

Sunday, November 16, 2025
The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Trinity Lutheran Church

9:30am: Meadowlawn

1801 62nd Avenue N

11:00am: Downtown (Livestream)

401 5th St N



 **PRELUDE**

 **WELCOME**

 **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who forgives our sin,
and whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our failure to love as God loves.

We take time to reflect on our actions and choices.

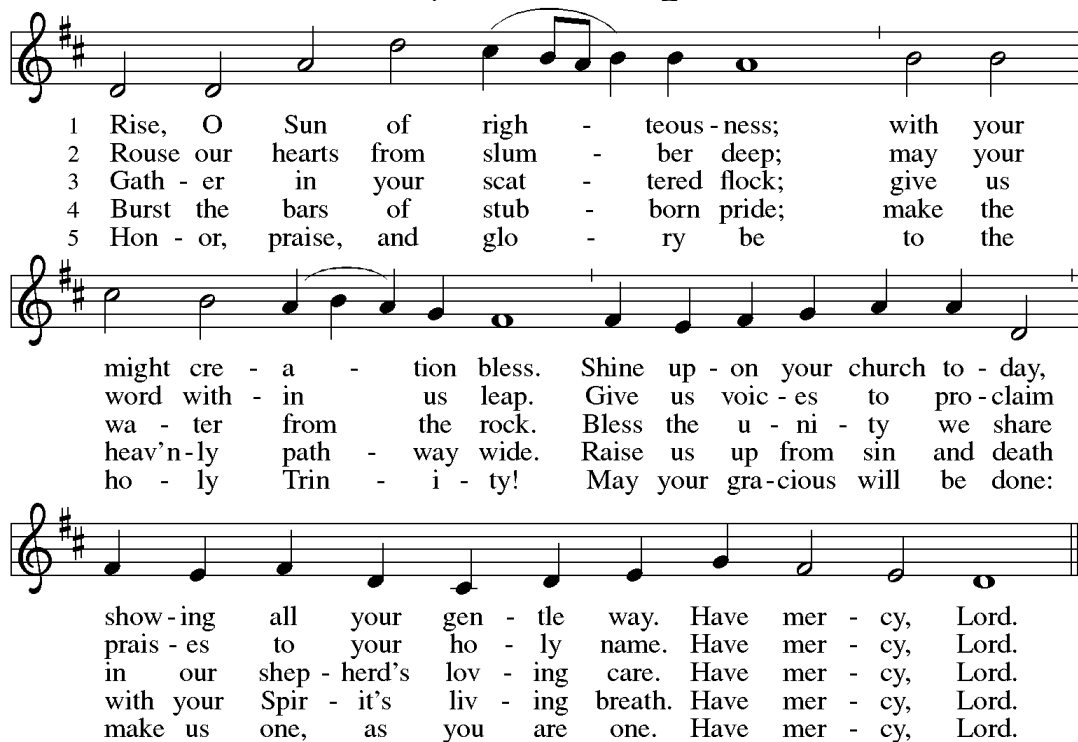
Merciful and loving God,
**you have shown us the ways of your heart,
yet we stray from your paths.
We do not embrace the freedom
of your faithful promises.
We ignore our neighbors.
We exploit the earth.
We reject your abundance and hoard your gifts.
Repair our relationships,
restore what we have broken,
renew our hearts,
and bring us back to life. Amen.**

Hear the good news:
God, our faithful Father, loves you,
in Jesus Christ ✠ your sins are forgiven,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free to live.
Thanks be to God!



GATHERING HYMN *Rise, O Sun of Righteousness*

ELW 657



1 Rise, O Sun of righ - teous - ness; with your
 2 Rouse our hearts from slum - ber deep; may your
 3 Gath - er in your scat - tered flock; give us
 4 Burst the bars of stub - born pride; make the
 5 Hon - or, praise, and glo - ry be to the

might cre - a - tion bless. Shine up - on your church to - day,
 word with - in us leap. Give us voic - es to pro - claim
 wa - ter from the rock. Bless the u - ni - ty we share
 heav'n - ly path - way wide. Raise us up from sin and death
 ho - ly Trin - i - ty! May your gra - cious will be done:

show - ing all your gen - tle way. Have mer - cy, Lord.
 prais - es to your ho - ly name. Have mer - cy, Lord.
 in our shep - herd's lov - ing care. Have mer - cy, Lord.
 with your Spir - it's liv - ing breath. Have mer - cy, Lord.
 make us one, as you are one. Have mer - cy, Lord.

