

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, November 12, 2023



Knowing Christ's Love ... Seeking His Will ... Spreading His Word

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.

**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 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. CD and DVD recordings of the weekly service will be available from the Church Office later in the week.



Serving in God's House Today:

Liturgist:	Rev. Brian Thieme
Preacher:	Rev. Joseph McCalley
Elders:	(8:00) Benjamin Asbeck   (10:30) Carey Smith
Ushers:	(8:00) Kyle Dickes & Hunter Kevil (10:30) Kevin Burns & Mike Walz
Organist:	Joanna McDowell

# Order of Service: Divine Service I – LSB 151

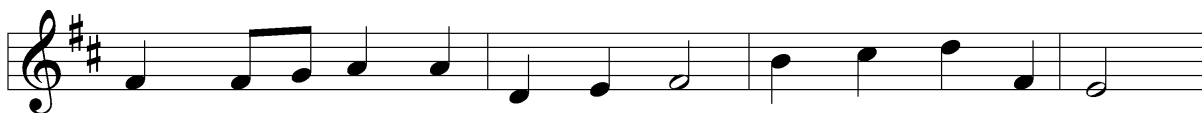
Bells' Call to Worship

Word of Welcome

Organ Prelude

Hymn of Invocation

*LSB 663 Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray*



1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a - wak -  
2 Watch a - gainst the dev - il's snares Lest a - sleep he find  
3 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its lies de - feat  
4 Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, Lest with grace you tri -  
5 But while watch - ing, al - so pray To the Lord un - ceas -



en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a - wares o'er -  
you; For in - deed no pains he spares To de - ceive and  
you Lest with bold de - cep - tions hurled It be - tray and  
fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's mer - cy  
ing. God pro - tects you day by day, Strength and faith in -



tak - en; For the foe, Well we know, Is a  
blind you. Sa - tan's prey Oft are they Who se -  
cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less  
sti - fle. Pride and sin Lurk with - in, All your  
creas - ing, So that still Mind and will Shall u -



har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.  
cure are sleep - ing And no watch are keep - ing.  
friends to charm you, Who but seek to harm you.  
hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.  
nite to serve Him And for - ev - er love Him.

# 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.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** 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.

**C** 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.

**P** 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 84:1, 9–12; antiphon: v. 3*

**P** Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,

at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

**C** How lovely is your dwelling place,

O LORD of hosts!

**P** Behold our shield, O God;

look on the face of your anointed!

**C** For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the

tents of wickedness.

**P** For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.  
No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

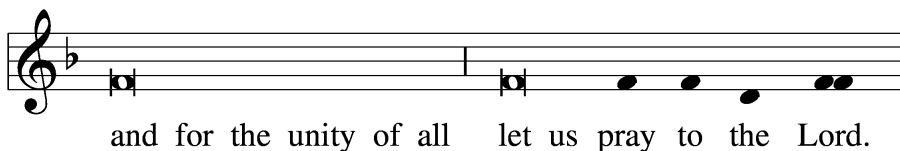
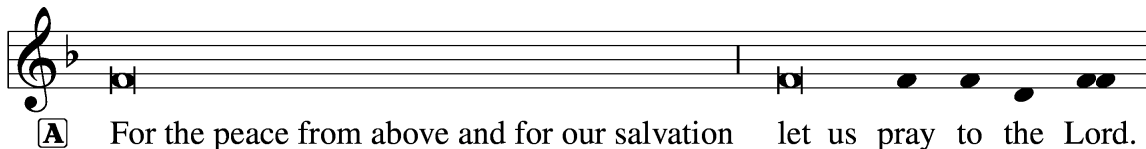
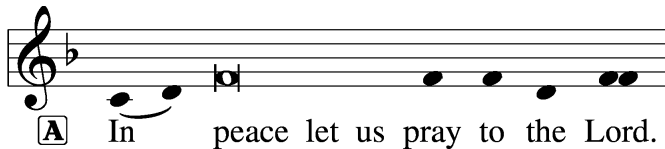
**C** O LORD of hosts,  
blessèd is the one who trusts in you!

