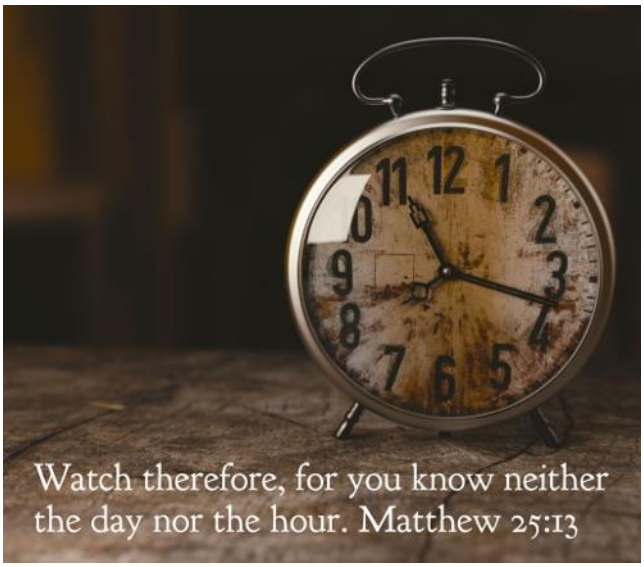
Sunday, November 8, 2026
The Twenty-Fourth Sunday
after Pentecost
10:00am

Trinity Lutheran Church
Meadowlawn Campus
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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.
Amen.

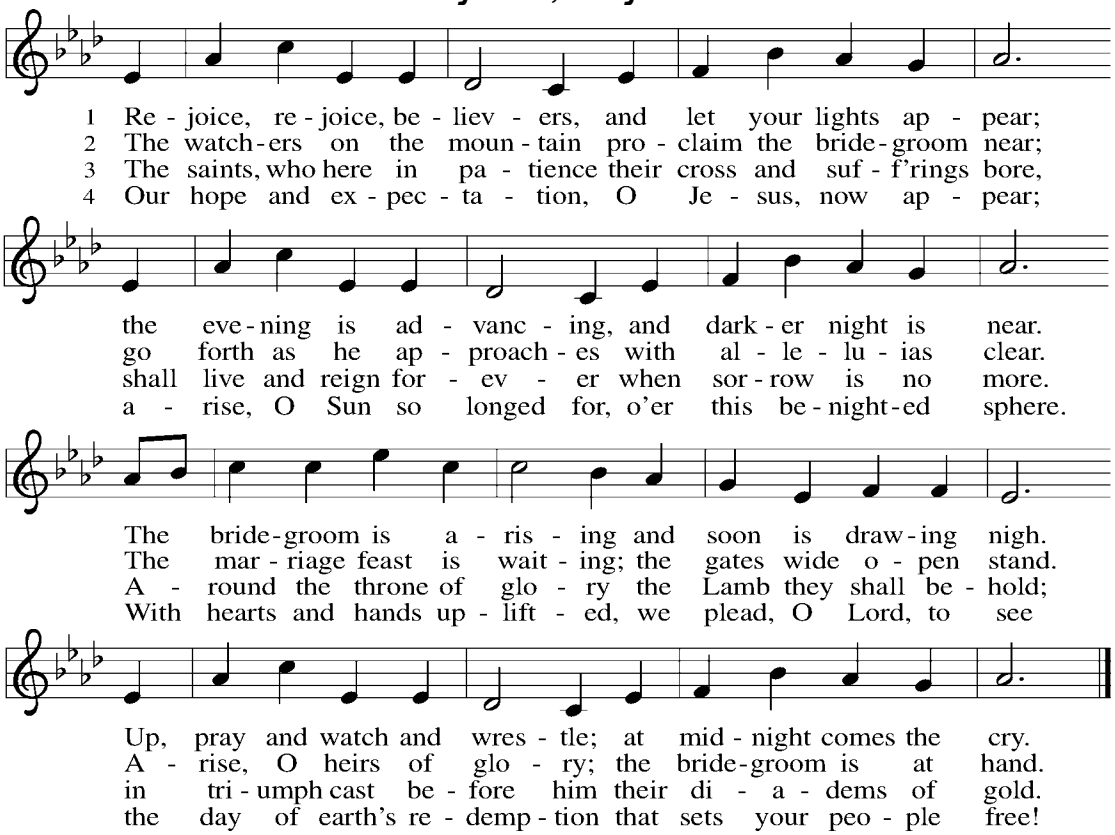
Justified by God's grace through faith,
let us acknowledge our sin.

