



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Welcomes You!

10:00a.m. Worship Service & Communion
[Sunday School]

11:00a.m. Fellowship Hour

*We are a church that actively shares
a living, daring, confidence in God's grace
with our community and the world.*

November 19, 2023

Season After Pentecost

Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)

May the presence of the Almighty bless and comfort you, so you
leave here renewed and prepared for the week ahead.

Congregation please stand if able when indicated by the Pastor

You are also invited to say the words in **bold type**.

PRELUDE MUSIC

(a time of quiet preparation and heart reflection)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Holy One, ***we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.***

GREETING

GATHERING SONG

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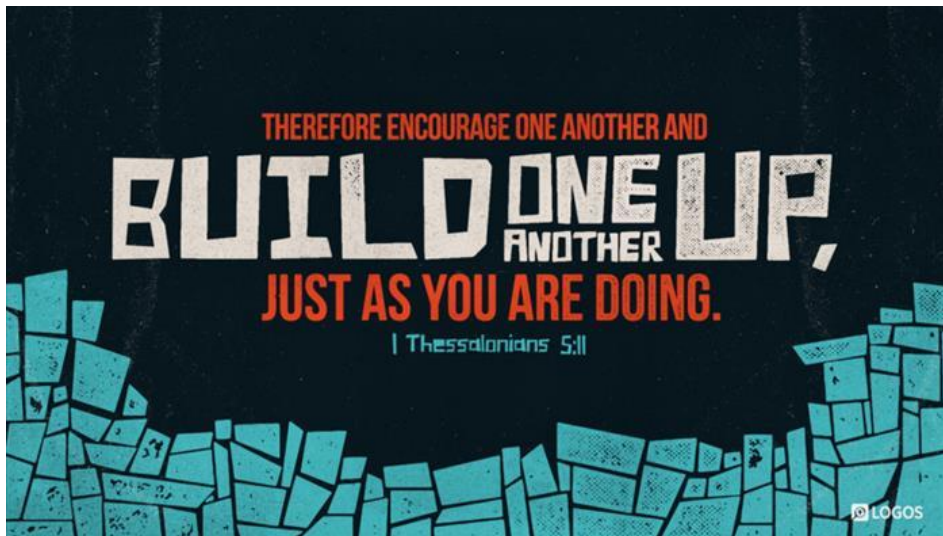
[Blest Are They]

KYRIE: ELW p.138

GLORIA: ELW p.139

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen



FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." ¹³Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. ¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. ¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. ¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

PSALM: Psalm 90:1-12

¹Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

²Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.

³You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."

⁴For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;

⁵you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:

⁶in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.

⁷For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.

⁸Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

⁹When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

¹⁰The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

¹¹Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation?

¹²So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW p.142 "ALLELUIA"

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW, THE 25TH CHAPTER.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

The Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY ELW# 688

[Lord of Light]

APOSTLES CREED ELW p.105

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each prayer petition will conclude with "Hear us, O God"

*The congregation's response is: "**Your mercy is great.**"*

*Prayers needed for God's healing, for those with medical//health concerns:
Mary Kaipio.*

Prayers needed for God's peace, for those who lost loved ones:

The family and friends of: Craig Howe.

PEACE

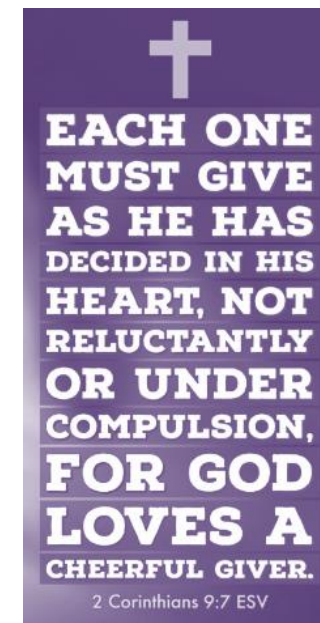
OFFERING

The offering table is in the narthex, outside the sanctuary doors.

Giving is a reminder of the blessings God gives us and gave to us through Jesus Christ.



Tithes & offerings are gathered for the support and mission of the church, including the care of those in need within our community and beyond.



PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS:

Everything That We Have

Bret Leslie

Ev-ery-thing that we have, ev-ery-thing that we are, ev-ery
mo-ment is a bless-ing from a-bove. It's end-less love that we breathe,
it's end-less love that we re-ceive; what has free-ly come we
now let free-ly go. Ev-ery

The musical score is written on four staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). It includes guitar chords G7 and D7. The second staff continues the melody with chords Am, D7, and G. The third staff features chords G7, C, A7, and G, with a triplet of eighth notes. The fourth staff concludes with chords D, C, D7, and G, with a second triplet of eighth notes.

1. Work-ing hard to sur-vive is no guar-an-tee.
For the deck is al-ways stacked a-against the poor.
If we'd use just what we need,
Re-ject the creep-ing can-cer of greed,
Like a mir-a-cle the hun-gry could be fed.
2. May we show gra-ti-tude in the way that we live
Not with pom-pous prayers and not with fan-cy feasts
I-ma-gine how the world should be
Then take a risk to build this dream
That's the of-fer-ing that God is ask-ing for.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

† we praise your name and join their unending hymn †

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ELW p.144

CHRIST'S WORDS AT THE TABLE

...Do this for the remembrance of me...

Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER ELW p.145

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are invited forward for communion.

Kneel at the altar rail where you will receive communion by individual cup.

Red wine and white grape juice are available.

Gluten-free wafers are also available.

If you would just like to receive a blessing, come with your arms folded in prayer.

