# Trinity Lutheran Church Created to Praise November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

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#### **GATHERING MUSIC**

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### TRINITY WELCOME

### THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

"God's Kingdom is a place of abundance where every generous act overflows its original bounds and becomes part of the unbounded grace of God at work in the world."

-Henri J.M. Nouwen

"There can be no Kingdom of God in the world without the Kingdom of God in our hearts."

-Albert Schweitzer

# **CALL TO WORSHIP** (stand)

Leader: Who came to earth to show us God's way?

**People: Jesus, the Christ.** 

Leader: Who reconciled us to God, forgiving all our past?

People: Jesus, the Christ.

Leader: Who is the hope of the world?

**People: Jesus, the Christ.** 

Leader: Who can rule our lives better than we can?

**People: Jesus, the Christ.** 

Leader: Let us reclaim Jesus as head of our lives.

All: Jesus, you are the Christ. Come and reign in my life this day.





#### **OUR CONFESSION**

All: Merciful God, we come before you with humble hearts, confessing to you the ways we have fallen short-in thought, word, and deed. We admit we have chased our own desires and ignored the needs of others. Have mercy upon us for our pride, anger, and reluctance to speak with love. We thank you, Lord, for your forgiveness and the hope of new life you offer through Christ. Thank you for your mercy in our lives, for our health, our families, our friends, the roof over our heads, and the food on our table. In your son's name we pray. Amen.

#### **CONFESSION RESPONSE**



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (sit)

Pastor Jennifer Arnold

### THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

"Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!" declares the LORD. <sup>2</sup> Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: "Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done," declares the LORD. <sup>3</sup> "I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. <sup>4</sup> I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing," declares the LORD.

5 "The days are coming," declares the LORD,
"when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,
a King who will reign wisely
and do what is just and right in the land.
6 In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel will live in safety.
This is the name by which he will be called:
The LORD Our Righteous Savior.

# **THE GOSPEL (Please stand)**

Luke 23:33-43

<sup>33</sup> When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. <sup>34</sup> Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." [a] And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

- 35 The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One."
- <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar <sup>37</sup> and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."
- 38 There was a written notice above him, which read: This is the king of the jews.
- 39 One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"
- 4º But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? 4¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."
- 42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. [b]"
- 43 Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."







**III. THE OFFERING** Please remember that your offerings of money, time and talents enable Trinity to "share the love and promise of God" through its ministries.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the needs of the church, the human family, and all of creation.

(Petitions end: "God of mercy"; "Hear our prayer.")

P: All these things and whatever you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Christ, who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

### THE COMMUNION SENTENCES

Leader: We offer our loyalty and praise to a Christ our Ruler.

Congregation: We submit ourselves to the God who sent Jesus in

vulnerability.

Leader: Let us share the body of Christ our Sovereign, who modeled the

power of love.

Congregation: Let us share the blood of the Risen Christ, who opened up

the gates of Paradise.

Leader: In the night in which Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, broke it, and

shared it with his disciples and said "Take this and eat it. This is my body given for you." He then took the cup and after giving thanks to God, passed it among his disciples saying, "This is my blood. Drink

this to remember me."

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

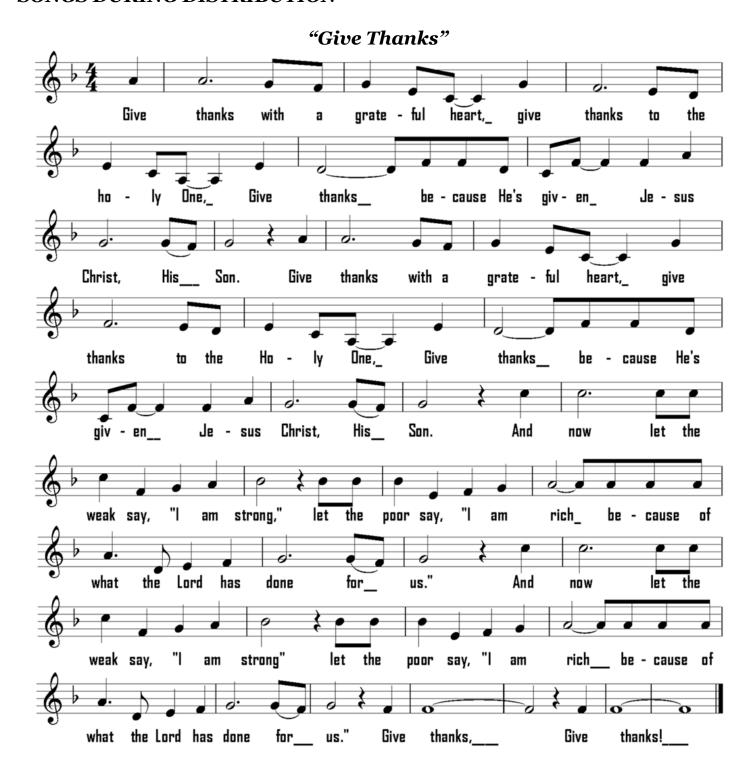
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

# THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE FAMILY MEAL. (Sit)

All who celebrate Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to commune today.

When you receive the bread, you may either dip the wafer in the first chalice of wine or the second chalice of grape juice Please indicate to the pastor if you need a gluten free wafer. (We also have celiac friendly individually packaged wafer/wine in the first pew.)

## **SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION**





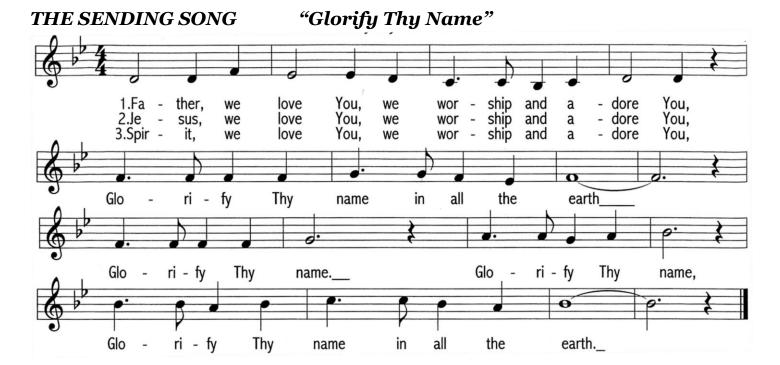


# THE BLESSING (stand)

### THE SENDING OUT

Pastor: Go with Christ reigning in your heart and over all your actions today. Go as God's own people, blessed with an inheritance that is imperishable.

C: Amen.





## THE DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Following worship, please join us for a coffee hour in the Heritage Room.

#### WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**Guest Pastor:** Pastor Jennifer Arnold **Worship Assistant:** Linda Amacher

**Reader:** Sue Walker

Ushers: Nate Kenworthy, Denise Kenworthy

Communion set-up: Cyndee Bruder

**Communion Servers:** 

**Vocalists:** Ruthann Dorn, Rick Gilbertson, Gaytha Hillman, Phil Pierce

Keyboard: April Brodzeller

**Video:** Peter Nelson **Audio:** Sue Gilbertson **Counters:** Tammy Nelson, Cyndee Bruder

Coffee Hour: Sandy Poenitsch, Sue Walker, Matthew Walker

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We commit ourselves as God's children to pray for our indigenous siblings, to pray for God's blessings on them and for strength for them and for us as we work together for justice, dignity, respect and peace for all the diverse people of the land.

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