Trinity Lutheran Church

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Time after Pentecost
Lectionary 32

Saturday, November 7, 2026 - 5:00 pm

Welcome!
We are glad you are worshiping with us today. Please let us know you are here by filling out the attendance book at the end of the pew.

Childcare
Children are welcome in the sanctuary throughout the worship service. The nursery for ages 0-2 is available on Sunday mornings, and children age 3 through grade 3 are invited to Kid's Praise following the Children's Sermon. They return to the sanctuary before communion.

Hearing Assistance
Personal headsets are available at the sound booth at the back of the sanctuary.

Offering
Our tithes are freely given and support the continued ministry of the church. Please use the envelopes in the pew racks, or give online by scanning the QR code in the pew racks.

Livestream
Sunday morning worship services are streamed live on our website, along with Facebook and Youtube.

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Communion Practice

In Holy Communion, Christ welcomes us and meets us in the bread and wine. God comes to us with love and forgiveness, renews our relationship with our Creator, and nourishes us as the body of Christ. As Jesus promised, he is truly present in this meal. He invites us to remember him as we eat and drink. We come bringing our whole selves—our joys, our burdens, and our sins—trusting in Christ's forgiveness and asking God to shape us in love. *(1 Corinthians 11:23–26; John 6:53–56)*

At Trinity Lutheran Church, all are invited and encouraged to participate in this holy meal. All who wish to receive Communion may do so. If you choose not to receive the bread and wine, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

To be sensitive to our worshipers' needs, we offer red wine and white grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Service of Holy Communion

Hymn Sing

Day by Day ELW #790

Be Thou My Vision ELW #793

Welcome

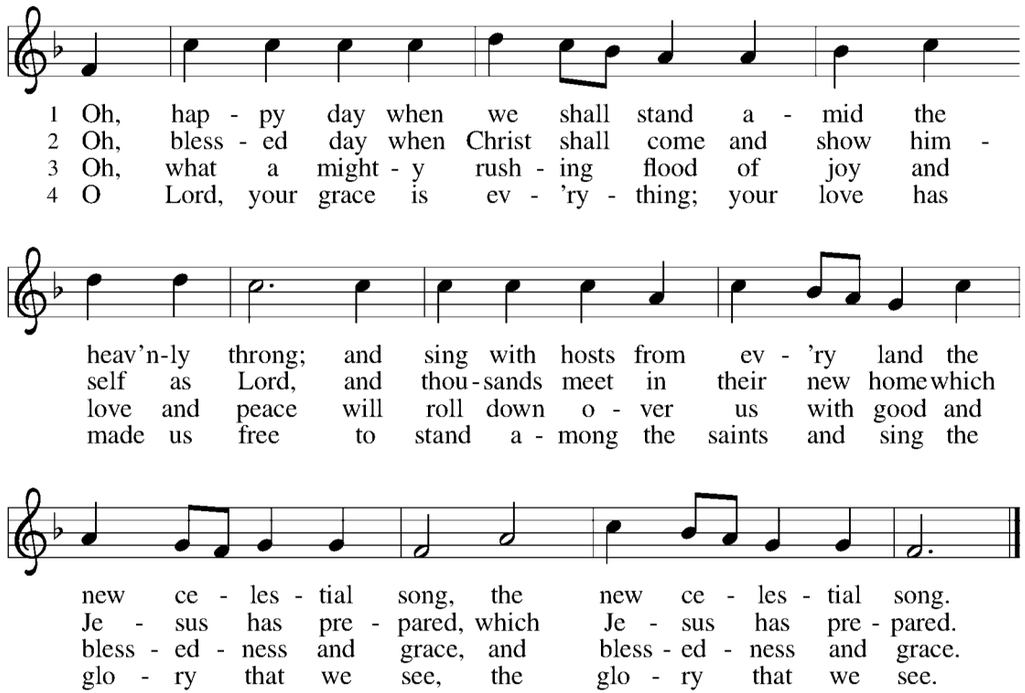
Call to Worship

We gather because God has been faithful.
With grateful hearts, we come.
We gather with gifts to share and choices to make.
With open hands, we come.
Christ calls us to keep awake—to notice our neighbors, to recognize the moment, to be ready to love.
With open eyes, we come.
Today, let our gratitude take shape in generosity.
Let our faith take shape in action.
Come, people of God. Let us worship the one who first gave everything for us.
Our lives belong to you, O God. Make us a living blessing.

