The Feast of All Saints (observed) Sunday, November 5, 2023



The center panel from the Ghent Altarpiece (1432), titled Adoration of the Mystic Lamb, based on Revelation 7:9-17.

Warm greetings to you, dear worshipper, in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May the blessings of His presence and His peace be with you throughout this week.



Holy Communion is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that with the bread and the wine we also truly receive the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We call this belief the Doctrine of the Real Presence. Through the gift of Communion, the Lord bestows on us the forgiveness of sins and strengthens our union with Him and with one another.

Our Lord desires that those who commune should know and believe what they are receiving in Holy Communion (1 Corinthians 11:29), should be instructed in God's Word so that they can properly examine themselves prior to communing (1) Corinthians 11:28), and should be united as one body in the faith (Acts 2:42 and 1 Corinthians 10:17).

Out of our heartfelt desire that all who commune at this altar be well prepared for Holy Communion, this congregation practices "close communion." All who are presently communicant members in a congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod and those Lutheran churches that are in altar and pulpit fellowship with the LCMS are warmly invited to join us in Communion. All other guests are warmly invited to come to the communion rail for a blessing from the Pastor. Please cross your arms at the rail to receive the blessing.

We invite guests to visit with the pastor about how we may commune together in the future.



Communicants may receive the wafer by having it placed directly into the mouth or by having it placed in the palm of the hand. If the communicant wishes to take the individual cup, please take one from the tray when the elder comes to your place at the communion rail. Drink from the individual cup only when the pastor/elder comes to your place at the communion rail with the chalice and speaks the

words of distribution. If the communicant wishes to receive the chalice, do not take an individual cup from the tray carried by the elder.

The Lord has given His people the gift of His Body and His Blood in, with and under the consecrated bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins (St. Matthew 26:28). However, if an individual is alleraic or intolerant to wheat or fermented wine, it is difficult to participate in this great fellowship. Should you be one of these individuals, we gladly provide gluten-free and alcohol-removed wine so that you are able to receive these gifts of God with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Guests: If you are a guest worshiping with us today, we are honored to have you join us in receiving the rich blessings that our Lord supplies to us through the gift of His holy Word. We invite you to return and worship with us again as the opportunity arises.





Children: Parents and their children are welcome to sit in the front of the church so that the children can see and hear the service clearly. The Family Room in the Narthex may be used by anyone who Let the little children prefers or needs a more private setting.

Prayer Requests: If you have an intercession to add to our weekly prayers at church or to our daily Prayer Chain, please contact the Church Office or fill out one of the prayer request cards located in your pew and place it in the offering collection box.





Publications: We invite you to read our Trinity Weekly News and visit our bulletin boards for info about church activities. Publications including our monthly newsletter are available from the information stand in the Narthex and at various locations in the hallway.

Accessibility: A lift (slow-moving elevator) is located just outside the sanctuary overflow area for those who prefer not to take the stairs to the lower level. Ushers and many church members can assist with the operation of the lift.





Audio Assistance: We provide hearing-assist and closed captioning devices for the hearing impaired. If you would like to try these devices to see if they will enhance your worship experience, they are located in the Narthex. Digital recordings of the weekly service are available on Facebook (trinitylutherancomo) and YouTube (TrinityCoMo).

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Serving in God's House Today:

Liturgist: Rev. Joseph McCalley Preacher: Rev. Brian Thieme Elder: Jim Cherrington

