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Introduction to the Day

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.

24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026
8:30 a.m.



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME & SHARING OF PEACE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS ELW pg. 116

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.
God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.
Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

OPENING SONG "This is My Song" ELW #887

GREETING
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE Trinity Liturgy

HYMN OF PRAISE "Glory to God" Trinity Liturgy

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

O God of justice and love,

you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: AMOS 5:18-24 Margaret Fiechtner, reader

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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



MESSIAH

Rehearsals: Sunday, Nov. 8 @ 6-8 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 15 @ 4-6 p.m.

Concert: Sunday, Nov. 22 @ 7 p.m.
All are welcome!

PSALM 70 *(Please read responsively).*

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.
2 **Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.
4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Alleluia" Trinity Liturgy

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:1-13

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

The holy gospel according to Matthew, chapter 25, beginning with verse 1. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet
the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them,
4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at
midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those young women got up and
trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise replied,
'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' 10 And while they
went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut.
11 Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.'
13 Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

CHILDREN'S TIME/SERMON Pastor Martha HarriSon

HYMN OF THE DAY "Rejoice, Rejoice Believers" ELW #244

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 "Stay With Me" ELW #348

Please pray for Amy, Rod, Melissa, Dwight, Donna, Carol, Blair, Marsha, Andy, Wayne, Dale, Cindi, Finley, Marlys, Karen & Darlene.

OFFERING/OFFERING MUSIC "Keep Your Lamps" Choir

OFFERING/RESPONSE "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" ELW #858
Verse 1

OFFERING PRAYER

Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG "God of Our Fathers" LBW #567

DISMISSAL

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026

RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM is in memory of Beata Jasmann.

DAKOTA PRO MUSICA CONCERT - "Living with Hope" Concert will be in the Sanctuary at Trinity **TODAY** 4 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door for $25/adult and $5/student.

LEND A HAND - Lend a Hand will meet this Thursday @ 9 a.m. in the Break Room. All are welcome!

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!

YOUR GIFTS

September 2026	Month Actual	Year-To-Date Actual
INCOME		
Contributions	$63,628.00	$572,928.00
Other Income	$1,528.00	$43,459.00
Transfer	+$300.00	+$3,224.00
Total Income	$65,456.00	$619,611.00
EXPENSES	$64,450.00	$630,571.00
Income less expenses	$1,006.00	($10,960.00)

Electronic Giving - Trinity offers the option of Electronic Giving as a simple way to contribute. This would allow you the freedom from worry or concern whether you are out of town, on vacation or wondering how to budget your contributions. Giving forms are available in the office, at the Welcome Center or on Trinity's website. At www.trinitybismarck.com, you can give electronically to the general fund, Capital Campaign and others. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact our Financial Director, Brent Winkelman at winkelman@trnitybismarck.com. Thank you again for your continued financial support.

UNITED WAY BACKPACK EVENT

Wednesday, November 11th

Wednesday, November 11th, Trinity will do its annual packing event for United Way's Backpacks for Kids. We pack bags of food that are sent home with kids over the weekend so they have something to eat. Here are the opportunities to help:

- Wednesday afternoon we'll need people with SUV's & pickups to pick up the food. See Gracia if you can help.
- Wednesday at 6:40 pm after worship we will pack all the bags and get them sorted into totes by schools. Just come if you want to help!
- Thursday we will need people to deliver totes to the schools. Let Gracia know if you can help.



THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday 11-8
- **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
- **2 PM - Rejoicing Spirits Worship** in Community Center
- **4 PM - Dakota Pro Musica Concert** in Sanctuary
- **6 PM - Messiah Rehearsal** in Sanctuary

Tuesday 11-10
- **9 AM - Quilters** in Quilters' Room
- **5:30 PM - Faith Formation Committee** in Conf. Room

Wednesday 11-11 *UNITED WAY BACKPACK EVENT*
- **10 AM - Theology & Coffee** in Conference Room
- **5:15 PM - Meal Served** in Fellowship Hall
- **6 PM - Worship** in Sanctuary
- **6:40 PM - Church School, Confirmation, Youth Group**
- **6:45 PM - Handbell Rehearsal** in Sanctuary

Thursday 11-12
- **9 AM - Lend a Hand** in Break Room
- **6:15 PM - Executive Committee** in Conf. Room

Sunday 11-15
- **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