Gathering Hymn

ELW #441

Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand



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Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561
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Prayer of the Day

Faithful God, you meet us in this day and call us to lives of purpose. Keep us awake to the opportunities for love that are already before us. Where we have grown comfortable, challenge us. Where we are afraid, steady us. Where we are weary, renew us. Make our commitments honest, our generosity courageous, and our congregation ready to serve; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

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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.

The reading is concluded:
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 70

[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

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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. The reading is concluded:

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Gospel Announcement

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

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

After the reading:
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Jeff Gramza

Hymn of the Day

ELW #715

Worshipers are invited to bring forward your commitment cards along with your offerings during this hymn.

Christ, Be Our Light





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Commitment Prayer

God of overflowing grace, before we brought these gifts, you gave yourself to us. Before we made these promises, you claimed us in love. Receive these offerings and commitments—the fruit of our labor, the gifts of our hands, the hours of our days, and the hopes we entrust to you. Turn these gifts into bread for the hungry, welcome for the stranger, comfort for the grieving, and room for the young to grow. When we grow weary, replenish our hope. When we hesitate, deepen our trust. Keep the flame of your love alive among us, until our promises become acts of compassion, and our gratitude becomes a way of life. All we have is gift. All we offer is thanksgiving. In the name of Jesus, the light of the world. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Sharing Christ's Peace

Offer a sign of peace with those around you

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

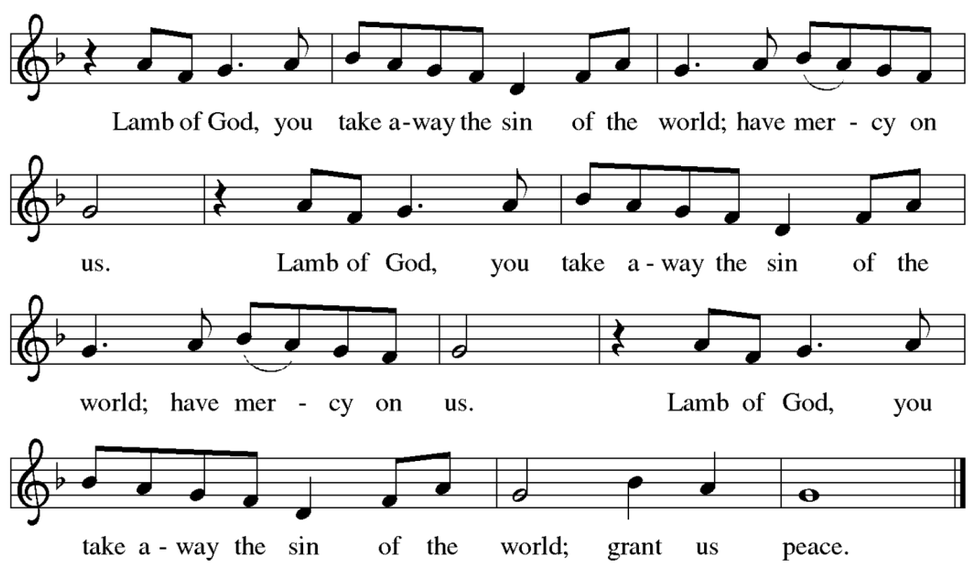
Words of Institution & Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
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

Lamb of God

ELW Setting 2



Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion will be distributed by coming forward and receiving the bread and wine. The center cups (white) are non-alcoholic grape juice. Upon receiving, please put empty cups in baskets provided. If you prefer gluten free, please ask Pastor who is distributing. Please proceed up the center aisle returning to your seat via the side aisles.

Communion Hymns

When Peace Like A River ELW #785

Blessed Assurance ELW #638

Benediction

May the God who gives you life deepen your gratitude.
May Jesus Christ give you courage to follow.
May the Holy Spirit strengthen you to keep your promises,
open your hands, and make your life a blessing. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn ELW #439

Soon And Very Soon
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Dismissal

Go in peace. The time to love is now.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Soon and Very Soon



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