**C** 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.

**P** Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may  
lay her young,  
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

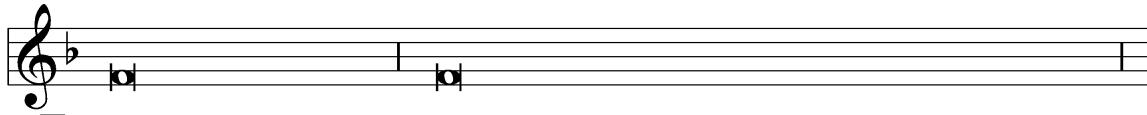
## Kyrie

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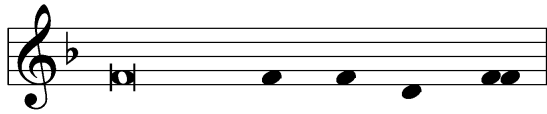




**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



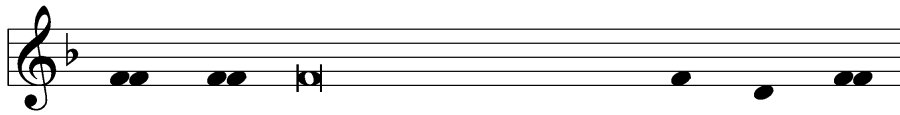
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



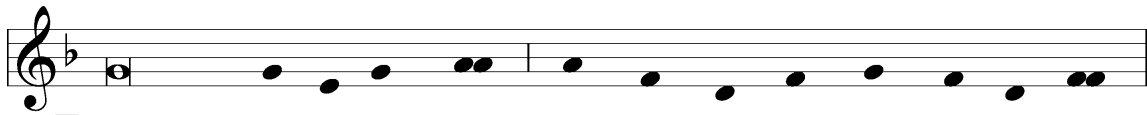
**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** 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.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Amos 5:18–24*

<sup>18</sup>Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!  
Why would you have the day of the LORD?  
It is darkness, and not light,  
<sup>19</sup>as if a man fled from a lion,  
and a bear met him,  
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,  
and a serpent bit him.  
<sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,  
and gloom with no brightness in it?  
<sup>21</sup>“I hate, I despise your feasts,  
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.  
<sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,  
I will not accept them;  
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,  
I will not look upon them.  
<sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs;  
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.  
<sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

**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.

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

**P** Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,

**C** in whose heart are the highways to Zion.



## Epistle

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

<sup>13</sup>But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

**C** 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.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first line of music is for the Alleluia, and the second line is for the Verse. The lyrics are written below the notes.

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:1–13

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

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The musical notation is in F major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us

some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

*Sit*

Hymn

LSB 740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at  
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my  
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,  
staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,  
Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry  
In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He  
By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me

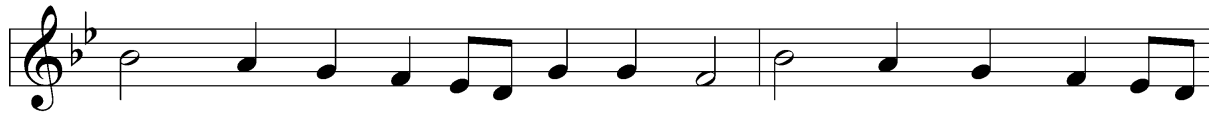


day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.  
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

## Children's Message

### Sermon Hymn

LSB 708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart



1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from  
2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun-ty gave My bod - y, soul, and  
3 Lord, let at last Thine an - gels come, To A - br'ham's bos - om



me de - part, With ten - der mer - cy cheer - me. Earth  
all I have In this poor life of la - bor. Lord,  
bear me home, That I may die un - fear - ing; And



has no plea - sure I would share. Yea, heav'n it - self were  
grant that I in ev - 'ry place May glo - ri - fy Thy  
in its nar - row cham - ber keep My bod - y safe in



