Trinity Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

25th Sunday after Pentecost **November 15, 2026**

Divine Service –Setting Four

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Today at Trinity

8:30 am	**Adult Bible Class**
10:00 am	**Divine Service**
11:30 am	**SS/Jr. Confirmation**

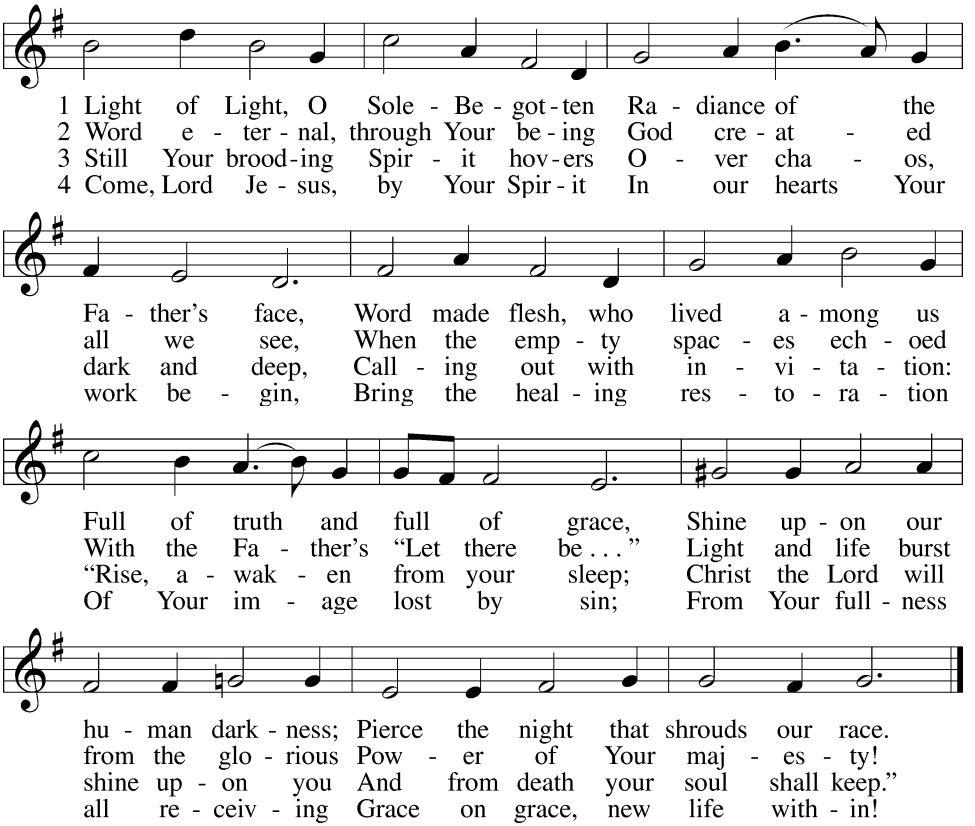
Welcome to Trinity Lutheran. We are delighted you have chosen to join us this day. Our Lord always blesses those who come to His house to hear His word and receive His sacraments. We pray you will experience God's love and care for you.

For our guests:

- Quiet bags and Busy Bibles are provided for your children during the service. They are located as you enter the church. The children's bulletin and color booklet is for you to keep. Please return the bags as you exit. **Please return to the rack when exiting.**
- For your convenience we have a **Nursery** with a monitor streaming the service. This way if you need to use the nursery for your little one you will stay connected to the Divine service in progress. It is located down from Pastor's office.
- **Here at Trinity we believe, as Scripture teaches, that in the Lord's Supper, we receive not only bread and wine, but also the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins, and the strengthening of our faith and our fellowship with one another. If you would like to participate in this Sacrament, but have further questions, we encourage you to speak with the pastor or elders. We also invite and encourage you to fill out the white card indicating your desire and intention to commune.**
- ***If you are not receiving Holy Communion but would like to receive a blessing from the pastor, please cross your arms over your chest at the communion rail.***

Pastor Smith is available for visiting and consultations. Please contact the church office or Pastor's cell phone 760 485-5171 for an appointment.

