



Nurturing a Living Faith with Open Hearts and Serving Hands

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Introduction to the Day

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Nov. 16, 2025
8:30 a.m.



PRELUDE

WELCOME & SHARING OF PEACE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

When we look around, we see a world full of challenges, worries, and burdens. Yet our Lord calls us to lift our eyes to His goodness and grace. Let us come before God, confessing our sins and our forgetfulness of His blessings.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have counted our troubles more often than our blessings. We have complained when we should have given thanks, and we have doubted Your care instead of trusting in Your promises. Forgive us, Lord. Open our eyes to see Your hand in our lives. Help us to name our blessings, one by one, and to remember that every good gift comes from You, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: When you were burdened by sin, Christ bore your burden to the cross. When you forget your blessings, He remembers you still. Because of His death and resurrection, your sins are forgiven, and you are made new to live in gratitude and faith.

Thanks be to God!

So go now—count your blessings, name them one by one. Live in the joy of God's forgiveness and grace.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"How Firm a Foundation"

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GREETING

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HYMN OF PRAISE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God,

the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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.

FIRST READING: MALACHI 4:1-2a

Seibel family, readers

Malachi, whose name means “my messenger,” warns that “the day is coming.” On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the “sun of righteousness” will shine on those who honor God.

¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a} But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

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

PSALM 98

(Please read responsively).

- ¹ Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.
² **O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**
³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
⁴ **Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**
⁵ Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.
⁶ **With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**
⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.
⁸ **Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
who comes to judge the earth.**
⁹ The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

My thoughts on the scripture
and message

SECOND READING: 2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-13

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: LUKE 21:5-19

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

The holy gospel according to Luke, chapter 21, beginning with verse 5.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶ “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷ They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸ And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹ “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

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

CHILDREN’S TIME/SERMON

Pastor Martha HarriSon

HYMN OF THE DAY

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

ELW #597

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 Dick, Amy, Rod, Melissa, Hal,
Lester, Jim, Sandy, Carsen, Courtney, Ruth, Lynn, Ken, Barb, Chris, Anna & Una.*

OFFERING MUSIC

OFFERING PRAYER

God of healing and hope,

you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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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.

LAMB OF GOD

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COMMUNION/COMMUNION MUSIC

“Here is Bread”
“Come to the Table”

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God of field and flower, wheat and grape,

you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ’s name. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you + and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

“Soon and Very Soon”

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM & ALTAR FLOWERS are given in loving memory of our parents: Rev. John & Lorraine Nicolai by the Nicolai children and spouses.

SERVING HANDS - The next Serving Hands event is to help prep frozen meals for the Ronald McDonald House **TODAY @ 2 p.m.** The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Thank you for your continued support!

MESSIAH VOLUNTEERS - Volunteers are needed! There are signup sheets available in the Narthex for:

- Ticket sales – need 3 people at 6 pm to sell tickets the evening of the concert
- Cookies! – requesting a variety of home baked goodies
- Reception hosts – need 10 people to serve cookies and beverages

You can also support this concert financially by listing in the notes on your check: "Messiah Fund"

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!



Advent
KICK-OFF EVENT
NOVEMBER 23 @ 11:30AM
FELLOWSHIP HALL
CREATE ADVENT ART PROJECT
LUNCH SERVED
HOT COCOA BAR
ORNAMENT-MAKING
ALL AGES WELCOME
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North Carolina Servant Trek High School Summer Trip

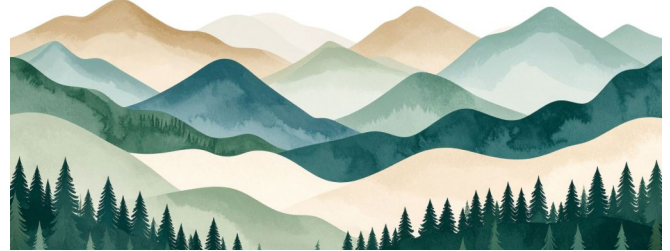
We're headed to Western North Carolina with Camp Metigoshe!
July 12 - 18, 2026 for youth currently in grades 8 - 12

- We'll fly to North Carolina where we'll stay at Lutherock Camp and Conference Center near Boone, NC in the Blue Ridge Mountains.
- Our week will be filled with classic camp fun and three meaningful days of serving alongside the local community in rebuilding efforts following Hurricane Helene.
- The week will wrap up with a high-adventure outing - like whitewater rafting or caving.

To Register we'll need a \$100 deposit and the registration form. The registration deadline is November 30 (sooner if you can!)

- We will be fundraising as a group to pay for most of the trip.
- The out of pocket commitment will be \$500 - \$700.
- If cost is an issue, please let us know. We don't want that to keep anyone from participating.

Questions? Contact Pastor Martha or Gracia.



THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday 11-16

8:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary
9:35 AM - Bible 101 in Fellowship Hall
9:35 AM - Church School
10:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary
4 PM - Messiah Rehearsal in Sanctuary

Tuesday 11-18

9 AM - Quilters in Quilters' Room

Wednesday 11-19

2:30 PM - Upstairs Bible Study in Room 212
5:15 PM - Meal served in Fellowship Hall
6 PM - Worship in Sanctuary
6:40 PM - Church School, Youth Group, Confirmation

Thursday 11-20

9 AM - Thursday Morning Circle in Conf. Room
5 PM - Council in Conference Room
6:30 PM - Council in Conf. Room

Friday 11-21

10 AM - Theology & Coffee in Conference Room

Sunday 11-23

8:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary
9:35 AM - Bible 101 in Fellowship Hall
9:35 AM - Church School
10:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary
11:30 AM - Advent Kickoff Party in Fellowship Hall
4 PM - Messiah Rehearsal in Sanctuary

*Thanksgiving Eve Worship
& Dessert Social*
Wednesday, November 26
Worship @ 6 p.m.
Dessert Social to follow in the
Community Center
*Dessert & Coffee will be provided.
Freewill offering accepted.*
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