Text: Christian David, et al.; tr. Frank W. Stoldt, b. 1958
 Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566
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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.



HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

2 Sing with all the people of God, and
join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final refrain*
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



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.**



GETTING BACK TO BASICS



FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a

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.

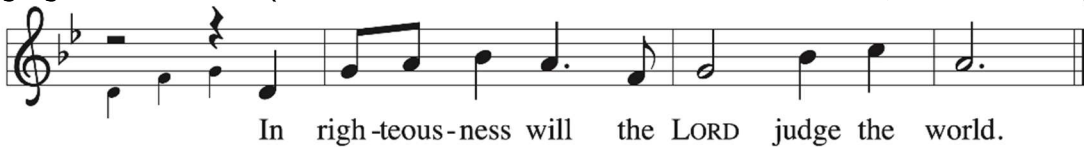
¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a} But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing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

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**



PSALM: Psalm 98

The refrain will be played through once as introduction, and will then be sung by the congregation; the congregation will then repeat the refrain at the end of each set of verses, as indicated by “R”



- 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. **R**
- 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. **R**
- 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. **R**



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.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand and sing:



Choir: Stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. (Luke 21:28)

Congregation repeats "Alleluia"



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 good news of God's love according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵When 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." ⁷They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸And 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. ⁹When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹²But 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. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.



SERMON

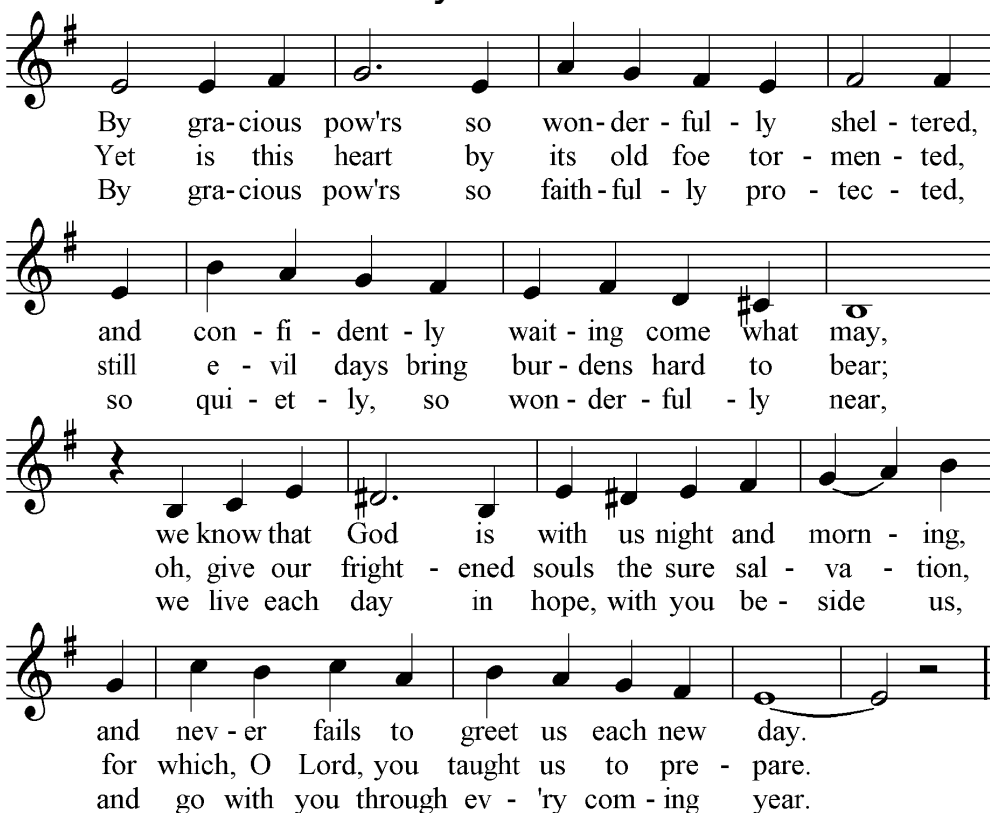
A brief period for silent meditation will follow at the conclusion of the sermon.