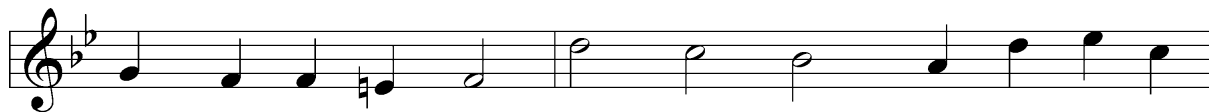
void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me. And should my  
lav - ish grace And help and serve my neigh - bor. Let no false  
peace-ful sleep Un - til Thy re - ap - pear - ing. And then from



heart for sor - row break, My trust in Thee can noth - ing shake.  
doc - trine me be - guile; Let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.  
death a - wak - en me, That these mine eyes with joy may see,



Thou art the por - tion I have sought; Thy pre - cious  
Give strength and pa - tience un - to me To bear my  
O Son of God, Thy glo - rious face, My Sav - ior



blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and  
cross and fol - low Thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and  
and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -



Lord, my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust Thy Word.  
Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy com - fort still af - ford.  
tend, my prayer at - tend, And I will praise Thee with - out end.

## Sermon

## Rite of Confirmation (10:30)

✠ Michael Smith ✠  
✠ Olivia Smith ✠

*Stand*

## Apostles' Creed

**C** 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.

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The lyrics are: "What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem." The score ends with a double bar line.

**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Prayer of the Church

## Lord's Prayer

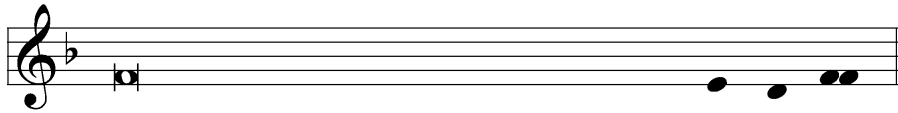
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**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

## 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.



**C** A - men.

## Closing Hymn

LSB 490 *Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won*



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -  
2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is  
3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus  
4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall  
5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the gate of life im -



pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!  
giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,  
liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,  
sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell  
mor - tal; This shall calm my trem - bling breath



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er  
Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is  
Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I  
Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will  
When I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall



scenes will then com-mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
faith - ful; doubt-ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

## Organ Postlude

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Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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# Trinity Weekly News

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The chancel flowers this week are  
sponsored by Warren & Karen Harms in  
memory of Michael's birthday

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## This Week at Trinity:

### **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 Friendsgiving  
5:00 p.m.—Handbell Practice  
5:30 p.m.—Men's Chorus  
6:00 p.m.—Choir  
6:00 p.m.—JCC

### **Monday 11/13**

9:00 a.m.—Bible Study  
1:15 p.m.—GLAT  
6:00 p.m.—Divine Service

### **Tuesday 11/14**

5:15 p.m.—Sound Words/Adult Cat.  
5:30 p.m.—Pickleball  
6:30 p.m.—Board of Directors

### **Wednesday 11/15**

9:00 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel  
5:30 p.m.—Life Team

### **Thursday 11/16**

7:00 a.m.—Men's Bible Study  
9:00 a.m.—TLCLC Chapel  
11:00 a.m.—Communion @ Lenoir  
5:30 p.m.—Pickleball  
6:00 p.m.—Board of Evangelism  
6:00 p.m.—Board of Elders  
7:00 p.m.—Grief Share

### **Friday 11/17**

**Pastors' day off**

### **Sunday 11/19**

8:00 a.m.—Divine Service w/ Comm.  
9:30 a.m.—Bible Study & Sun. School  
10:30 a.m.—Divine Service w/ Comm.  
12:00 p.m.—Assembly of Voters  
6:00 p.m.—JCC





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.

Thank You!



The Mary Martha Guild would like to thank you for your support of our fall fundraiser. The nut sales were a success, and we were able to meet our goal. The nuts were delivered to us from Farmstead Nuts and Treats in Olathe, KS. The proceeds from sales will be used for financial donations to missions selected by Guild members. Thank you all for your orders and many thanks to those who served on the fundraising committee to complete this project successfully. Thanks again!

—Mary Martha Guild



## Stewardship & Scripture

Nov. 12 – Proper 27

**Matthew 25:4 – “But the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.”** Why did they

take flasks of oil with them? Because they listened to the Bridegroom's words and believed what He said. Our actions always start with and flow from our beliefs. What do your actions in the realm of stewardship say about what you believe?

