuary. We also have a staffed nursery for children ages 4 and under if there is a need to take your child out of the sanctuary. It is located on the front left-hand side of the sanctuary.

WIRELESS HEARING ASSIST HEADSETS are available in the back of the sanctuary if you need assistance with hearing during worship. Feel free to ask an usher for one at any time.

FREE PARKING: Everyone is welcome to park on Sunday morning, free of charge, in the Best Park Parking Lot (directly across Washington Avenue from Trinity's Campus).



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THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR (HOLY COMMUNION)

In Holy Communion (Lord's Supper), we believe and joyfully confess that, as Jesus Himself says, He gives us His true body and blood to eat and drink with the bread and wine! We call this the "Real Presence." Jesus gives this gift of Himself to us to forgive our sins, strengthen our faith and our union with Him, and strengthen our unity with one another as His Church (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Our Lord invites to His table baptized Christians who trust in Him alone for forgiveness and salvation, who trust His Words that He is present and offering forgiveness and grace in the Sacrament, who repent of all sin, who forgive others as He forgives us, and who are able to "examine" themselves (1 Corinthians 11:28) regarding these things.

As we share in Christ's body and blood together, the Bible says we also confess the Gospel and our unity in it (1 Corinthians 11:26). Because of this, we practice "Close Communion." This means that those who commune together do so with the intent of being united in the faith we confess and in our life together. We want everyone to partake of the Lord's Supper. Because we desire everyone who communes at Trinity to do so in the unity that our Lord intends and to receive the fullness of the gifts He offers (1 Corinthians 11:27-30), we lovingly ask anyone who is not currently a member of a congregation of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS), yet desires to receive the Sacrament, to first speak with the pastor about communing.

If you are a Christian but are not receiving Communion, we invite and welcome you to the Lord's altar for a blessing. Please cross your arms to indicate you have come for a blessing.

We offer both individual and common cup. If you are unable to come to the front easily, please let the pastor or one of the ushers know. The pastor will bring the Sacrament to you at your seat. We encourage parents to bring your non-communing children for a blessing.

For Good Health – We ask everyone to please observe social distancing in accordance with your own comfort level as well as that of the people around you. Please wash your hands and/or use hand sanitizer regularly.

Last Sunday of the Church Year

Divine Service, Setting One

Pre-Service Music

Welcome and Announcements

Please note that during portions of the service where there are responsive speaking parts, P=Pastor, A=Assistant, and C=Congregation.

LSB = Lutheran Service Book (burgundy hymnal)

♣ Preparation **♣**

Prelude

Please stand as you are able

Baptism.

Opening Hymn Come, Thou Almighty King

LSB 905

Invocation Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

Invocation comes from the Latin "to call upon." The words "In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit" are spoken at the beginning of the service and remind us of our baptism.

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



- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- 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

- **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.

C Amen. [John 20:19-23]

Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy

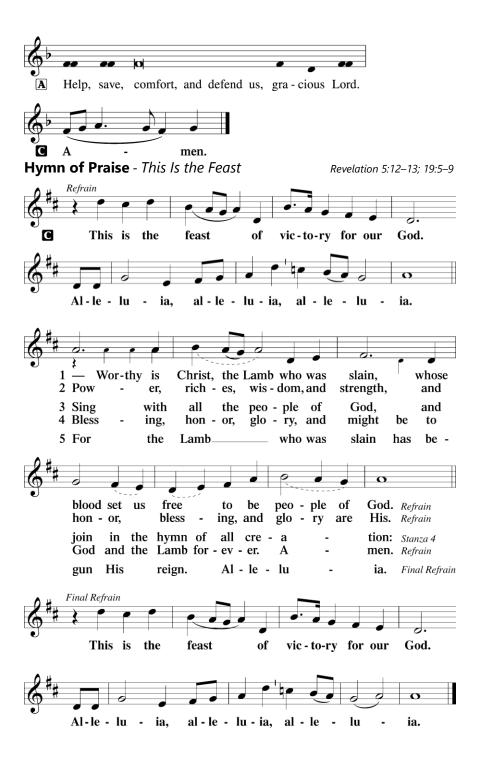
Mark 10:47



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

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♣ Service of the Word **♣**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Scripture readings for the day.

The Collect is a brief prayer that is connected to a theme in the

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹ "For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . .

²⁰ "Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken."

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

1 Corinthians 15:20–28

Epistle

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

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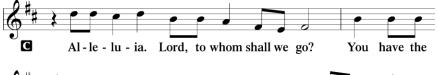
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Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68

The Verse is a portion, or portions, of scripture sung or spoken before the Holy Gospel, usually with "Alleluias" at the beginning and end.







Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:31–46

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

Glory to You, O Lord. C

³¹[Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me. '37Then the

righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you? ⁴⁰And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

⁴¹ "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns
LSB 532

Sermon Rev. Michael Croom

Please stand as you are able

Apostles' Creed

This is one of the Christian Church's ancient statements of faith. As with the other two Creeds (Nicene and Athanasian), the Apostles' Creed was written to combat false teachings about God, especially Christ and the denial that He was God from eternity. In this short confession, we confess the core teachings of Scripture about God and His relationship with us and work for us. The faith we confess in the Creed connects us to one another and Christians past and present.



I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

In accordance with the Lord's urging His Church to pray for all people in 1 Timothy 2:1-4, the Prayer of the Church includes petitions for a variety of people and their needs, including our own. The congregation actively participates in the prayer with the plea, "(Lord), hear our prayer" or "(Lord), have mercy," asking that He grant these petitions we pray to Him.



- Lord God, You gather Your people from all nations and bring them into Your one, holy Christian and apostolic flock. Strengthen them by Your grace, that they may gladly feast upon Your riches in Your Means of Grace and declare Your praises to all who will hear. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Almighty God, You judge between Your sheep, and You shepherd Your people with Your Holy Word. Encourage Your pastors. Through their faithful service, continue to seek the lost, bring back the strayed, bind up the injured and strengthen the weak. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, You have subjected all things under Your Son, who gladly subjects Himself to You. Bless the homes of Your people, that parents may train and catechize their children with wisdom and love, and that children may gladly submit and honor their father and mother. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P O Lord of lords, You sustain every rule, authority and power as You see fit, until this world's powers should pass away. Bless all in civil authority, that they would not provoke Your wrath but maintain order and justice for the peace of Your people. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Father in heaven, we look forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness, while now we contend with a multitude of afflictions under the curse of sin. Remember those in need of help

and healing [especially...]. Preserve them, deliver them from their transgressions and hold not Your peace at their tears. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- P God of grace, as death came by a man, so by Your Son has come the resurrection of the dead. Endow Your people with penitent hearts at Your table, that they would receive in Your risen Son's body and blood a foretaste of the eternal feast to come. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P God of life, Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. We give thanks to You for those You have gathered into Your kingdom and who are asleep in Him. Strengthen our conviction that death is defeated as we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Almighty God, You have prepared Your kingdom for us from the foundation of the world. Preserve us in faith and love throughout our days, that we may care for Your servants and our neighbors with compassion and joy, looking toward that day when the Son of Man comes in His glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- a Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3

- P Peace be with you.
- C And also with you.
 - For those who are comfortable participating, we greet one another in the name of the Lord saying, "Peace be with you," or "The peace of the Lord be with you," as a testimony to our oneness in Christ.



Please be seated



Giving of Tithes and Offerings



In faithfulness to our Lord's command and urging in both Old and New Testaments, we return to Him our firstfruits in our tithes and bring our offerings of thanksgiving in support of His ministry and mission to grow us disciples in our faith and to make more disciples.



A Stewardship thought from LCMS Matthew 25:44 – "Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?" With this parable Jesus once again emphasizes that our good works come from who we are, not the other way around. Sheep do sheep works, and goats do goat works. So first things first: if we want to live more faithfully, let us come to Jesus, receive His gifts and ask Him to increase our faith!

Please stand as you are able



♀ Service of the Sacrament **♀**



If you are visiting with us today, please take a moment to read the statement regarding the Sacrament of the Altar (Holy Communion) on page two of this bulletin and in Spanish on page eighteen.



Preface and Proper Preface



The Preface and (Proper Preface) are the opening words to the Communion portion of the service. They express greeting in the Lord and great thanksgiving and praise to God.



P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

- **C** And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[Psalm 136]

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Matthew 6:9-13

- 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

Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

Pax Domini ~ The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19



Pax Domini is Latin for "the peace of the Lord." What comfort there is in His peace! These are the first words Jesus spoke to His disciples - all of whom had abandoned Him at His arrest - when He first appeared to them after His Resurrection.



- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God

John 1:29

Agnus Dei is Latin for "Lamb of God," the words declared by John the Baptist to identify Jesus as the once-and-for-all, final sacrifice for our sins. As the blood of a sacrificed lamb without blemish saved the Israelites from death in the Passover (Exodus 12:1-14), so the blood of our crucified and sacrificed Lord covers and saves us!