HYMN OF THE DAY

By Gracious Powers

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By gra-cious pow'rs so won-der - ful - ly shel - tered,
 Yet is this heart by its old foe tor - men - ted,
 By gra-cious pow'rs so faith - ful - ly pro - tec - ted,
 and con - fi - dent - ly wait - ing come what may,
 still e - vil days bring bur - dens hard to bear;
 so qui - et - ly, so won - der - ful - ly near,
 we know that God is with us night and morn - ing,
 oh, give our fright - ened souls the sure sal - va - tion,
 we live each day in hope, with you be - side us,
 and nev - er fails to greet us each new day.
 for which, O Lord, you taught us to pre - pare.
 and go with you through ev - 'ry com - ing year.

Text: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1906-1945; tr Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

Tune: TELOS, Robert Buckley Farlee, b 1950



THE 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 INTERCESSION

Gathered as one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

After each petition:

Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

At the conclusion of the prayers:

We offer all our prayers to you, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**



THE SHARING OF PEACE

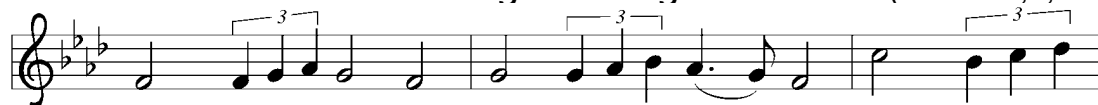
Instead of putting a donation in the offering plate during the next hymn, you can use the QR code to make a contribution on the church website; or you can mail an offering to the church.



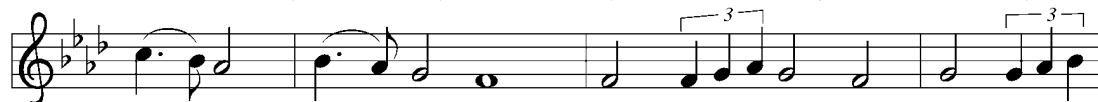
OFFERTORY HYMN

Through the Night of Doubt (verses 1, 2, and 4)

ELW 327



1 Through the night of doubt and sor - row, on - ward
2 One the light of God's own pres - ence on the
4 On - ward, there - fore, sis - ters, broth - ers; on - ward,



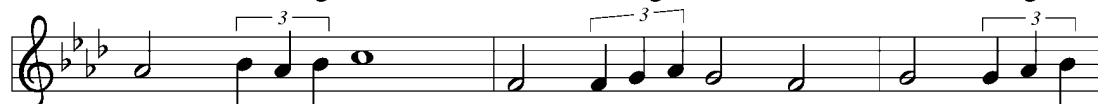
goes the pil - grim band, sing - ing songs of ex - pec -
ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the gloom and
with the cross our aid. Bear its shame, and fight its



ta - tion, march - ing to the prom - ised land. Clear be -
ter - ror, bright - 'ning all the path we tread. One the
bat - tle till we rest be - neath its shade. Soon shall



fore us through the dark - ness gleams and burns the
ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the faith which
come the great a - wak - 'ning; soon the rend - ing



guid - ing light; pil - grim clasps the hand of
nev - er tires, one the ear - nest look - ing
of the tomb! Then the scat - t'ring of all



pil - grim step - ping fear - less through the night.
for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.
shad - ows, and the end of toil and gloom.

Text: Bernhardt S. Ingemann, 1789–1862; tr. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924, alt.
Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869–1944

