

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting TODAY - We will be voting on the request by the Council to spend up to \$40,000 for repairs to several areas of the church. These projects will include repairs to several areas of the exterior of the building, replace a portion of the concrete pad outside the church entrance at the kitchen/gym, and replace the sky lights in the library. Funds for the projects will come from the Capital Campaign fund, which as of September 30 has \$50,715.49.

POINSETTIAS – It's time again to beautify the Sanctuary! Each poinsettia will be **\$8**. PLEASE, add your name to the list, along with the number of flowers, and any dedication information. Payment envelopes are there for your convenience, but do not need to be used. Simply place the amount in any envelope (or Venmo) with a "poinsettia" notation.

CHURCH DECORATING DAY! – Let's get ready for Jesus' birthday! We will be decorating the church on Saturday, **Dec. 2nd**. If you would like to help, WE NEED YOU. A signup sheet will be in the Sun Porch area.

FRUIT OF THE SPIRITS – for December will be held at the home of David & Susan Kroft on **December 10th @ 4:00 pm**. If you need the address, it is printed on the signup sheet in the sun porch area OR is available in the online church directory.

GREETERS – **WE NEED YOU!** Trinity is known for making visitors feel at home and welcome in our space! We hear it all the time. If you could sign up to be a greeter, you are desperately needed! Once or twice a month is perfect and all that is required is to arrive 15 minutes early. A NEW sign-up is located in the Sun Porch area. Contact Ed Shuey for more information.

ELCA GOOD GIFTS – We have a few catalogs for the holidays, in the Welcome Center. As you are planning for your family this season, consider giving a “Good Gift” to help a family improve their living conditions. For more information, go to:

ELCA.org/goodgifts

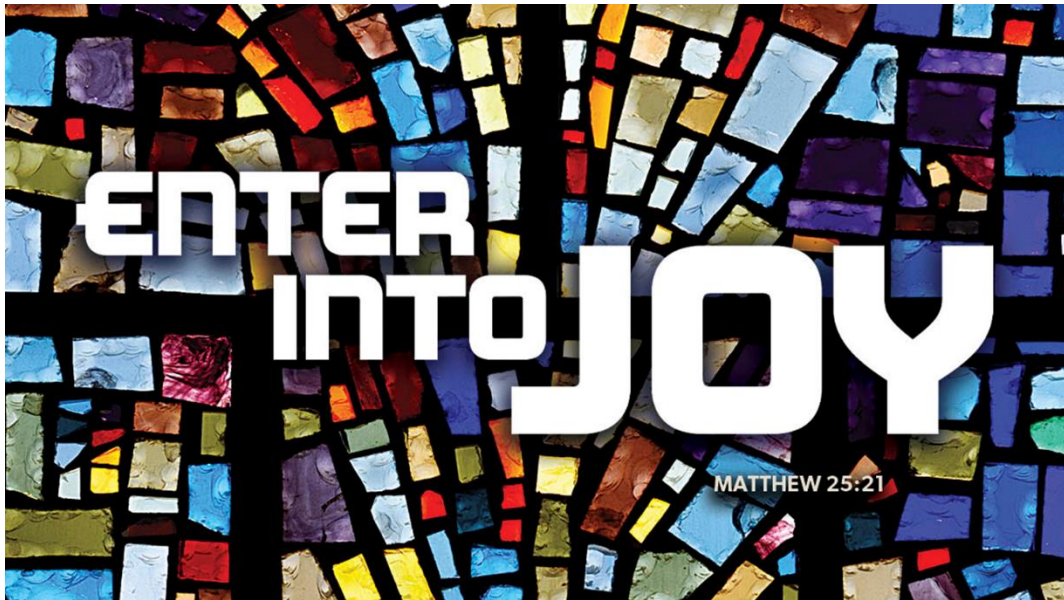
GREETING CARDS - Receiving lots of cards in the mail with donation requests? Bring those you can't use to church and place them in the basket provided in the Welcome Area. They will be put to good use. Contact Ginny Minninger for details.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH – **Would you like to help me out?**

Want to help the congregation know each other better? Please, consider completing the “Member of the Month” questionnaire, located in the Welcome Center/coffee area. It's not showing off to let people know more about you! Even if you have been member of the month in the past, feel free to send it in again. Completed sheets may be left in Laura's mailbox. **DON'T** forget your name. I need someone for **January!**

VENMO– Our username is **@trinitylutheran**. Thank you to our members who use this service. We hope it is useful to your family.

ATTENDANCE- Let us know you are here! Please, remember to complete your **attendance slip** each week. We only need your name, **no address**, unless you are visiting.



**Trinity Lutheran Church
25th Sunday after Pentecost
November 19, 2023
9:30 Service**

PRELUDE

Power of Your Love

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved. **Amen.**

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.

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through † Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.
Amen.

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 LESSON Judges 4:1-7

¹The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. ²So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goim. ³Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

⁴At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. ⁵She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. ⁶She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. ⁷I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi

Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.' ” The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12 (read responsively)

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

²**Before 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.”

⁴**For 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:

⁶**in 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.

⁸**Our 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.

¹⁰**The 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?

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

SECOND LESSON 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.**

GOSPEL READING Matthew 25:14-30

[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.**

Children's Sermon

Pastor Elise Anderson

SERMON

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SERMON HYMN

We Believe

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Gracious God, you give talents and gifts to all your people, and you equip the church to serve. Turn us from fear and self-serving ways, that we use our talents to glorify you and encourage our neighbor.

You have been our dwelling place from one generation to another. Sustain the life of the planet; protect farmlands and harvests. Direct all people in wise stewardship of all the earth's resources.

You call us to honesty and integrity. Instill these values in the hearts of all nations and their leaders (*leaders may be named*). Free any who are oppressed, expose all corruption, and bring redemption to victims of injustice.

You teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Where there is sickness or sorrow, bring healing, and where there is loneliness, reveal your love in community. We remember before you.

Especially, do we pray for... Barb Filban (Fran Luker), Ken Cockerham, Wade Gorton (Tacy Gorton), Shirley Wooten (Joyce Davis), Karlei Ayers (Cree Giesel), Suzanne Cyr (Minninger family), Launi Dahlberg (Cree Giesel), Sharon Tweddle & Jacqui Kwait families (Cathy Muncy), Kimberly Bradford (Joyce Davis), Mark Kempe (Wayne Petersen), Jonathan Laster (Violet Keen), Kate Ellsworth (Haar family), Linda Draeger, Jessica Duke (Norma Hansen), Paul Giesel (David Giesel), Brenda Guillory (Laura Dahlke), Sheila Hilley, Marlene Hiltunen, David Hopkins (Fran Balsis), June Hoover (Fran Balsis), Rebecca Krause, Alta Hook, Claudia Bargiel, Jeff Crim, Leah Olson (Petersen family), Erin Woodfin (Cree Giesel)...and those we name before you now, both aloud and in our hearts...

We pray for the faith formation ministries of our church. Give to all children, youth, and adults who study your word the breastplate of faith and love. Shape us by your love and show us how to encourage one another.

Gracious God, you are faithful in all generations. For the promise of life and rest and for the witness of those who have died in faith, we praise your goodness.

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the banquet.

Come and feast at Jesus' table.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

Christ, Be Our Light

vs 1, 2, 5

COMMUNION BLESSING (remain seated)

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us all pray together: **Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. Amen**

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BLESSING May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. **Amen**

SENDING

Lord, I Lift Your Name

DISMISSAL Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. **Thanks be to God!**