Opening Hymn **"Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten"** **#914**



Confession and Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
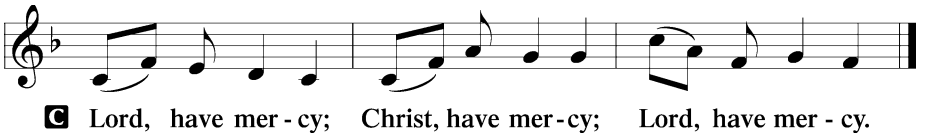
C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

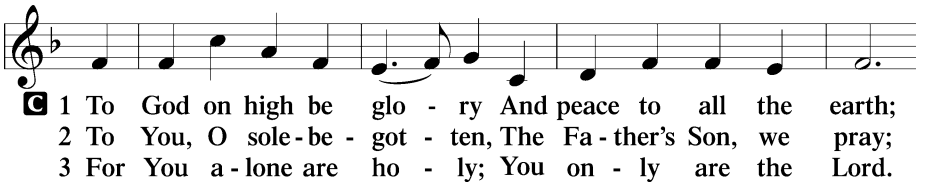
Introit *Psalm 143:2, 5–6, 10–11; antiphon: v. 1*

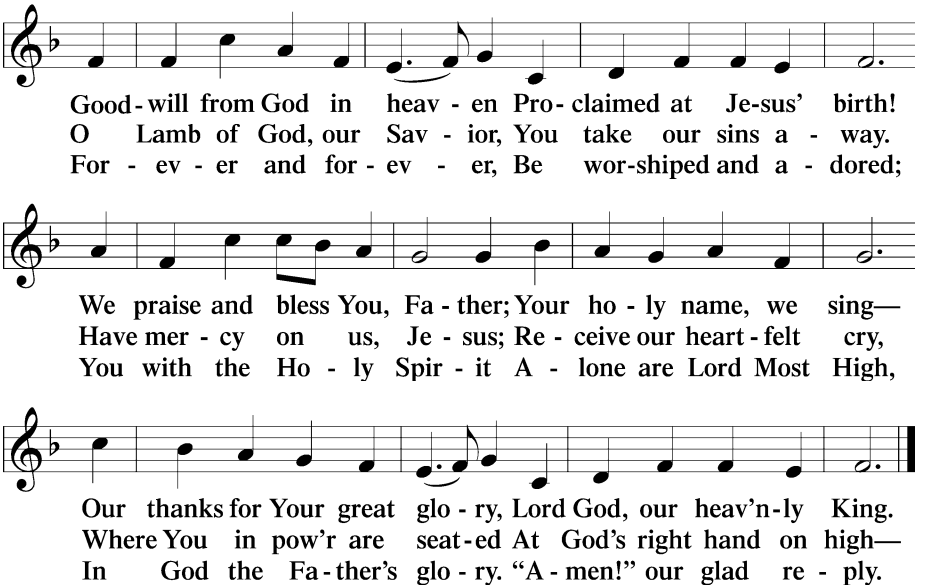
Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness!
Enter not into judgment with Your servant,
for no one living is righteous before You.
I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that You have done;
I ponder the work of Your hands.
I stretch out my hands to You;
my soul thirsts for You like a parched land.
Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God!
Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground!
For Your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!
In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness!

Kyrie *Mark 10:47*



Gloria in Excelsis *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*





Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

C **Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Choir Anthem **"Hymn of Heaven"**

Old Testament Reading **Zephaniah 1:7–16**

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated his guests.
8 And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—
"I will punish the officials and the king's sons
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.
9 On that day I will punish
everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house
with violence and fraud.
10 "On that day," declares the LORD,
"a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter,
a loud crash from the hills.
11 Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!
For all the traders are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.

[12]At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the men
who are complacent,
those who say in their hearts,
'The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do ill.'
[13]Their goods shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them."

[14]The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the mighty man cries aloud there.
[15]A day of wrath is that day,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
[16]a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