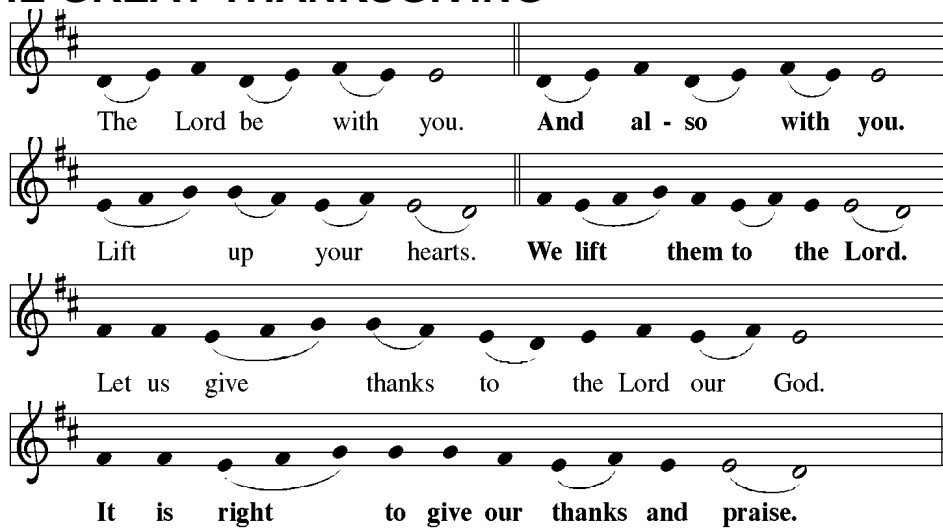


OFFERING PRAYER

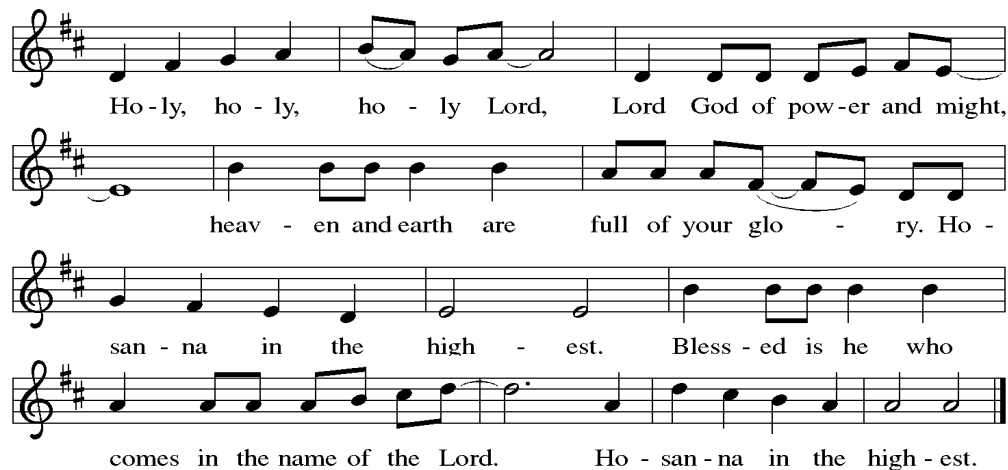
God of healing and hope, **you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these gifts. Nourish us and unite us to be the body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. Amen.**



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the table of God;
a taste of life eternal.



LAMB OF GOD

O Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy up - on us, have mer-cy up - on us.
O Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.



COMMUNION HYMN *Oh, Lord, How Shall I Meet You?*

ELW 241

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel - come you a - right?
2 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; you came to set me free.
3 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me.
4 Re - joice, then, you sad - heart - ed, who sit in deep - est gloom,
Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; you came to hon - or me.
Your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro - cured my lib - er - ty.
who mourn your joys de - part - ed and trem - ble at your doom.
Oh, kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, your lamp with - in my breast
A glo - rious crown you give me, a trea - sure safe on high
Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
All hail the Lord's ap - pear - ing! O glo - rious Sun, now come,
to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
that will not fail or leave me as earth - ly rich - es fly.
in love, all love ex - cel - ling, our lost and fall - en race.
send forth your beams so cheer - ing and guide us safe - ly home.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676; tr. composite
Music: WIE SOLL ICH DICH EMPFANGEN, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. God of field and flower, wheat and grape,
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven.
Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,
send us out to love and serve in Christ's name. **Amen.**



BLESSING

May the Sovereign strengthen you,
may the Son save you,
may the Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.
May God bless you ☩ and grant you
a faithful and courageous heart now and forever. **Amen.**



SENDING HYMN *When Peace, Like a River*

ELW 439



- 1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
- 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
- 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
- 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888

Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the love.
Thanks be to God. We will!



POSTLUDE



[Recording ends]



After the service, please stay for a time of refreshments and conversation

Thank you to those serving this month: (M) = Meadowlawn Campus (D) = Downtown Campus

Service		Lectors	Communion Assistants	Altar Flower Sponsors
11/02	9:30 (M)	Terri Craig	Gary Bartelt	(open for sponsorship)
	11:00 (D)	Gretchen Frederick		Paul & Jan Frakes – IMO Jan's parents, Arno & Ruth
11/09	9:30 (M)	Lou Carter	Margarita Rodriguez	Gary Bartelt – IHO Veterans Day
	11:00 (D)	Brenden Hall		(open for sponsorship)
11/16	9:30 (M)	??	Betty Herzhauser	To the glory of God from the people of the church
	11:00 (D)	Teresa Zeoli		Phil Rearick – IMO Betsy Osman
11/23	10:30 (M)	Terri Craig	Linda Gascon	Carla Sajda – IHO Sheryl Mayle
11/26	7pm (M)	<i>Thanksgiving Eve Service – no lectors, communion assistants, or flower sponsor needed.</i>		
11/30	10:30 (M)	Gary Bartelt	Gary Bartelt	(open for sponsorship)