## 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.



## Assembly of Voters Meeting

**Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.**



## 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.



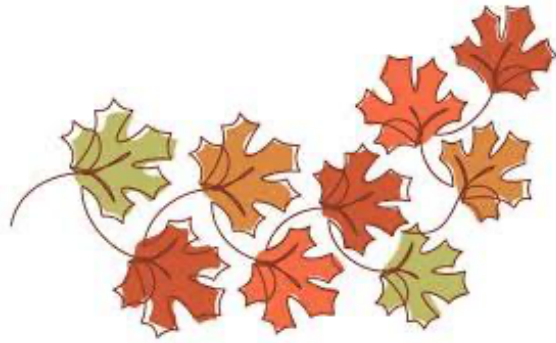
Brothers and Sisters of Trinity Lutheran Church,

A committee of Buck Katt (Chair), Eldrid (Pete) Easterhaus (member), and Andrew Saeger (member) were appointed to review Trinity Lutheran Church By-Laws. This review was prompted by a request of the Board of Trinity Lutheran Church Endowment Fund to update the boards By-Laws. In addition, all Church boards were given the opportunity to review and suggest updates to Trinity Lutheran Church By-Laws. Those suggesting changes are the Board of Endowment Fund, the Board of Christian Education, and the Board of Youth.

All recommended changes to the By-Laws have been reviewed by the Board of Directors and require a final vote of the Assembly of Voter's. The suggestions will be presented at the December 17, 2023 Assembly of Voters. For your convenience we have placed copies of the suggested changes in the narthex and copies are available in the office. Your opportunity to ask questions and discuss the suggested changes will take place on the following dates and times:

- November 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30 pm Middle School Classroom
- November 30<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Fellowship Hall
- November 30<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- December 4<sup>th</sup> 10:15 am Fellowship Hall

# Y GROUP U T H



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

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## **FRIENDSGIVING & SERVICE EVENT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023**

PLACE: 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.

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### ***CALENDAR OF EVENTS***

Sunday, November 12:  
Friendsgiving &  
Service Event

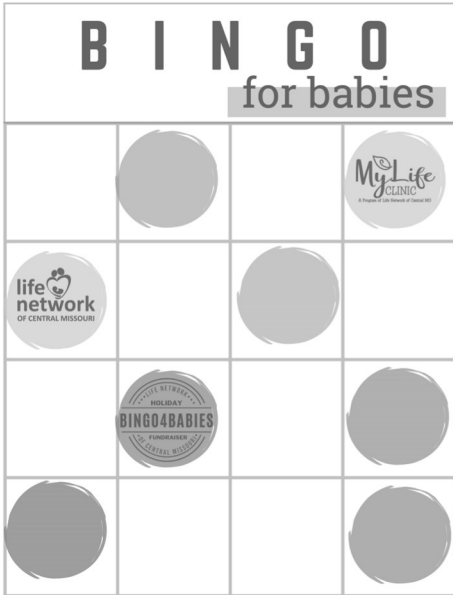
Sunday, December 17:  
Cookie Decorating &  
Christmas Party



## Life Thoughts

**November 12 – Pentecost XXIV (Proper 27A)** – Like the parable's bridegroom, Jesus often meets us in unexpected moments (Matthew 25:10). He even sometimes hides in surprise pregnancies or terminal diagnoses in order to rescue and bless. So, we dare not ignore the poor and needy neighbors who cry out for deliverance (Psalm 70:1, 5) from abortion and assisted suicide. If we do indeed love the Lord's salvation, then let us say so (Psalm 70:4)!

### B I N G O for babies



## DECEMBER 7 AT 5:30PM

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5045 CHAPEL HILL RD**

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A display of over 600 unique nativity scenes from around the world



Friday, December 1 --5pm-8pm

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ADA hours Friday, December 1--9:30am-3:00pm

Campus Lutheran Church  
304 S. College Ave.  
Columbia, MO 65201

[campuslutheran.org/manger](http://campuslutheran.org/manger)



## Sunday School Christmas Program: Sign Ups & Rehearsals

The Board of Christian Ed is looking for Sunday School kids to participate in the Christmas Eve service. The sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board across from the Church Office.

