



*Nurturing a Living Faith
with Open Hearts
and Serving Hands*

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Introduction to the Day

Our first Hunger Sunday synod-wide invites us to focus on the realities of hunger in this world, and to take seriously our role in bringing healing to a weary and hungry world. We follow the lead of our Lord Jesus. Let's explore the theme: Healing, Mercy and Hunger.

**Hunger Sunday
Nov. 9, 2025
8:30 & 10:30 a.m.**



*Worship materials developed by:
WND Synod Hunger Sunday Liturgy Team 2025*

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC "Blessed Be Your Name" (10:30)
CCLI #3798438

WELCOME & SHARING OF PEACE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us approach God with confidence, knowing that as we offer our personal prayers of confession, forgiveness is already occurring.

(Silent Moment of Personal Prayers of Confession)

Holy God, forgive us for receiving so much from you and still turning away. Forgive us for times our thanks is absent. Forgive us for resisting transformation of our lives. Turn our hearts to you and to one another, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Great is our God. Abundant is God's mercy.
Rejoice this day. By the power of Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven. You are made new.
Thanks be to God.

GATHERING SONG "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" ELW #461 (8:30)
"We Are So Blessed" (10:30)
CCLI #15991

GREETING

LITANY

We dare to dream of a world in which hunger is unknown:
where scarcity is an illusion, and everyone has a place at the table.

We dare to dream of a world in which generosity is the norm:
where greed finds no foothold, and there is more than enough for all.

We dare to dream of a world in which love rules:
where compassion is the first response, and there is no place for hunger.

We dare to dream. We dare to pray.
We dare to believe.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises" ELW #535 (8:30)
Verse 1
"Seek Ye First" (10:30)
CCLI #1352

***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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Precious Lord,

we are in awe of your power. Scripture rings with the wonders of your love in action; creating, blessing, restoring, forgiving, calling. Throughout history and still today your compassion meets needs, heals and restores with undeserved mercy. Ready us to join you in compassionate love and mercy in action. Amen.

READING: 2 KINGS 4:1-7

Bob Wefald, reader (8:30)

¹ Now the wife of a member of the company of prophets cried to Elisha, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the Lord, but a creditor has come to take my two children as slaves." ² Elisha said to her, "What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?" She answered, "Your servant has nothing in the house except a jar of oil." ³ He said, "Go outside, borrow vessels from all your neighbors, empty vessels—and not just a few." ⁴ Then go in, shut the door behind you and your children, and start pouring into all these vessels; when each is full, set it aside." ⁵ So she left him and shut the door behind her and her children; they kept bringing vessels to her, and she kept pouring. ⁶ When the vessels were full, she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel." But he said to her, "There are no more." Then the oil stopped flowing. ⁷ She came and told the man of God, and he said, "Go sell the oil and pay your debts, and you and your children can live on the rest."

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

PSALM 17:1-9

(Please read responsively).

- ¹ Hear a just cause, O Lord; give heed to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
² **Let my vindication come forth from your presence;
let your eyes be fixed on justice.**
³ Examine my heart, visit me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
⁴ **I have not regarded what others do;
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.**
⁵ My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path;
and my feet do not slip.
⁶ **I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;
incline your ear to me and hear my words.**
⁷ Show me your marvelous lovingkindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise against them.
⁸ **Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me under the shadow of your wings,**
⁹ from the wicked who assault me,
from my deadly enemies who surround me.

My thoughts on the scripture
and message

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

"Alleluia"

CCLI #16811

ELW #512 (8:30)
(10:30)

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:31-40

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

The holy gospel according to Matthew, chapter 25, beginning with verse 31.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'

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

CHILDREN'S TIME/SERMON

Pastor Mark Narum

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Build a Longer Table"

ACS #1062

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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, Cortney, Ruth, Lynn, Ken, Barb, Chris, Anna & Una.*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

What a joy it is to worship, and a privilege to serve at our God's good lead. Our offerings today strengthen the ministry of our church and extend God's mercy and healing far beyond these walls. Your offering will now be received.

OFFERING MUSIC

"Gift of Finest Wheat"

ELW #484

OFFERING RESPONSE

"As the Grains of Wheat"

ELW #465 (8:30)

OFFERING PRAYER

Mighty God,

to a hungry world you sent your Son to preach, heal, forgive, and show mercy. In Jesus' death and resurrection you brought salvation to all. Bless these offerings and those who worship, that having received your Living Word, we might be sent out with Christ to extend mercy and love. In partnership with you may we meet the needs of our neighbors and indeed this whole world that you love. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Bread of Life invites you to the table where simple bread and cup are transformed, and so are we.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

COMMUNION/COMMUNION MUSIC

"Eat This Bread"
"Bread of Life from Heaven"
"Lord I Need You"
CCLI #5925687

ELW #472 (8:30)

ELW #474 (8:30)

(10:30)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, O God, that you have filled us with good things in this meal. In your mercy, strengthen us to work for justice, that all may be fed, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Go with mercy. Give thanks. Turn to God and one another. May the love of God shape you, the mercy of Christ direct you, and the power of the Holy Spirit grant courage to you this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

"Go, My Children, With My Blessing"

WOV #721

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025

RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM is in memory of Julius & Alta Burzloff.

MESSIAH REHEARSALS - Sundays in November @ 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. in Sanctuary. Contact Jason for more information.

GIRLS MINISTRY - All middle school girls are invited to join us for four fun afternoons in November digging deeper into our faith through scripture, friendship, creating, and crafting. This is a joint ministry of Trinity and Good Shepherd. Please register online & bring the \$20 payment to the first session. Register on our website.

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!



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 11-9

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 11-11

9 AM - Quilters in Quilters' Room
5:30 PM - Faith Formation Committee in Conf. Room

Wednesday 11-12

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 11-13

9 AM - Lend a Hand in Break Room
6:15 PM - Executive Committee in Conf. Room

Friday 11-14

10 AM - Theology & Coffee in Conference Room

Saturday 11-15

8 AM - Men's Group in Fellowship Hall

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