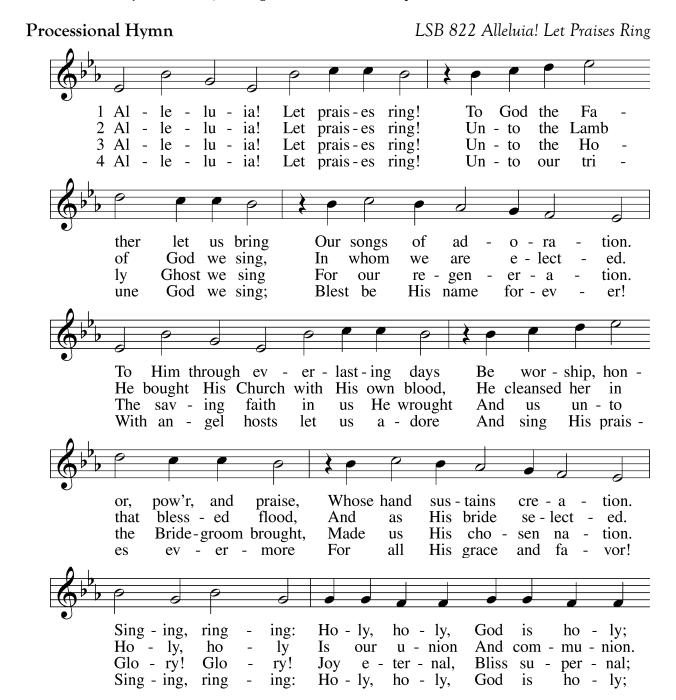
Ushers: Kyle Dickes & Hunter Kevil

Organist: Carolyn Holste Crucifer: Joe Brame Handbell Director Kimberly Walker Altar Guild: Phyllis White

Order of Service: Divine Service I – LSB 151

Bells' Call to Worship Word of Welcome Organ Prelude

Please stand and face the cross, turning toward the altar as it passes.





Confession and Absolution

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.
- 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.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **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.

Service of the Word

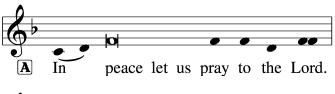
Introit

Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b

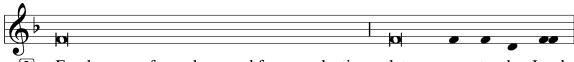
- P These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
 - They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
- In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.
- For you are my rock and my fortress; and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.
- Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.
- 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.
- These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

 They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Kyrie LSB 152

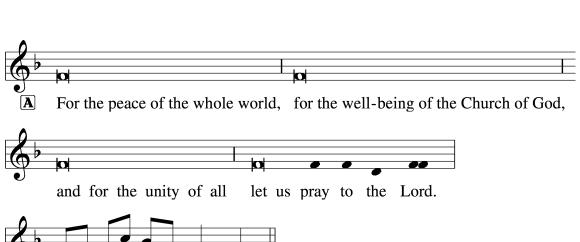




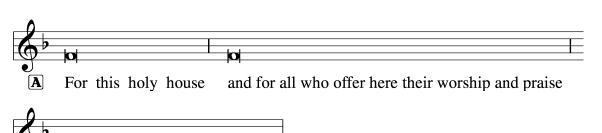


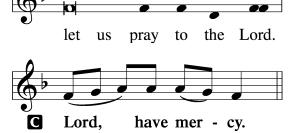
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



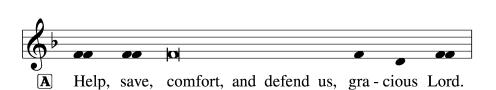








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This Is the Feast LSB 155



Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading Revelation 7:2–17

²Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, ³saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." ⁴And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

512,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad, 612,000 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh, 712,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi, 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar, 812,000 from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen!

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
16They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.
17For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

- P These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
- They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
- P Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
- in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

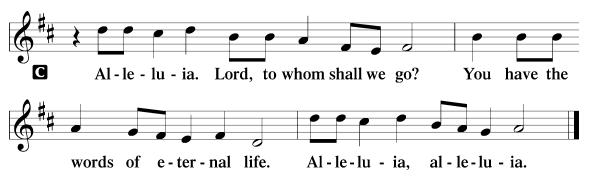
Epistle 1 John 3:1–3

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse LSB 156



Holy Gospel Matthew 5:1–12

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

¹¹"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

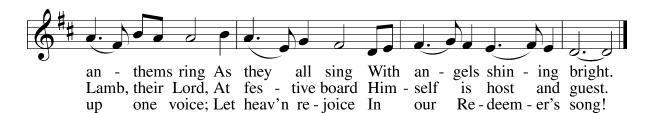
⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.