We take time to consider our actions and choices.

Compassionate God,
we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.
Turn our hearts back to you.
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

We have peace with God through Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness ☩ and the promise of eternal life.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *Rejoice, Rejoice Believers* ELW 244

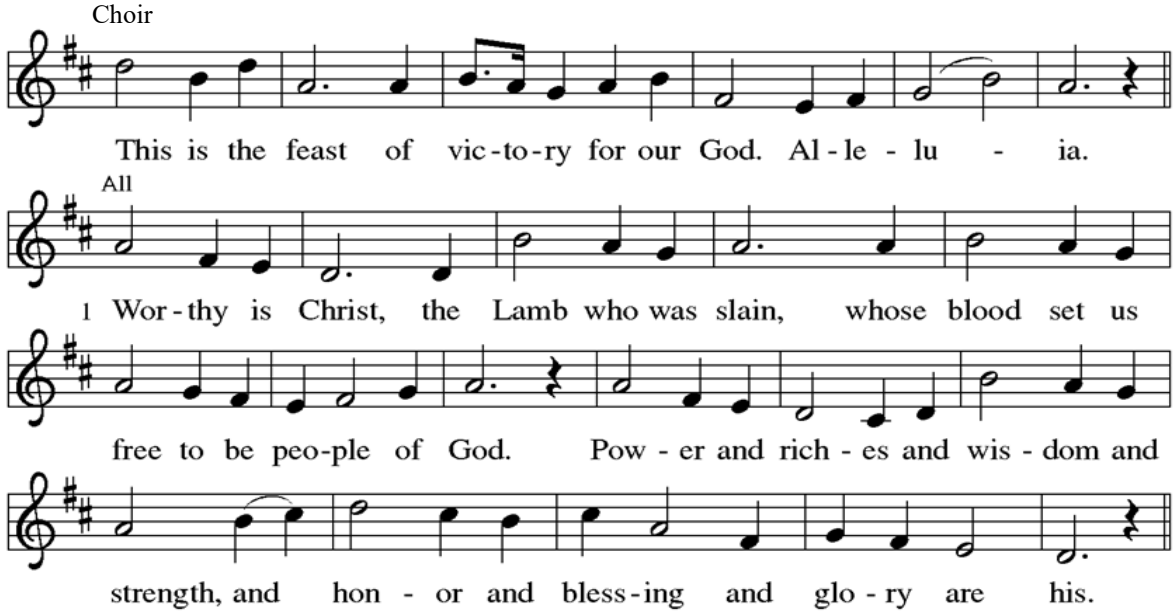


Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

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





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.**

INTRODUCTION TO READINGS

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

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.

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

PSALM: Psalm 70:1-10, 22

*The accompanist will play the refrain once as introduction and then all will join in singing; and will repeat the sung refrain when indicated by "***R***"*



[1] Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me. **R**

[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. **R**

[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. **R**

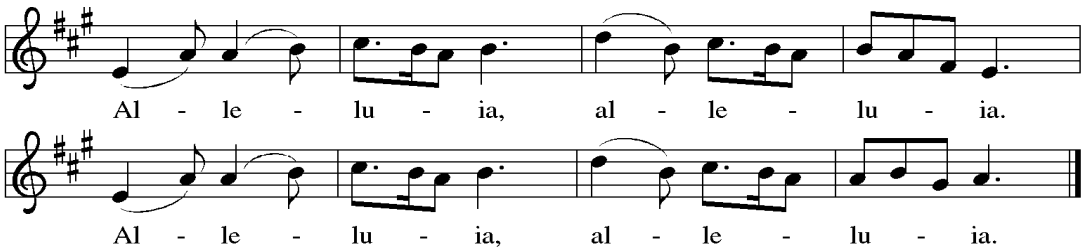
SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Choir: Keep awake and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.
Congregation repeats "Alleluia"

GOSPEL: Matthew 23:1-3, 36, 42-44, 25:1-13

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

The good news of God's love according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus came out of the temple and was going away, his disciples came to point
out to him the buildings of the temple. 2 Then he asked them, "You see all these,
do you not? Truly I tell you, not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be
thrown down." 3 When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to
him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your
coming and of the end of the age?" Jesus answered them, 36 "About that day and
hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the
Father. 42 Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is
coming. 43 But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part
of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not
have let his house be broken into. 44 Therefore you also must be ready, for the
Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

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."