A This is the Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5*

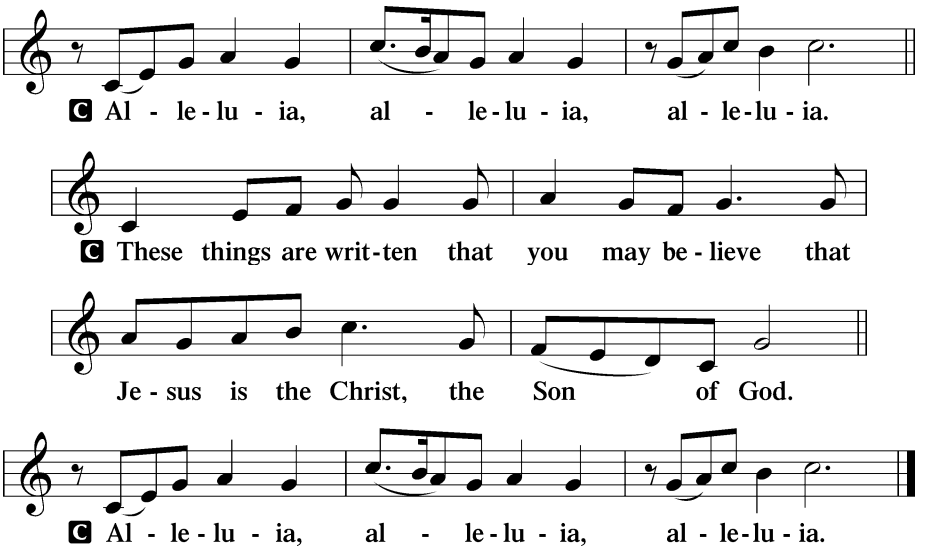
These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
Blessèd are those whose strength is in You,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Epistle **1 Thessalonians 5:1–11**

[1]Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. [2]For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3]While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. [4]But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. [5]For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. [6]So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. [7]For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. [8]But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9]For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10]who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. [11]Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

A This is the Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel **Matthew 25:14–30**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[14][Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. [15]To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. [16]He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. [17]So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. [18]But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. [19]Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. [20]And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' [21]His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' [22]And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' [23]His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' [24]He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, [25]so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' [26]But his master answered him,

‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? [27]Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. [28]So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. [29]For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. [30]And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

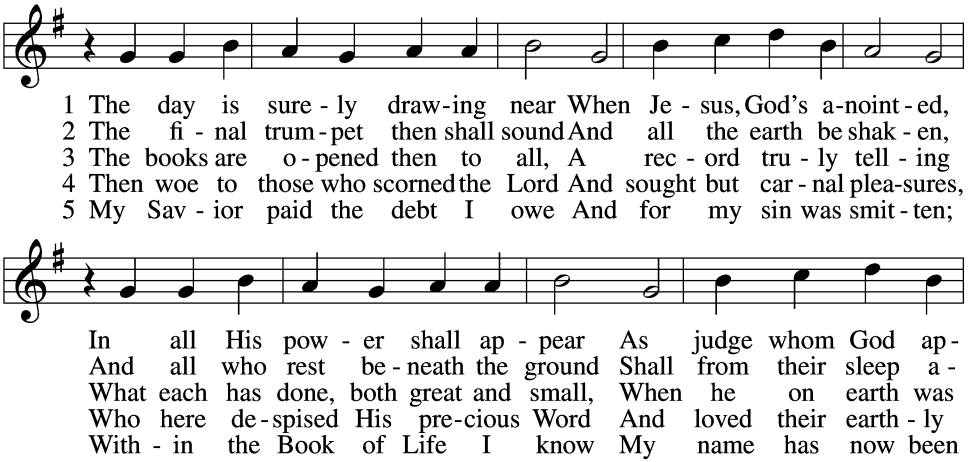
Apostles’ Creed

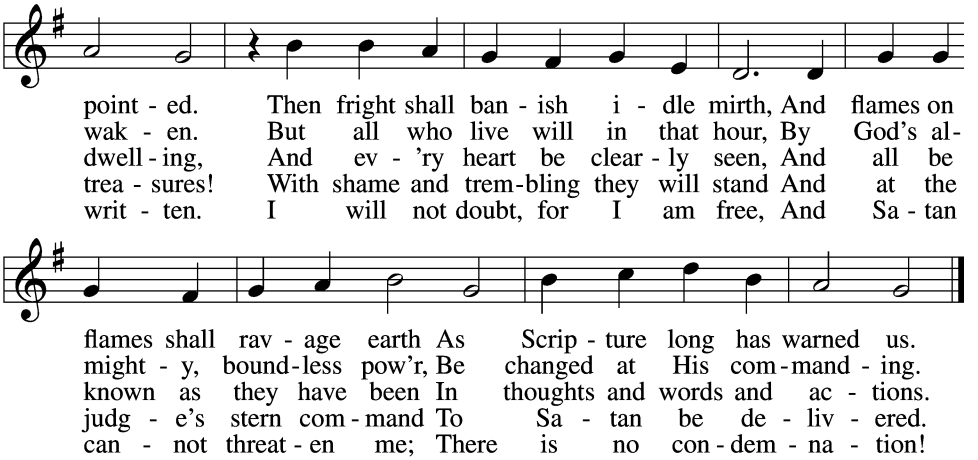
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✢ everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Hymn **“The Day Is Surely Drawing Near”** **#508 vs. 1–5**