Practice times are as follows:

- Sunday, December 3: during the Sunday School hour
- Sunday, December 10: during the Sunday School hour
- Sunday, December 17: during the Sunday School hour
- Thursday, December 21: dinner (pizza) at 5:15-6 pm, practice from 6-7 pm



## Collections for Community Missions

Thank you for your generous donations to our community missions! Please continue to collect and donate the items listed below. You can place them in the labeled bins inside the Christian Resource Center (brown unit in the hallway). If you need assistance getting the items to Trinity or have other suggestions for collections, please contact the Church Office.

- *Bibles and Devotional Materials*
- *Canceled postage stamps including Forever stamps (No Love or Christmas)*
- *Coupons with no expiration date*
- *Eyeglasses you no longer use*
- *Food (nonperishable, no glass containers)*
- *Soda & Soup Can Pop Tops*



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MINISTRY

## Stephen Ministry at Trinity

Trinity Lutheran Church has a caregiving ministry. It is an important way we at Trinity care for one another. If you or another church member you know are going through a difficult time, reach out to one of our pastors and consider a caring relationship with a Stephen Ministry caregiver. The ministry offers real care, comfort, and hope and is free and completely confidential.

Quotes from past care receivers:

"My caregiver was an angel sent from heaven. She helped me to understand things and to see what God has done. So much is off my shoulders."

"Thank God you are here."

"Do it! Take the time to go through the process. Let someone else help."

A tri-fold flyer and a yellow information card are available from the information stand in the narthex and/or visit [stephenministries.org](http://stephenministries.org) to learn more.



# BEICHTSPIEGEL

## *Self-examination from the Ten Commandments*

“280. Self-examination from the Ten Commandments” in *Lutheran Prayer Companion*, trans. Matthew C. Carver (Saint Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2018): 157-161.

### ***First Commandment***

O holy and righteous God, who see and hear all things: I come before You now to examine carefully the condition of my soul and to learn how I am, whether I am on the way of destruction. I am far too corrupt, my heart far too false and deceiving, for me to do it myself. Search me Yourself, O God! Try me and know my thought, and make me aware of them by Your Word and Spirit. Have I remembered You often, great Maker and Sustainer, Redeemer and Sanctifier? – Have I used Your will and Your Commandments as my guidepost in what I do and do not, and have I asked myself, “Is this in line with God’s commandment? – Have I entertained and detestable thoughts, such as “There is no God”? – Have I not honored many idols and through of myself highly, followed only my own will, and sought my own glory and satisfaction? – Have I not feared other men more than God, revered their presence more than God’s presence, and made a greater effort to gain their favor God’s grace, and done more in love toward them than I would do in love to God? – Have not my trust in great benefactors and in the favor of men? – Has my heard found its reset, etc., in temporal things such as money, goods, honor, and an easy life instead of seeking its only delight and joy in the eternal good from which all others come? – Have I perhaps sought the help of Satan and his sorcerers rather than the help of God and feared their power more than the strength of God? – Have I had a proper conception of God’s power, omnipresence, righteousness, and grace in order to move myself to childlike fear? – Has my fear of God also borne true fruit, such as obedience, hatred of evil, remorse for sin, humility, patience, vigilance, and the like? – Have I sought to know God as the highest good and to love Him above all things? – Have I to that end diligently sought God’s perfection, majesty, goodness, mercy, power, strength, wealthy, and benefits? – Has my love arisen merely for the sake of those benefits and temporal happiness? – Have I also detected in myself the fruits of true and genuine love of God, such as hatred of sin, contempt for the world, long-suffering, desire for greater union with God, praise, thanksgiving and joy? – What form has my trust toward God taken? Is it a well-founded and childlike trust? – Have I founded it on God’s goodness, truth, omnipotence, and promise? – Has this trust worked true faith in me, such as hope, serenity, courage, and constancy? – Likewise, what form has my knowledge of

God taken? Is it a living or dead knowledge? And do I seek to increase in that knowledge? Do I earnestly guard myself against all errors? – Are all, or even most of, my desires centered on God and His grace?