LAMB OF GOD ELW p.146

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

SENDING SONG ELW# 172

[Halle, Halle]

DISMISSAL: ... **Thanks be to God.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Today] Sunday, November 19th	Sunday Worship, 10am, Sunday School Fellowship Hour, 11am Let's Eat, 4-5pm (here at HTLC) A.A.: 8-9pm
Tuesday, November 21st	Quilting, 9am to noon Finance meeting, 6pm Council meeting, 7pm
Thursday, November 23rd	THANKSGIVING [offices closed]
Sunday, November 26th Christ the King Sunday [wear white]	Sunday Worship, 10am, Sunday School Fellowship Hour, 11am A.A.: 8-9pm
Tuesday November 28th	Quilting, 9am to noon
Sunday, December 3rd Happy New (church) Year! [wear your New Year's attire]	Sunday Worship, 10am, Sunday School Fellowship Hour & Top the Tater Fundraiser, 11am A.A.: 8-9pm
Tuesday, December 5th	Quilting, 9am to noon
Wednesday, December 6th	Advent Service, 6:30pm
Sunday, December 10th Family Sunday	Sunday Worship, 10am, [No S.S.] Fellowship Hour, 11am A.A.: 8-9pm
Tuesday, December 12th	Quilting, 9am to noon
Wednesday, December 13th	Advent Service, 6:30pm
Sunday, December 17th	Sunday Worship, 10am, Sunday School Fellowship Hour, 11am A.A.: 8-9pm

	November	
	November 19 th	November 26 th
Musician	Deb Young	Kristiina Vanhala
Reader	Nancy Paananen	Sandi Engel
Greeter(s)	Wes Lawrence	George & Betty Uuro
Communion Assistant	Annette Lawrence	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Acolytes	Olive & Jude Schmidt, Mia Caldwell, Caleb & Wyatt Young	Sophia, DJ, and Jude Armbruster,
Coffee Servers	Carole & Ken Simila, Mary Pekkala & Ruth Wisti	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Counters	Paulette Archambeau & Roberta Tapani	Mary Jurgensen & Tracy Schmaltz
Altar Care	The Judsons	

December	
December 3 rd	December 10 th
Mary Jurgensen	Pr. Soren
VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Tanner Elenich
Susan Wiles & Lynn Walker	pending
Annie Soumis	Josh Bennett
Michael & Emma Rothenberger, Bella Edwards, Caleb Heikkila-Wickstrom	Matthew & Eli Bennett, Tanner Elenich,
Top the Tater Fundraiser	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Sue Wiles & Lynn Walker	Breigh Lawrence, Becky Moyle & Ann Roth
Janey Sargent	



• **Let's Eat** is today (11/19/23) and will be hosted by us here at HTLC. Any volunteers willing to help out would be much appreciated. See Pr. Soren to let him know of your availability to lend a hand.

• **Blue Can donations are currently** being collected for the Service & Witness Committee led "Christmas Giving"

project. (please put "Christmas Giving" on your check and envelope). This will help in providing gift baskets & other gifts to those in need in our community. If you know of someone who has been struggling financially and needs a little Christmas spirit let a member of the S&W Committee know or contact the church office [office.htlc@gmail.com]. Information needed: Name and address of individual or family, number of family members, along with kids ages.

- **Christ the King Sunday** is on November 26th. Let's all wear white next week.
- **The new church year starts** December 3rd (First Sunday of Advent). Let's celebrate by wearing/bringing New Year's attire/gear! HAPPY NEW (CHURCH) YEAR!
- **Help send youth to** the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans (July of 2024) by joining us for a Top The Tater fellowship hour luncheon fundraiser. Suggested donation per person will be \$8.00
- **Midweek Advent services will be:** December 6th, 13th, & 20th at 6:30pm.
- **It's that time of year again.** The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 28th. The first draft of the annual report needs to be completed January 16th for the Council to review. So, all committee reports are needed, no later than January 7th.
- **Please prayerfully consider** having your name put on this year's annual meeting ballot. Holy Trinity NEEDS faithful stewards [Stewardship is God's work through **your** hands]. The functionality of the church does not exist without those willing to step in. We currently need 4 more nominees for the Council, and 3 more nominees for the Nominating Committee. Serving is not just honoring your fellow church family; above that, it honors and glorifies our LORD (Father, Son, & Holy Spirit) who has gifted each and every one of us in some form or fashion to be overseers and caretakers of His beloved church. ~ Julie. p.s. Please see me if you have any questions, concerns, and/or to have your name listed on this year's ballot.
- **Please take time to** sign the sign-in sheet located by the Sanctuary doors in the Narthex. This helps the office in many ways! Members: you do not need to list your address or phone information, unless this information has changed recently. *Visitors: Please provide us with contact information so we can send you a card of thanks and/or encouragement.* ☺ Thanks everyone!

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Mon. & Thur. 12pm-5pm

Tues. & Wed. 9am-1pm

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M, W, & TH: 9am-2pm

Tuesday: out of office for text study, and phone visitations.

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*In case of Pastoral
Emergencies contact
Pastor Soren Schmidt
(906) 290-1405*

November 5, 2023

Indoor Attendance: 81

General Offering totals
(11/1/23 – 11/7/2023)

\$5,219.20

November 12, 2023

Indoor Attendance: 77

General Offering totals
(11/8/23 – 11/14/2023)

\$1,445.55

Month of October Income: **\$13,673.12**

Month of October Expenses: **\$11,554.37**

\$2,118.75

January 1st to October 31st Income: ***\$130,666.33**

January 1st to October 31st Expenses: ***\$129,432.72**

\$1,233.61

**Please note: The year to date income and expenses for October were incorrect in last week's bulletin. The numbers had been taken from a report which included income and expenses through the end of November. The corrected information is listed above. My apologies for the error. Sincerely, Lisa Gregg; Finance Secretary.*



**Total to date
(for Christmas Giving)**

\$603.19

