



Nurturing a Living Faith with Open Hearts and Serving Hands

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Introduction to the Day

Thanksgiving conjures up visions of a good meal. Roast turkey, mashed potatoes, buns, salads, yams, pumpkin pie and more. As we gather there is much more to be thankful for than a meal. As we worship we are invited to think of all of the things that make for a safe and peaceful world. From political leaders to snow plough drivers, from school teachers to scientists who continue to make medical advances intended to keep us healthy, from friends who care deeply about us to warm clothing. Whether we realize it or not, all around us activities are happening which affect our daily lives. Tonight we gather to thank God for all of this and for the gift of Jesus who saves us and sends us out to love and care for others.

**Week of Thanksgiving
Wednesday,
Nov. 27, 2024
6 p.m.**



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC "In All Things Give Him Strength"
CCLI #768767

WELCOME

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.
Amen.

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are + forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

Amen.

OPENING SONG "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" ELW #693

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

READING: JOEL 2:21-27

The prophet Joel understood that a locust plague that ravaged the land of Judah was God's judgment on the people, whom he then called to repentance. Today's reading points beyond the judgment to a time when God will bless the land and cause it to produce food in abundance.

- ²¹ Do not fear, O soil;
be glad and rejoice,
for the LORD has done great things!
²² Do not fear, you animals of the field,
for the pastures of the wilderness are green;
the tree bears its fruit,
the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

Welcome to Worship at Trinity Lutheran

Whether this is your first time worshipping with us, or if you regularly attend, we are very glad that you are with us! Today, we gather to worship God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The church is not a building – it is you, the people. So "church," thanks for showing up today. If you look around what you will see are imperfect people. Some with smiles, some with broken hearts, some with secrets they are ashamed to share... and yet all of us together are the "church."

We are thankful you are here. Through God's Holy Spirit we pray you hear a word of grace and hope today.

²³ O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the LORD your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.

²⁴ The threshing floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

²⁵ I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.

²⁶ You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the LORD your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

²⁷ You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.

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

SECOND READING: 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7

Christians are encouraged to offer prayers and thanks for all people, including rulers. We offer such inclusive, far-reaching prayers because God desires to save all people.

¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³ This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all
—this was attested at the right time. ⁷ For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 6:25-33

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught his disciples about the providence of God so that they would regard life with thanksgiving and trust rather than anxiety.

The holy gospel according to Mark, chapter 12, beginning with verse 38.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

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

CHILDREN’S TIME/SERMON

Pastor Mark Narum

HYMN OF THE DAY/OFFERING

“Give Thanks”
CCLI #20285

On screen

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord Jesus,

our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please pray for James, Terry, Dick, Wendy, Alan, Harriet & Louise.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

"Now Thank We All Our God"

ELW #840

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Sunday Evening Community Worship
at Trinity Lutheran Church, Bismarck

Blue Christmas Service
Sunday, December 15th @ 6 pm

- Sung Liturgy
- Carols and Taize Songs
- Guided Prayer
- Candlelight

Open to the Community

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Christmas Tree Dark Winter Forest

CHURCH SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS
PROGRAM

Wednesday, December 18
@ 6 p.m.

Sunday, December 22
@ 10:30 a.m.

Hot Chocolate &
Goodies to follow

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Christmas
Worship Services

December 24
Christmas Eve worship:
3 pm, 5 pm, 10 pm
*Holy Communion

December 25
Cozy Christmas worship:
10:30 am
*Holy Communion

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2024

RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM is in memory of Rev. Justin Johnson, given by his parents, Erik & Kathryn.

ALTAR FLOWERS are in memory of Rev. Justin Johnson, given by his sister, Gracia.

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP & PIE SOCIAL - TONIGHT after worship, we will gather around homemade pie and coffee in Fellowship Hall.

OFFICE CLOSED - A reminder that the office will be closed on Thursday, November 28th & Friday, November 29th for Thanksgiving. We hope you enjoy the holiday!

DECORATING FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS - Many hands are needed to help set up and decorate the many Christmas trees, manglers, wreaths, lights & poinsettia displays around our church building! We will decorate after worship on Wednesday, December 4th @ 6:35 p.m. and could use all the help we can get. We appreciate your consideration!

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING - It has been a tradition at Trinity that a special offering is taken during the Christmas Season. This year council has designated Heart River Bridges of Hope as this year's recipient. Bridges of Hope is a ministry of Heart River Lutheran Church, which worships on the campus the Youth Correctional Center in Mandan. This congregation has a history of sharing the Good News of Jesus with the youth who are housed at the correctional center. Recently women have also begun to be housed on the same grounds, so Heart River's ministry has also expanded to these women.

Their Bridges of Hope Ministry works to engage those who are incarcerated but also provides after care resources, as well as support for the families of those who are incarcerated. If you would like to make a donation, you can write a check, drop it in the offer plate or mail it to Trinity and in the memo line write: Heart River Bridges. Blessings and thanks for your generosity.

ONLINE GIVING - Giving has never been easier! Open your camera on your phone and scan the QR code. It will take you right to Trinity's online giving site. You can choose to give via credit card or bank account. Try it out today!



SCAN ME

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Wednesday 11-27

2:30 PM - Upstairs Bible Study in Room 212
4:30 PM - Trust Fund Committee in Conference Room
5:15 PM - Dinner served in Fellowship Hall
6 PM - Worship in Sanctuary
6:40 PM - Pie Social in Community Center

Thursday 11-28

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday 11-29

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Sunday 12-1

8:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary
9:35 AM - Bible 101 in Fellowship Hall
10:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary

Monday 12-2

2 PM - Ladies' Bible Study in Conference Room

Tuesday 12-3

9 AM - Quilters in Quilters' Room
5 PM - Worship & Music Committee in Conf. Room

Wednesday 12-4

2:30 PM - Upstairs Bible Study in Room 212
4:30 PM - Trust Fund Committee in Conference Room
5:15 PM - Dinner served in Fellowship Hall
6 PM - Worship in Sanctuary
6:40 PM - Church School, Confirmation, Youth Group



***Poinsettia Forms are
available in the Narthex***

***Thanksgiving Eve
Worship
& Pie Social***

Wednesday, November 27

Worship @ 6 p.m.

Pie Social to follow in the
Community Center

*Pie will be provided.
Freewill offering accepted.*