### ***Second Commandment***

Have I treated God's name, or everything in which God is revealed in His glory? – Have I not frequently spoken the names of God and Jesus irreverently? – How often have I prayed without true devotion and conception of God's majesty? What form has my reading and meditation of God's Word taken? – Have I not sometimes quoted verses of Holy Scripture in an unfitting manner to bring attention to myself or to make a joke? – Have I, in the contemplation and use of created things, reverently regarded the Creator's wisdom, goodness, and almighty power? – Have I misused my mouth for cursing, swearing, and slander after the manner of brazen sinners? – Have I clung to superstition or magical things? – Have I been a liar or deceiver in spiritual things and knowingly twisted God's Word, or ever deceived others through hypocrisy? What form have my praise and thanks taken?

### ***Third Commandment***

Have I regarded the Sabbath with due reverence and tried to sanctify it in a way pleasing to God? – Have I on Sundays allowed my mind to rest from temporal concerns and my body from the regular work of my vocation, that God might do His work in my and I might rest in God? Have I, to that end, prepared myself in the morning with sincere prayer? – Have I come to God's house at the proper time? – Have I behaved as a child of God in thoughts, words, and action, and heard the Word devoutly as the Word of God and prayed and sung with sincerity? Have I acted like a child of the world at church and used my clothing to show off, chatted about worldly things, looked down on other people, judged the preacher's recitation [sermon] only by human favor, sought prestige before others through a special position, or passed much of the time sleeping? – Have I recalled the sermon at home, or thought over those points which especially pertain to my situation? – Have I passed the rest of my Sunday with holy activities, such as reading, praying, singing, examining myself, contemplating God's works and benefits, renewing my good resolution, and so on? – Have I tried to instruct, stir up, and edify others, used good speech, and assisted and comforted the poor and afflicted? – Or have I joined the world seeking all manner of carnal amusements and passed the time with sinful jokes, foolishness, even gambling, and looked to my own contentment on the Lord's day in indolence, excessive

eating and drinking, or frivolous parties? – Have I been serious about serving God and being properly edified and amended?

#### ***Fourth Commandment***

O almighty, everlasting God, heavenly Father, who commanded with great earnest that parents should be honored, I thank You from my inmost heart that You have caused me to be born of Christian parents and that they have preserved me until now; but at the same time, I confess and lament to You that I have not always held my parents in such honor as I ought to have done, nor loved and feared them with words and works. O dear God and Father, pardon me this sin of my youth and my transgression, and remember me according to Your great mercy, for Your goodness' sake. Give me henceforth an obedient, loving heart, that I may honor my parents from the heart with words and works. O Lord Jesus Christ, who in the days of Your flesh, were subject were to Your parents and left me to an example for imitation, that I also should follow in Your footsteps, give me a thankful, submissive, willing, and obedient heart toward my parents, that I may honor them with obedience, love and fear, patience and humility. Look also on my dear parents with the eyes of Your mercy. Let them reach old age in peace, bless their livelihood, lighten their cross, and grant them temporal and eternal blessing. O Holy Spirit, who are the Spirit of love and discipline, govern and lead me such that I love my parents heartily and receive their chastisement with patience. Enlighten my heart by Your heavenly grace and light, that I may with a grateful heart acknowledge what great benefits have been shown me by God through my dear parents, that I may not be found ungrateful and disobedient, but may show all due submission and obedience toward God and my parents. Amen.

#### ***Fifth Commandment***

Have I not frequently held a grudge against my neighbor, hated him in my heart, envied him, rejoiced at his misfortune, and planned revenge on him? – How often has my anger exceeded bounds of moderation? – Have I not wrongly addressed my actions in wrath and expressed angry, mocking, insulting words and evil wishes? Have I not perhaps concealed my enmity and mischief and sought to injure my neighbor treacherously through false kindness and courtesy? – Has my rage gone so far at times that I have actually hurt my neighbor with respect to his body and health? Have I fed my enemy, given him something to drink, and prayed for him? – Have I let my neighbor fall in danger of life or limb through my own cruelty or treachery or carelessness? – Have I in my words and deeds not sometimes become offensive to the innocent



and simple, and so in some respect wounded their soul? – Have I tried to correct an offense that I gave before, to satisfy the neighbor as much as possible for the injury which occurred, and to appease him? – Have I given my neighbor all possible help in his necessity, danger, poverty, or assisted him with advice and consolation? – Have I had mercy and charity in my heart, kindness in my actions, and gracefulness in my words? Have I nurtured toward my offender a meek and reconcilable heart and tried to make peace between others? – Have I attended to my neighbor's good in spiritual and physical things?

