

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

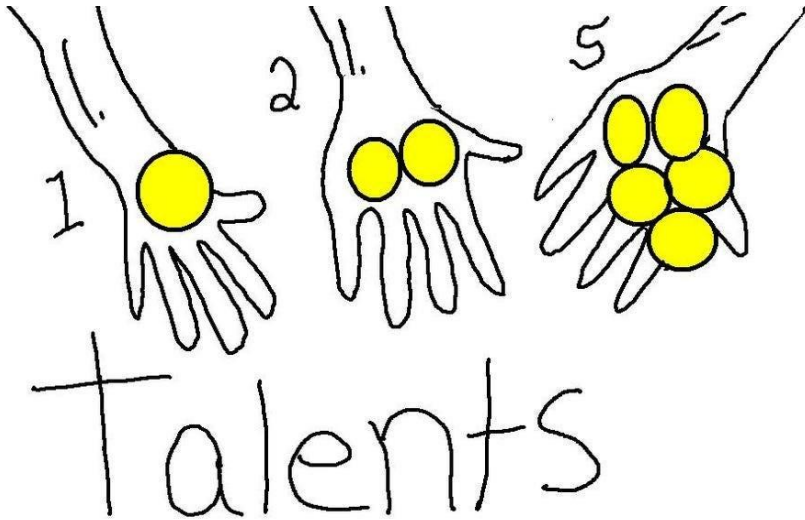
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Worship Services Sunday at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Saturday and Monday at 6:30 p.m.

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A family growing together, learning God's Word,
serving our neighbor to witness Christ's love.

Serving others through Christ, together!

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25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Services

As We Gather: The Last Day may come soon, but in the meantime, many people are neglecting to use their abilities and opportunities for God’s purposes. Zephaniah writes that it will be a day of wrath and mourning. But for those who have realized God’s blessings over the years, as Psalm 90 recalls, though the times are mean, each day is an opportunity to “encourage one another and build one another up” (1 Thessalonians 5:11). Today is an opportunity to hear God’s very gracious Word, “well done!” and be strengthened to respond by using the talents He has loaned to us.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Please be seated.

OPENING HYMN *“The Earth is the Lord’s”* (Tune, LSB, 802)

**The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof.
Redemption reminds us, O God, of your love.
By grace we are learning, as year leads to year.
We’re called to be stewards, your caretakers here.**

**Too often, O God, we abuse your good earth.
We fail to remember its beauty and worth.
We take from creation much more than we need,
We threaten your mission through excess and greed.**

**May we be good stewards of all that you give.
Extending your Gospel wherever we live.
May we be a church that renews and restores
And lovingly cares for these gifts that are yours.**

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Please rise if able.

INVOCATION

LSB, 203

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

BAPTISM (10:30AM)

Blake Austin Specht & Payton Brielle Specht

LSB, 268

Please rise if able.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB, 203

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying:
God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given ... † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

KYRIE

LSB, 204

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB, 204

C: ♪ To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth; Good-will from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth! We Praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing – Our thanks for your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray; O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away. Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heart-felt cry, Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high --

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord. Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored; You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High, In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB, 205

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O God, almighty Father, you have shown to the world your love in the most glorious sacrifice of your beloved Son. Fill us with this same sacrificial love that we may offer our resources for the sake of your kingdom and the salvation of many; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

PROVERBS 11:24-28

²⁴ One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.²⁵ Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.²⁶ The people curse him who holds back grain, but a blessing is on the head of him who sells it.²⁷ Whoever diligently seeks good seeks favor, but evil comes to him who searches for it.²⁸ Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM (8AM)

"Where'er I Go"

Adult Choir

SECOND READING**ROMANS 14:7-12**

⁷ For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸ For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. ¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹ for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." ¹² So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise if able.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB, 205

♫ **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL**MATTHEW 25:14-30**

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

C: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

¹⁴ "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵ To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷ So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸ But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.' ²¹ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²² And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' ²³ His master said to him,

'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' ²⁶ But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹ For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰ And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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.**

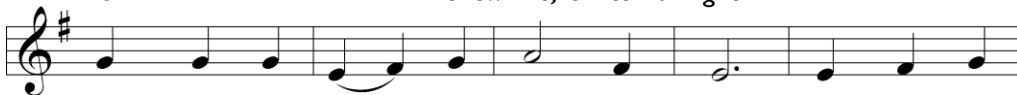
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Renew Me, O Eternal Light"

LSB, 704



1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my
 2 Re - move the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all
 3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly
 4 Grant that I on - ly You may love And seek those



heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the
 my im - pu - ri - ty That I may have the
 I o - bey Your Word. Let what You will be
 things which are a - bove Till I be - hold You



light of grace That is - sues from Your ho - ly face.
 strength and will Temp - ta - tions of the flesh to still.
 my de - sire, And with new life my soul in - spire.
 face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through Your grace.

SERMON

The Parable of the Talents

OFFERING

VOLUNTARY

Please rise if able.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Prayer Response

L: Lord in your mercy,
 C: **Hear our prayer.**

PREFACE

LSB, 208

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB, 208

C: ♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB, 209

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, ... in remembrance of Me.

PAX DOMINI

LSB, 209

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB, 210

C: ♪ **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray. O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sins of the world away; Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord we pray.**

Please be seated.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Please read and follow our statement on Holy Communion printed in the announcements.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Your Table I Approach”

LSB, 628



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.
A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.
God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.

6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

“Christ the Eternal Lord”

LSB, 829



1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,
2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word To ev - 'ry pass - ing age,
3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son, Who shares our hu - man birth,
4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light Of ev - er - last - ing day,
5 Christ the as - cend - ed King Ex - alt - ed high a - bove,



Whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured On all who name Your name;
Whose time - less teach - ings still are heard Set forth on Scrip - ture's page;
And by His death sal - va - tion won For ev - 'ry child of earth;
Our Morn - ing Star in splen - dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;
Whose praise un - end - ing a - ges sing, Whom yet un - seen we love;



With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,
Trans - form our thought and mind, En - light - en all who read,
In - spire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love a - broad,
That light of truth You give To ser - vants as to friends,
When mor - tal life is past Your voice from heav - en's throne



In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.
With - in Your Word by faith to find The bread of life in - deed.
That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord.
Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour - ney ends.
Shall call Your chil - dren home at last To know as we are known.

DISMISSAL BLESSING

Please rise if able.

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB, 211

C: ♫ **O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'n-ly peace, For I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace: A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill, The glory of Your people, Your Chosen Israel. All Glory to the Father, All Glory to the Son, All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three-in-One; For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be, God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

LSB, 212

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.

C: **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

LSB, 212

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you...and † give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

CLOSING HYMN*“We Praise You, O God”***LSB, 785**

1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;
When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.



We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

POSTLUDE