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 *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed* ACS 949



Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

After each petition:

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

At the conclusion of the prayers:

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust our prayers, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

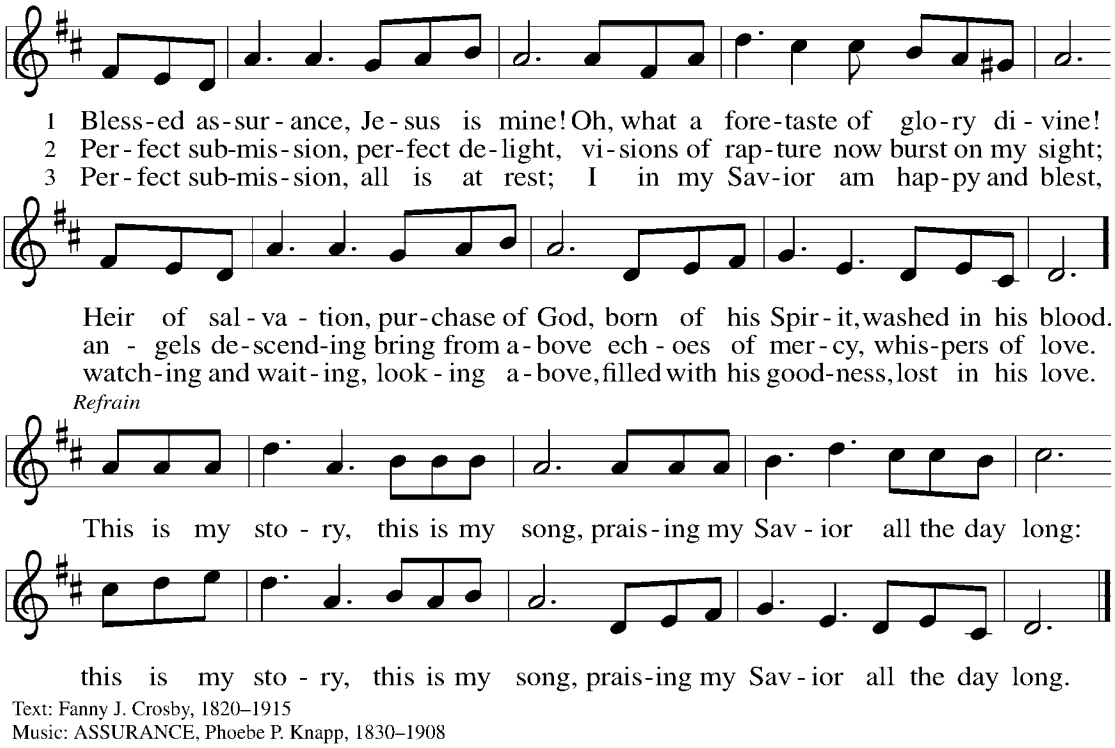
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THE SHARING OF PEACE

Instead of putting a donation in the offering plate during the anthem, 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 *Blessed Assurance*

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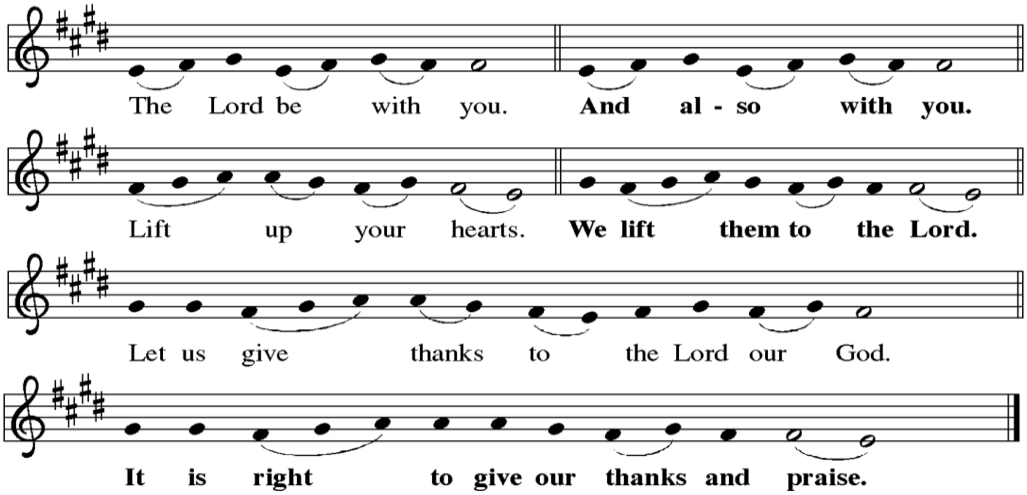


Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

OFFERING PRAYER

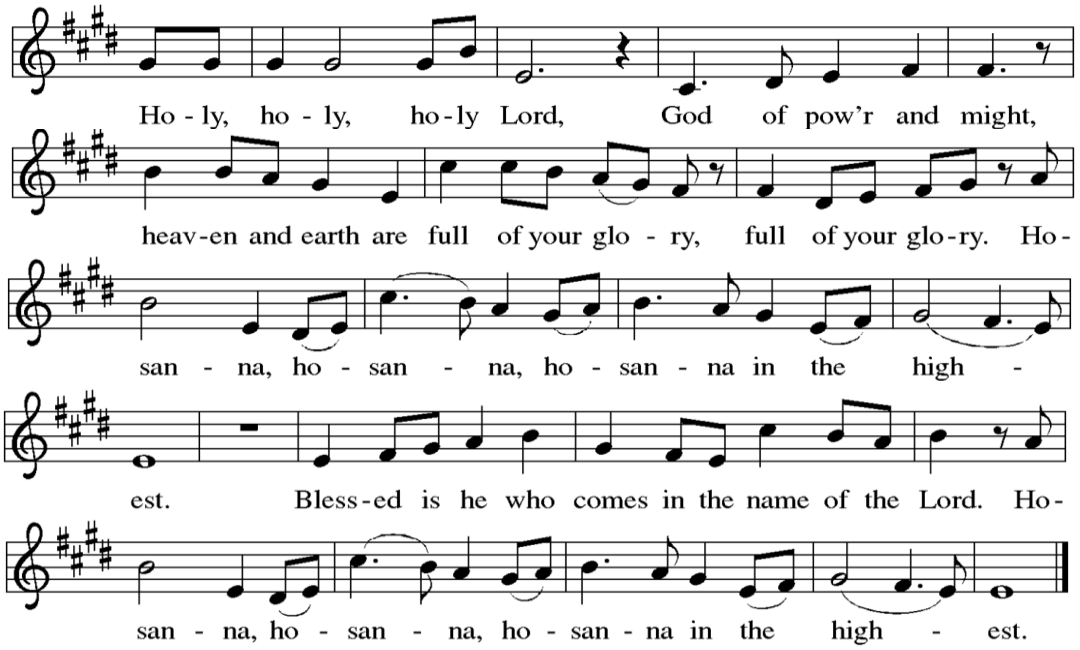
God of creation,
all blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service for you and in love to our neighbors. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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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.

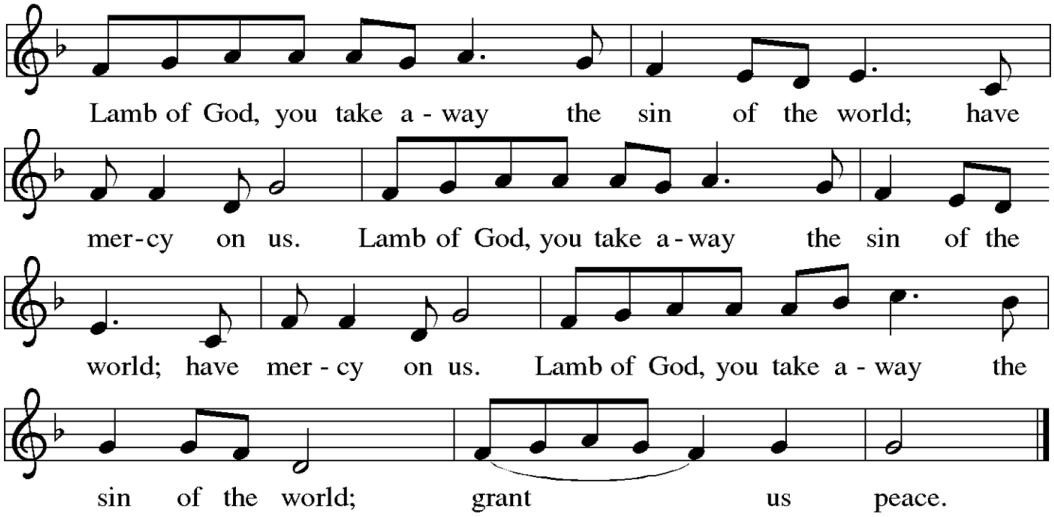
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father 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

Christ invites us to his table.
Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMN *When Peace Like a River* ELW 785



Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888
Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Sustaining God, with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us to serve a needy world.
Make us signs of liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
Amen.

