

Christ the King Sunday Sunday, November 23, 2025 • 10:30 am

about this community Trinity Lutheran Church is a diverse Christian community committed to sharing and teaching the Word of God. We welcome all people and serve to provide Christian education, witness and outreach. In response to God's grace, we are called to support and advocate for our dynamic community, care for others, worship God, develop leaders in our faith, and steward the gifts we have been given by God.

> Our Values: Love + Community + Inclusion + Service + Creativity + Faithfulness + Learning

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today's worship

Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.

Please silence all electronic devices before the service.

You are invited to participate throughout the service with the **bold** responses and in all hymns.

GATHERING

prelude on 'Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr' "All Glory be to God on High"

Georg Böhm (1661-1733)

welcome Pr. Stephanie Jaeger

introit Choral Fanfare for Christ the King

H. Hamilton Smith (1925-2009)

He shall rule from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth. All kings shall pay Him homage, all nations shall serve Him. Alleluia! His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, and His kingdom shall not be destroyed. Alleluia!

confession and forgiveness

Please stand for Confession and Forgiveness
Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

+ the sign of the cross is used throughout the service to symbolize the Holy Trinity and Christ's crucifixion—some may choose to cross themselves

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Faithful God,

Amen.

Amen.

you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths.

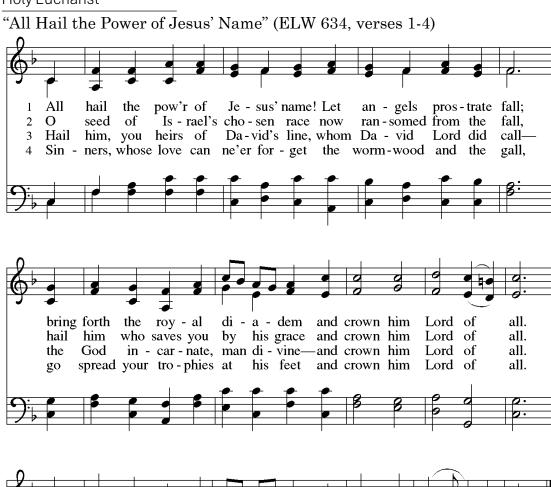
We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises.

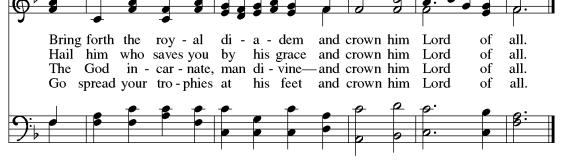
We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth.

We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.

Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life.

Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, + in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free. Amen. gathering hymn

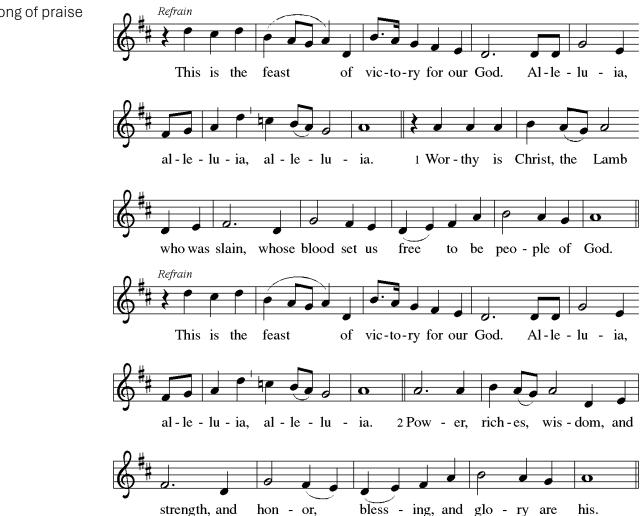




Text: Edward Perronet, 1726-1792, sts. 1-4; J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, sts. 5-6 Music: Oliver Holden, 1765-1844

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.

song of praise



(turn page for remainder of the song of praise)



prayer of the day

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

All are seated

children's message Children are invited forward for a message with Pr. Stephanie

Word

first reading Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from Jeremiah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD, ² Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. 4 I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

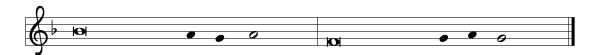
Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

psalm 46 The choir sings through the refrain once, all repeat



Tone



The choir sings the non-bold verses, the congregation joins on the bold verses

- ¹ God is our ref- | uge and strength, a very present | help in trouble.
- ²Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;
- 3 though its waters | rage and foam,
 - and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.
- ⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God, the holy habitation of | the Most High.
- ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken; God shall help it at the | break of day.
- ⁶ The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth | melts away.
- ⁷The LORD of | hosts is with us; the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
- ⁸ Come now, regard the works | of the LORD, what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;
- behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.
- 10 "Be still, then, and know that | I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth."
- ¹¹ The LORD of I hosts is with us; the God of Jacob I is our stronghold. *Refrain*

second reading Colossians 1:11-20

A reading from Colossians.

¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13 He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

All stand for the Gospel Acclamation

gospel acclamation The cantor sings the Gospel Acclamation once, all repeat



gospel reading Luke 23:33:43

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

33 When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ [[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. 35 And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

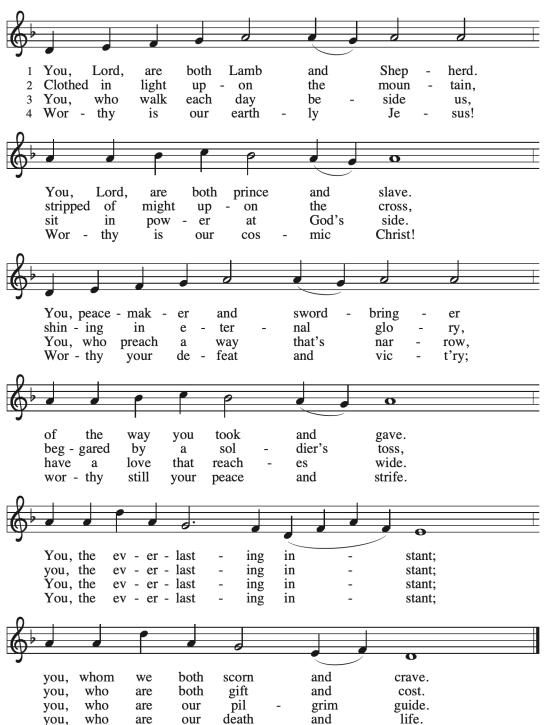
³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" 40 But the other rebuked him, saving, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41 And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." 48 He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated for the Sermon sermon Pr. Stephanie Jaeger

Please stand for the Hymn of the Day

hymn of the day "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd" (ACS 954)



Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993 Music: French folk tune, 17th cent

the Nicene creed We believe in one God. the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

> eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father:

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven.

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living & the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The assisting minister leads our prayers. You are invited to respond to each petition as follows:

...God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

At the end of the prayers, the pastor says

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unvielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

peace The peace and love of Jesus Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

During the passing of the peace, many will shake hands, hug, or simply make a peace sign

After exchanging a sign of peace, please be seated

announcements Please see this week's Trinity Times for announcements.

offering



The offering collected this Sunday supports the ministries of Trinity Lutheran Church. Our inclusive congregation has special commitments to the arts, addressing hunger and poverty in our community, and Christian education. Help us bring the healing love of God into the world by donating generously. To give online, scan the QR code.

anthem at the offertory King of Glory, King of Peace

Carson Cooman (b. 1982)

King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
and that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.

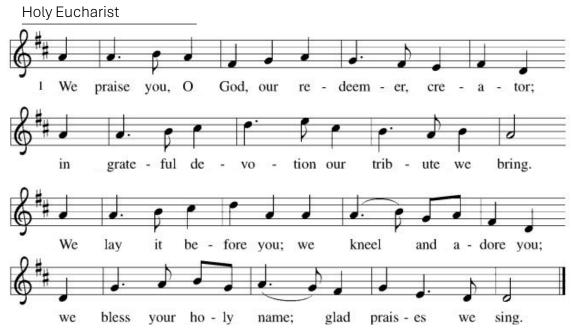
Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee, and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me; and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee; in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.

Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll thee: e'en eternity's too short to extol thee.

Please stand for the Presentation of the Offering





Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882-1963 Music: A. Valerius, *Nederlandtsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

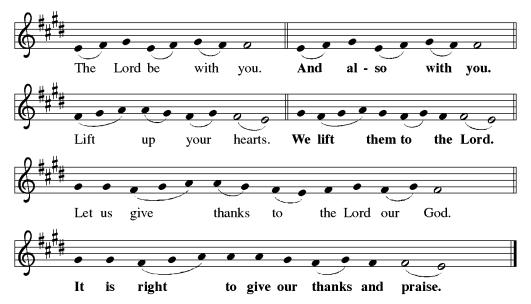
The assisting minister leads us in prayer

offering prayer

Lord of the harvest,
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

MEAL

the great thanksgiving



The pastor continues chanting

preface It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

through our Savior Jesus Christ;