Birthdays this week:

11/17 - Bette Aker 11/20 - Lisa Helen
 11/18 - Hope Baker 11/22 - Amy Graves
 11/19 - Masha Mann

Anniversaries this week:

11/21 - JJ & Tyler Thomas

This Week's Calendar of Events:

Today (11/16)

1:30pm - Fleet Reserve Assoc (Downtown – 2nd floor)

Monday (11/17)

5:30pm - Council Meeting (Downtown – 2nd floor)

Tuesday (11/18)

(no scheduled activities)

Wednesday (11/19)

9:00am - Quilting (CommUNITY Room)

11:30am - Community Meal (Downtown 3rd Floor)

Thursday (11/20)

6:00pm - Grace Family Bible Study (CommUNITY Room)

6:30pm - Vocal Choir Practice (Meadowlawn Sanctuary)

Friday (11/21)

9:30am - TLC Pantry (1st Floor Downtown)

9:30am - Dolores Food Pantry (CommUNITY Room)

12:00pm - Preschool Thanksgiving Celebration

Saturday (11/22)

9:00am – Hope Chest (Thrift Store)

5:00pm - Preschooler Bday Party (CommUNITY Room)

Further Info & Items of Interest:

- **November In-Gathering:** in the month of November we are collecting for the LSF Angel Tree!
- **Thanksgiving Eve Service:** Wednesday, Nov 26th at 7pm. A special service of gratitude at our Meadowlawn campus (1801 62nd Ave N). Bring a non-perishable food item for the pantry and a symbol of something for which you are thankful. There will be a time in the service when we share what the symbols mean to us.
- **Trinity's Family & Friends Thanksgiving Dinner:** on Thanksgiving Day, at noon, on the 3rd floor at the downtown campus. The turkey will be provided, with everyone bringing their favorite autumn side dishes. Sign up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall at the downtown campus.
- **Advent by Candlelight:** 2pm on Sun, Nov 30th in the CommUNITY Room (Meadowlawn campus).
- **No Wednesday Evening Bible Study** We have completed our series of study/discussion "Why the Bible?" and will take 2 weeks off. Beginning on Wednesday, Dec 3rd, we will begin our study on the Gospel of Matthew. Join us at 6pm in the CommUNITY Room.

Prayer List:

For those ministering in our congregations:

Pastor Paul Gibson
Deacon Lynne Tallon
Music Director Ross Kimura
Music Director Brenden Hall

For those suffering from cancer:

Jim Tallon
Whitney & Greg Corrigan
Rick Jackson
Frank Durilla
Rev. Ernest Knoche
Ron Oughton
Barbara

For those homebound:

Lorna Holder
Shirley Taylor
Betty Aker
Marion Cheslock
Judy Milanese
Petra Young

Note: These prayer requests are active for 3 months unless a shorter timeframe is requested.

For those needing strength & healing:

Elmer Goetz	Joyce Dare
Teri Fitzpatrick	Cecil Miles
Justin Fitzpatrick	Linda Miles
Tyler Pollard	Sandra Marzan
Kristi Sullivan	Leonard
Nicole Redmond	Robert & Brenda Meredith
K. Redmond	Brian Schutzbach
Paula Smith	Shakira & family
Vickie Clark	Scott family
Luke Mendenhall	
Guy Smith	

For those grieving the loss of a loved one:

Family & friends of Barbara Johnson
Family & friends of Sheila Johnson
Family & friends of David Larson
Family & friends of Gerda Fjogreen Peterson
Family & friends of Lenny Jerritt
Family & friends of Linda Nelson
Family & friends of Scheryl Hill
Family & Friends of Polyann Knox
Family & Friends of Terri Jones

Welcome, visitors! Please tell us something about yourself.

Fill out the form below or scan the provided QR Code to contact us digitally.



TRINITY
LUTHERAN
CHURCH

Today's Date:

11/16/25

Name and Address

Email

Phone

Home church, city, and state

Questions, Comments, Prayer Requests:

- ☐ I'm visiting: ☐ First time ☐ Repeat
☐ I just moved here
☐ Please add me to your email list(s)
☐ Pastor's weekly announcements, etc.
☐ Office's Monthly Newsletter, etc.

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