BLESSING

May the God of love, hope, and grace draw you closer together in the body of Christ, grant you strength and joy through the Holy Spirit, and bless you ☩ now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *Come, We That Love the Lord* ELW 625



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, refrain
Music: MARCHING TO ZION, Robert Lowry

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE [Livestream ends]

Please join us for a time of fellowship immediately after worship.

Thank you to those serving this month: *(**MLC**) = Meadowlawn Campus (**DTC**) = Downtown Campus*

Date	Time	Lector	Communion Assistants	Flower Sponsor	Dedication
11/01/26	10 AM	Aimée Fox	Phil Rearick, Aimée Fox		
11/08/26	10 AM	Violet Prepost	Gary Bartelt, Marty Snapp	Gary Bartelt	In honor of Veterans Day
11/15/26	10 AM	Gary Bartelt	Violet Prepost, Margarita Rodriguez		
11/22/26	10 AM	Marty Snapp	Gary Bartelt, Phil Rearick	Carla Sajda	IHO Sheryl Mayle's birthday
11/29/26	10 AM	Terri Craig	Aimée Fox, Frances Guido	F. Guido	For the Glory of God

Birthdays this week:

– None –

Anniversaries this week:

11/8 Lisa and Whitney Johnson

This Week's Calendar of Events:

Today (11/8)
9:00am – City Church Worship (DTC Sanctuary)
10:00am – Trinity Worship (MLC Sanctuary)
11:00am – Fellowship Hour (MLC Community Rm)
11:30am – Education Hour (MLC Community Rm)
7:00pm – St. Augustine Group (MLC Library)

Monday (11/9)
11:30am – WELCA Lunch @ Pho Kien Giang
(8150 49th St N, Pinellas Park, 33781)
7:30pm – St. Augustine Group (MLC Library)

Tuesday (11/10)
1:00pm – Staff Meeting (MLC Library)
6:00pm – Council Meeting (MLC Library)

Wednesday (11/11)
11:30am – Community Meal (DTC 3rd Floor)
1:00pm – Grace & Games (DTC 2nd Floor)
6:00pm – Bible Study (MLC Community Rm)

Thursday (11/12)
6:30pm – Vocal Choir Practice (MLC Sanctuary)
7:00pm – City Church: Men's Bible Study (DTC 2nd Floor)

Friday (11/13)
9:30am – TLC Pantry (DTC 1st Floor)
9:30am – Dolores Food Pantry (MLC Community Rm)

Saturday (11/14)
9:00am – Hope Chest (MLC Thrift Store)
10:00am – Congregation Breakfast at Spring Garden Family Restaurant (1018 62nd Ave N)
5:30pm – SLAA Gratitude Dinner (MLC Community Rm)

Prayer List:

For those suffering from cancer:

Jim Tallon
Whitney & Greg Corrigan
Rick Jackson
Frank Durilla
Rev. Ernest Knoche
Ron Oughton
Bob Sockrider
Frances Guido
Susan Herzhauser

For those homebound:

Lorna Holder
Shirley Taylor
Betty Aker
Judy Milanese
Petra Young
Sally Evans

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

For those needing strength or healing:

Jill Boos Martin
Linda Gascon
Pr. Tom Snapp
Will Diefel
Serenity Baker
Willie Rodriguez
Eliza Walker
Margarita Rodriguez
Rodger Nelson
Jennifer Rhoads
Jerry Barnard
Linda Barnard
Mike Lederhouse
Bob Gascon
Paula Smith
Vickie Clark
Luke Mendenhall
Guy Smith
Joyce Dare
Phil Rearick
Stephan Shipley
Melody Cather
Juniper Mae Cather
Terri Craig

For those grieving the loss of a loved one:

The family and Friends of Duane Bork
The Family and Friends of Brenda Heinicke



	Curr Month (as of 10/2726)	YTD Actual (as of 10/27/26)	YTD Budget (through 10/31/26)
Income	18,851.42	321,811.15	233,646.58
Expenses	(30,787.96)	(407,518.77)	(380,930.84)
Net	(11,936.54)	(85,707.62)	(147,284.26)

Cash available in Bank Accounts:	72,811.70
Balance in Investment Accounts:	738,767.97

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Today's Date:
11/08/26

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