Please be seated

Communion Distribution

All who desire to commune at the rail will commune first. Those communing in the "continuous" format will follow.

If you are not currently a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation, we invite you to receive a blessing from the pastor. It is a joy to give the blessing of the Lord! If you are receiving the blessing, you may do so at the rail or with those communing "continuously." Please cross your arms to indicate to the pastor you desire a blessing. Behold the lamb of God who take away the sins of the world!



If you are interested in learning more about receiving the Lord's true body and blood with us as His one body, united in our confession of faith as our Lord intends, please speak with Pastor Croom.

Distribution Hymns

Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment	LSB 511
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence	LSB 621
The King of Love My Shepherd Is	LSB 709
Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us	LSB 851
Beautiful Savior	LSB 537

Please stand as you are able

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction Numbers 6:24-26

The Benediction is a blessing from the Lord, spoken by the pastor at the end of the service. This is not just "a hope" for you or wishful thinking, but a sure blessing given by God in Numbers 6:24-26 to be declared by His appointed ministers.



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.

Amen.

The Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

☆ Go in Peace, Serve the Lord **☆**

Readings for Sunday, December 3, 2023

Old Testament: Isaiah 64:1-9

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:3–9

Holy Gospel: Mark 11:1–10

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EL SACRAMENTO DEL ALTAR (SANTA COMUNIÓN)

Amorosamente le invitamos, a que hablen primero con el pastor acerca de la comunión antes de pasar. Si deseas recibir la bendición puedes pasar con tus brazos cruzados sobre el pecho en señal de bendición, es una alegría para nosotros compartir la bendición contigo e invitarte a estudiar para participar de este don celestial.

En la Santa Cena (Cena del Señor), creemos y confesamos con alegría que, como Jesús mismo dice, ¡Él nos da Su verdadero cuerpo y sangre para comer y beber con el pan y el vino! Llamamos a esto la "Presencia Real." Jesús nos da este don de sí mismo para perdonar nuestros pecados, fortalecer nuestra fe y nuestra unión con Él, y fortalecer nuestra unidad unos con otros como Su Iglesia (Mateo 26:26-28; Marcos 14:22-24; Lucas 22:19-20; 1 Corintios 11:17-34; 1 Corintios 10:16-17). Nuestro Señor invita a Su mesa a los cristianos bautizados que confían sólo en Él para el perdón y la salvación, que confían en Sus Palabras, que Él está presente y ofrece perdón y gracia en el Sacramento, que se arrepienten de todo pecado, que perdonan a los demás como Él nos perdona, y que son capaces de "examinarse" ellos mismos (1 Corintios 11:28) con respecto a estas cosas.

Al compartir el cuerpo y la sangre de Cristo juntos, la Biblia dice que también confesamos el Evangelio y nuestra unidad en él (1 Corintios 11:26). Debido a esto, practicamos la "Comunión Cerrada." Esto significa que aquellos que comulgan juntos lo hacen con la intención de estar unidos en la fe que confesamos y en nuestra vida, juntos. Queremos que todos compartamos de la Cena del Señor. Porque deseamos que todos los que comulgan en la iglesia Trinity lo hagan en la unidad que nuestro Señor enseña y reciban la plenitud de los dones que Él ofrece (1 Corintios 11:27-30), amorosamente le pedimos a cualquiera que actualmente no es un miembro de una congregación de la Iglesia Luterana-Sínodo de Missouri (LCMS), que hable primero con el pastor acerca de la comunión.

Ofrecemos tanto copa común como copas individuales. Si usted es cristiano pero no está recibiendo la Comunión, lo invitamos y le damos la bienvenida al altar del Señor para una bendición. Por favor, crucen los brazos sobre su pecho para indicar que han venido para una bendición.

Actualmente, sólo ofrecemos una copa individual. Si no puede ir hasta el frente fácilmente, por favor hágaselo saber al pastor o a uno de los ujieres. El pastor les traerá el Sacramento a usted en su asiento. Animamos a los padres a traer a sus hijos no comulgantes para una bendición.

Para Una Buena Salud - les pedimos a todos que mantengan distanciamiento social de acuerdo con su propio nivel de comodidad y el de las personas que lo rodean. Lávese las manos y/o use desinfectante para manos regularmente.

Our Mission

Connecting people to Christ for life.

Our Vision

Experience Connect Reflect

- We are a community of faith where you can experience a real God for your real life.
- We are a community of faith who lives to connect people to Jesus Christ and His growing community of believers.
- We are a community of faith who **reflects** the grace and love of God as we selflessly serve people and joyfully share what God has done for us in Christ.