### ***Sixth Commandment***

Have I earnestly pursued chastity and purity of body and soul, to be suitable for service both to God and neighbor? – Have I used the proper means of chastity, such as devout prayer, moderation, fasting, and the like? – Have I frequently harbored wicked and impure lusts in my heart, delighted in them, and even pursued them for any period of time? – Have not my actions sometimes been shameless and frivolous? – Have I not frequently lent my ears to unchaste speech and my eyes to unchaste persons, pictures or other offensive things? – And have I myself offended other by unfitting words with double meanings? – Have I earnestly avoided all impurity and adultery, by whatever name they may be called? Idleness, drunkenness, intoxication, bad company, and lewd fashion?

### ***Seventh Commandment***

Have I at all times treated my neighbor justly with respect to his property, given to each what is his, and left to each what is his, and by advice, action, and prevention of all harm helped him to preserve it? – Have I restored to its rightful owner whatever I have found, or property otherwise obtained in an unjust manner, or have I tried to keep it away from him? – Have I often coveted my neighbor's property, tried to get it by deceitful words or to acquire it by scheming? Have I faithfully given to authorities what is theirs, honestly and diligently labored in my office and vocation, grateful and properly used the benefits shown to me or the righteous alms given me? – Have I taken advantage of my neighbor in business or commerce through false measures and weights or wicked, unreasonable prices and stringing taxes? – Have I been a wise steward, guarded myself against debts and sureties, or tried to pay what I owe in an honest manner? – Have I loved idleness, waste, and luxury, or tried to use impermissible means such as gambling, luxury, foolish jesting, and flattery? – Have I oppressed or sucked dry and one who was subject to me, or delayed and withheld the wages of workers and staff? – How have I treated the poor?

Have I shown true and genuine mercy by my actions?

### ***Eighth Commandment***

How have I treated my neighbor's honor and good name? Have I grieved him by any sort of treachery, slander, or sarcastic and pointed remarks, or hindered his well-being? Or have I deceived him by false compliments, and in judging his life generally sought my own honor and contentment? – Have I continually and earnestly guarded myself against wicked suspicions, falsehood, lies, flattery, and useless chatter?

### ***Ninth and Tenth Commandments***

Have I earnestly resisted my wicked desires for increase, such as envy, pride, covetousness, and the like, and conversely pursued contentment and humility? – Have I come to the aid of my neighbor at every opportunity with prayer, good will, advice, and help, and rejoice when he prospered? – Have I practiced moderation in all things, especially in eating and drinking, joy and sorrow? – Have I continued the fight against all evil desires as one who belongs to Christ and used the proper means, such as prayer, vigilance, shunning the occasion, repeated renewal of good resolution, and other things? – For what has my greatest desire aspired: heavenly or earthly things? – How far have I come in putting on the new man, and how have I increased in that renewal? O my God, search me Yourself! Try me and know my thoughts! See if I am on the way just way, and lead me in the way everlasting. You alone can understand the heart, which is deceitful and desperately wicked, and uncover all the guile of narcissism. Oh, how much good I have omitted, and how much evil I have committed! What good I find is only external. Rarely is there a true, good intention and good basis of true virtue. Therefore, O mighty and jealous God, make me to hear the thunder of Your holy and immutable Law, to be terrified by the curse and wrath which I have earned, and to turn in penitence to Your grace in Christ!

# Radio & Podcast Resources

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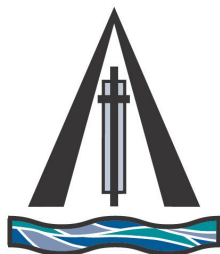
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