Sermon

"Signed, Sealed, and Delivered"

Revelation 7:2-17

Stand

Nicene Creed

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.

Remembrance of the Departed Faithful

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!" Revelation 14:13 (ESV)

In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life eternal, we remember before the Lord our departed family and friends who have gone before us in faith and all those who are in our hearts and minds this day.

After each name is read, a single bell is tolled

+	Dennis Huffman Wallace	January 15, 2023	+
4	Eva Jean Crowson	March 28, 2023	4
4	Carol Louise Hull	April 30, 2023	+
+	Archie Bourret	June 15, 2023	+
+	Donald Henry Cameron	June 24, 2023	+
+	Fred Clinton Shinrock	August 2, 2023	+

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, we remember with thanksgiving those who loved and served You in Your Church on earth and who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joy of Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

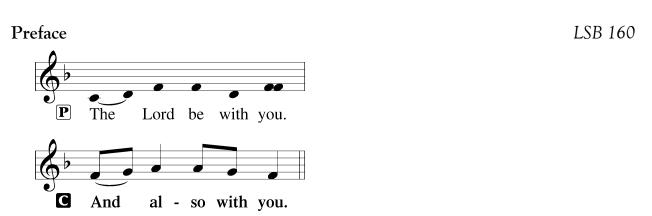
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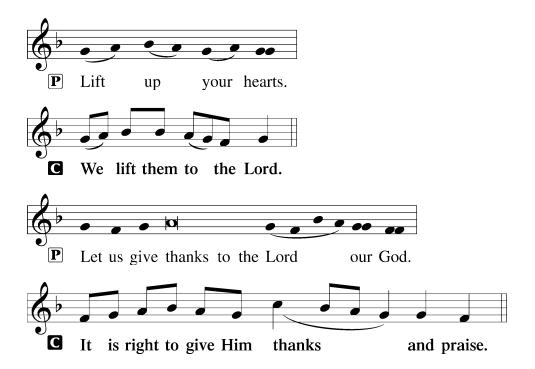
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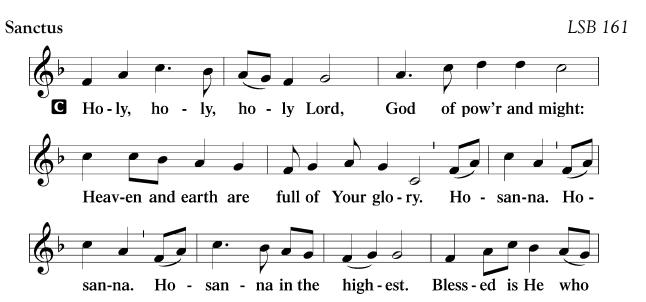


Service of the Sacrament





It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

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.

LSB 162

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

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."



Distribution

Distribution Hymn

LSB 677 For All the Saints



- And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long, Steals on the ear the distant triumph song, And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6 The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest; Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day: The saints triumphant rise in bright array; The King of Glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

△ 8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:

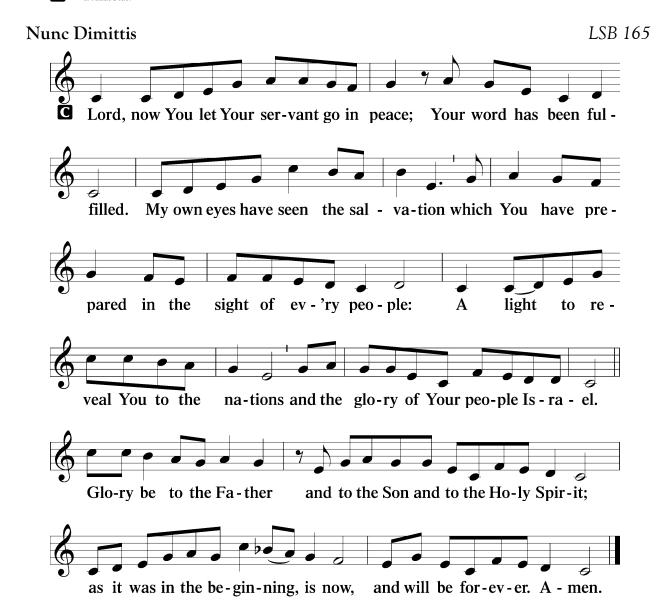
Alleluia! Alleluia!





Dismissal

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- C Amen.



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.



Benediction LSB 166

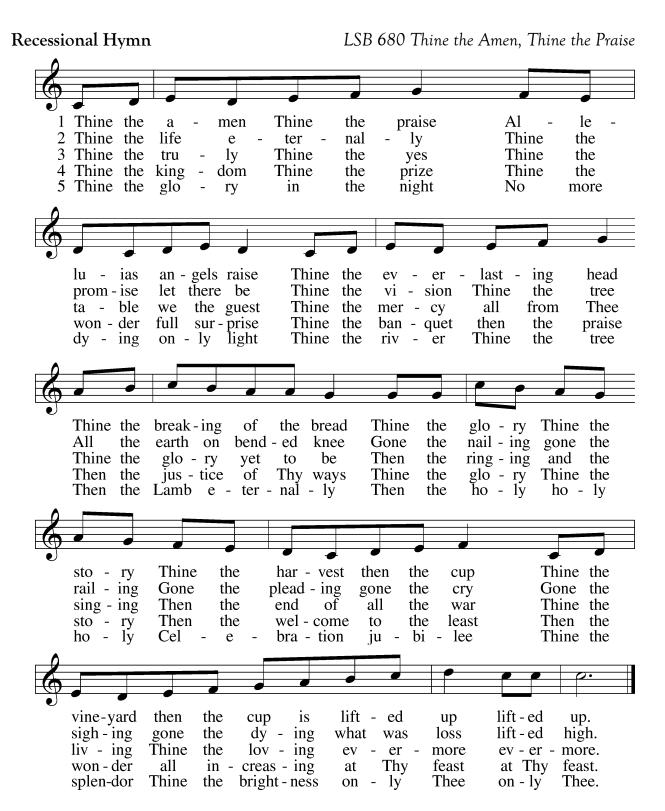


P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.





Please turn and face the cross as it processes to the narthex.

Organ Postlude

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November 5 & 6, 2023

The chancel flowers this week are sponsored by Jim & Bonnie Lawler



This Week at Trinity:

Sunday 11/5 All Saints Day

9:00 a.m.—Divine Service w/ Comm.

10:00 a.m.—Bible Study

11:00 a.m.—Lutherfest Lunch

5:00 p.m.—Handbell Practice

5:30 p.m.—Men's Chorus

6:00 p.m.—Choir

6:00 p.m.—JCC

6:00 p.m.—LLL Fellowship

Monday 11/6

9:00 a.m.—Bible Study

1:15 p.m.—GLAT

6:00 p.m.—Divine Service w/ Comm.

Tuesday 11/7

5:30 p.m.—Pickleball

5:30 p.m.—Sound Words/Adult Cat.

5:30 p.m.—Bd. of Early Childhood Ed.

6:30 p.m.—Board of Christian Ed.

Wednesday 11/8

9:00 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel

9:30 a.m.—Mary Martha Guild

Thursday 11/9

7:00 a.m.—Men's Bible Study

9:00 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel

5:30 p.m.—Pickleball

7:00 p.m.—Grief Share

Friday 11/10

Pastors' day off

Sunday 11/12

8:00 a.m.—Divine Service

9:30 a.m.—Bible Study

10:30 a.m.—Divine Service

12:00 a.m.—Pastor Thieme's present.