who on this day overcame death and the grave,

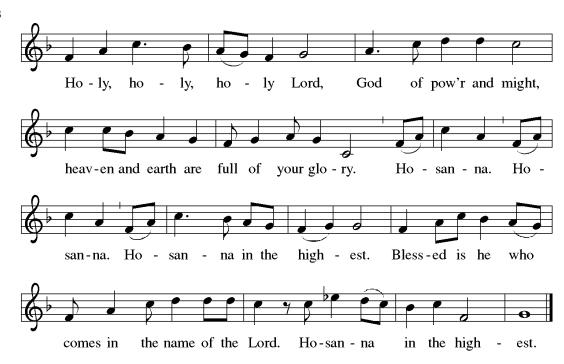
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

sanctus



thanksgiving at the table

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

the lord's prayer Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

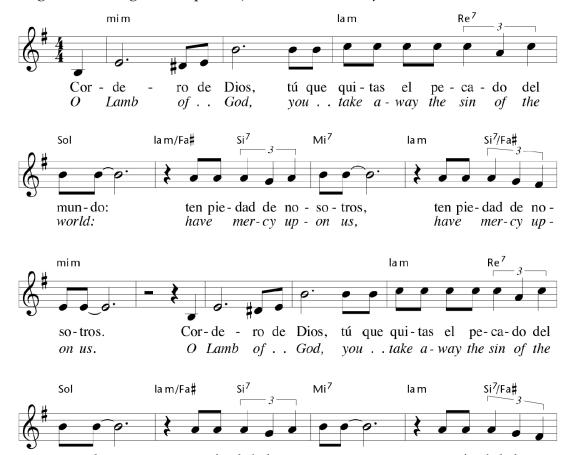
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

invitation to communion

Jesus welcomes all, sinners and saints, and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

All are welcome at Jesus' table of grace. We commune today at the kneelers at the front row of pews. Come forward to the kneeler closest to you via the center aisle, as indicated by the usher. You will receive the host from the pastor and wine or grape juice from the assistant. You may leave your used cup in the white bowls at the start of the side aisles as you return to your seats.

agnus dei sung in either English or Spanish, whichever is most familiar



communion hymn

"Beautiful Savior" (ELW 838)



Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904 Music: Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

communion hymn "Soon and Very Soon" (ELW 439)









2. No more dy-ing there,

3. No more cry-ing there,

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945 Music: Andraé Crouch

After communion, all stand and receive the blessing

table blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ + strengthen us and keep us in God's grace.

Amen.

The Assisting Minister leads us in prayer

prayer after communion

Let us pray.

O God,

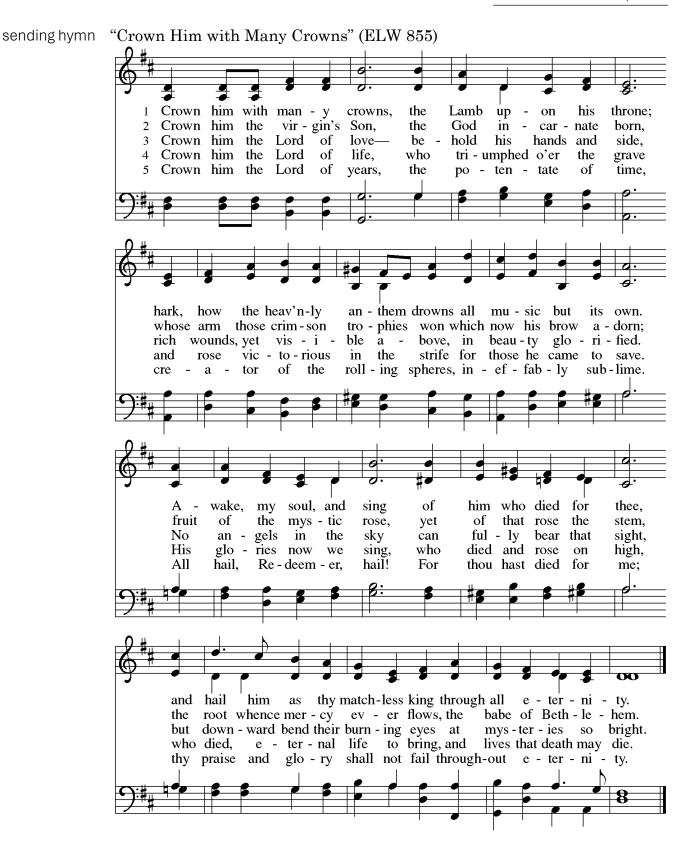
through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

SENDING

blessing

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, + bless you now and forever.

Amen.



Text: Johann Lindemann, 1549-1631; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Music: Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556-1622

dismissal Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

postlude Dance-Postlude on Coronation

David Schelat (b. 1955)

We're glad you chose to worship with us this morning! We would love to meet you at Coffee Hour downstairs after the service.

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For those in our armed services, especially Joshua Lentini, Sgt George E Turner, and the US Army

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