3:00 p.m.—Youth Service &

Friendsgiving

5:00 p.m.—Handbell Practice

5:30 p.m.—Men's Chorus

6:00 p.m.—Choir

6:00 p.m.—JCC



Join us for All Saints' Day, November 5, 2023!

- ♣ One service at 9 am
- + Short Bible Study after the service
- A free will offering will be collected to benefit the Member Emergency & Member Assistance funds



November 5, 2023



Nut Sales—Orders Ready for Pick Up!

The Mary Martha Guild has received and sorted the shipment of nut orders. Please stop by the Family Room off the Narthex before or after Sunday and Monday services to pick up your order. If you would prefer to pick up your order during the week, please call the Church

Office to make arrangements.

We ordered a few extra items in case you forgot to order or need extras. Check with the Mary Martha member in the Family Room to see what extras are available.

The Board of Evangelism would like to thank the volunteers, trunks and other contributors for a very successful Trunk or Treat. Because of your help, we were able to serve over **800 people** this year!





Vesper Guild will host the annual Craft Fair & Bake Sale on Sundays, November 5 & 12 and on Monday, November 6.

Orders will also be taken for honey from the Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch. We support this Lutheran mission by giving 100% of the sales for the honey sold.

There is a change in location! The fair will be located in the Fellowship Hall with a small display in the hallway near the pastor's offices and will be open between and after services.

Mary Martha Guild

Mary Martha Guild meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-11:30 am. Come at 9 am for coffee! All ladies of Trinity are invited to attend. Come join us on **November 8**!

Vesper Guild

All women of Trinity are welcome to join our Vesper Guild meeting on Tuesday, **November 21** at 5:30 p.m. We start with devotions followed by business discussions.

For more info or questions, please contact Betty Buchheit at (573) 823-2664.

Bible Study

Men's Thursday Bible Study

The Thursday morning Men's Bible Study is studying Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions – A Reader's Edition of The Book of Concord

(second edition), starting with Luther's Large Catechism. If you have an individual copy of Concordia, bring it along but there should be enough copies for each attendee (church copies). We will use the same format as with The Lutheran Study Bible; i.e., we will read each section together and discuss the doctrine using the Concordia notes.

Please plan on joining us and remember, we start at 7:00 am each Thursday.



DECEMBER 7 AT 5:30PM

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Life Thoughts

November 5 - Pentecost XXIII (Proper 26A) - The Lord our God has given us sexuality for relationship, family, and community. These matters cannot become merely private choices or personal preferences. What we do with our bodies also affects our neighbors (1 Thessalonians 4:3-6). Abortion reveals that lust always leads to destruction. Marriage and parenting prove we do not need abortion - indeed, these gifts leave us no room for it!



Choir practices have resumed! The men's chorus practices on Sundays at 5:30 p.m. and the full choir joins in at 6 pm in the church overflow area. Join us!

CHOIR

The handbell choir is looking for new ringers to join us. Ages 4th grade and up are welcome, no experience required. Rehearsals **HANDBELL** are held most Sundays at 5 pm. If interested, please call or text Kimberly Walker at (708) 532-3358.

Stewardship & Scripture

Nov 5. – All Saints' Day (Observed) Matthew 5:7 – "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." This is one of many Bible passages that remind us that we reap what we sow. Likewise, what God puts into us (His own love, mercy, kindness and generosity) — flows back out of us. It all starts with His selfaivina.

Brought to you by LCMS Stewardship Ministry and Trinity's Board of Stewardship & Finance

MEMORY VERSE

HE WILL WIPE AWAY EVERY TEAR FROM THEIR EYES. AND DEATH SHALL BE NO MORE, NEITHER SHALL THERE BE MOURNING, NOR CRYING, NOR PAIN ANYMORE. FOR THE FORMER THINGS HAVE PASSED AWAY.

REVELATION 21:4

Trinity LLL Fellowship Club

Trinity LLL Fellowship Club will meet on Sunday, November 5th at 6 pm in the church basement.

Monthly meetings are scheduled for the 1st Sunday of each month (September through May) at 6pm in the church basement. Activities include a very short business meeting, Bible study, and fellowship time with snacks. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.



I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord, the Most High.

-Psalm 7:17

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, November 11: Shopping, Movie & Dinner

Sunday, November 12: Service & Friendsgiving

Sunday, December 17: Cookie Decorating & Christmas Party

COYOTE HILL SHOPPING, MOVIE & DINNER SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023

Come for an afternoon/evening of...
Christmas shopping for the Coyote Hill kiddos.
Then, off to see "After Death" at the movie theatre, followed by dinner.

Meet at church to carpool for our adventures. Exact timing is to be determined, as movie times for this date aren't posted yet. Pastor McCalley will send a text to the youth group chat as soon as movie times are available.

Movie cost is \$5 per person.

Any questions, contact Pastor McCalley.





DON'T MISS OUT ON A WEEKEND OF FUN WITH YOUTH GROUP!





FRIENDSGIVING AND SERVICE EVENT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023

PLACE: Fellowship Hall & Youth Room

TIME: 3:00-5:30PM

COMMITMENT: Please bring a snack/appetizer to share.

Come for a fun afternoon of food, fellowship and service. Drinks provided, but don't forget to bring your snack to share. Contact Jacque Eckhoff at 573-289-0273 if you have any questions.

Lectionary Preview Study

Prepare for next week: The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost, November 12, 2023

Old Testament: Amos 5:8-24

- 1. In verse 10, who are they that reprove in the gate? In ancient Israel, the judges and elders would settle disputes at the city gates. See 2 Samuel 15:1-6 for a general description, although this example not the best.
- 2. What were the people of Israel not doing well, according to vv. 11-12? What does Amos tell the people to do in v. 15?
- 3. Why is the day of the Lord terrifying for those who are comfortable in their sins?

Psalm 70

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

- 4. What is meant by those who are asleep in v. 13? The next sentence answers the question.
- 5. In verse 14, what promise is given to those who fall asleep in Jesus?
- 6. Will those who die before Jesus comes have a leg up on getting to heaven or enjoying the resurrection, verses those who are alive at his coming, v. 15?
- 7. Verse 17 is what gave rise to the false teaching about the rapture. The meeting in the air is idiomatic about the blessing of Christ fulling coming together with his Bride the Church. Where will the judgment take place, Job 19:25 and Acts 1:11? What does Rev. 21:1, 2 point to? A new creation or Jesus being king on earth for 1,000 years, as the Millenialists teach?

Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

- 8. In the good old days before steam engines, this was the Gospel text appointed for the Feast of St. Catherine, Virgin (Nov. 25). Catherine was martyred by beheading at the age of 17 or 18 in about 305 in Alexandria, Egypt. She became a Christian at the age of 14 and was a strong witness for the faith. She is the namesake of St. Catherine's Monastery at Mt. Sinai in Egypt.
- 9. The historical understanding of this text is that the two group of virgins are two types of Christians. What would separate the two groups according to Matthew 19:17?
- 10. How shall we understand the lamps? The old thinking suggested the lamps were allegorical for good works (Matt. 5:16, Luke 12:35-36). This is both helpful and unhelpful. Why?
- 11. Look at verse 5. How is this a call to all Christians to stay alert, even when we're sleepy?
- 12. Why are the unwise virgins unwise? Might we see a helpful connection at Matthew 13:20-21? What three letter word in Matthew 28:20 (ESV) encourages to not disregard the small stuff?
- 13. How is Matthew 7:21-23 the strongest response to the foolish virgins?
- 14. How does verse 13 set before us both our own death and the Last Day?

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