Sermon

Offering/Offertory **"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"** **Bell Choir**

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface *2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

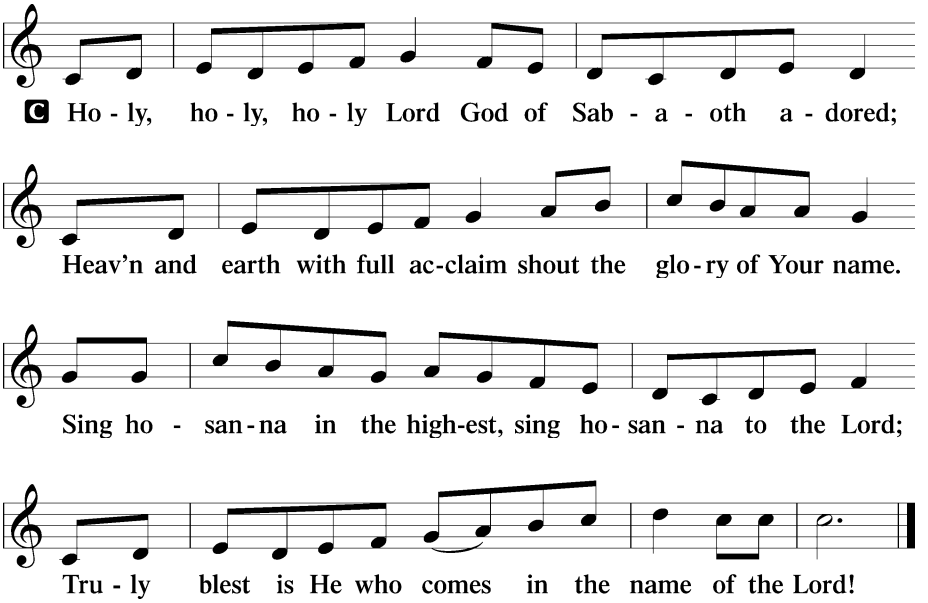
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

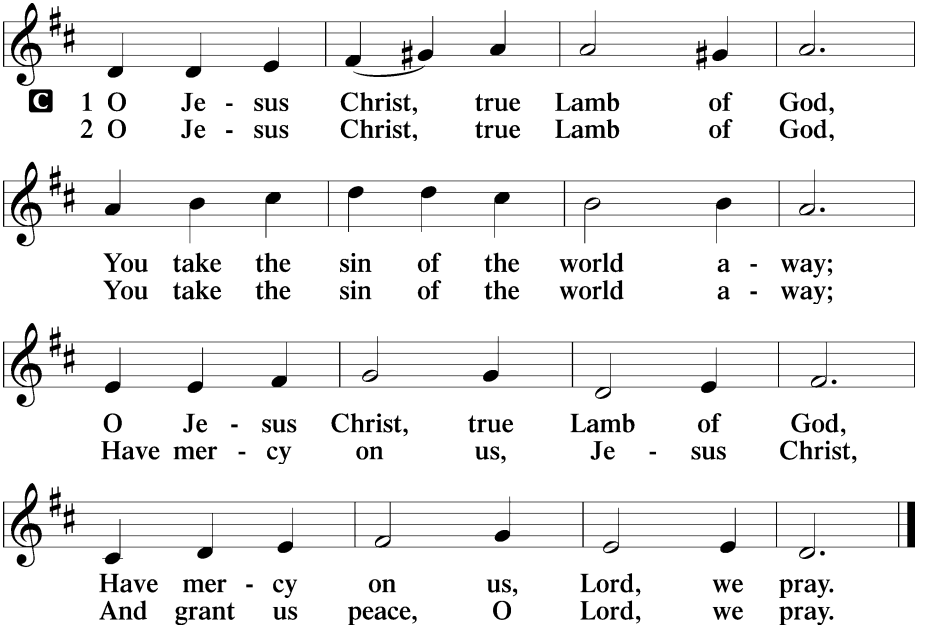
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
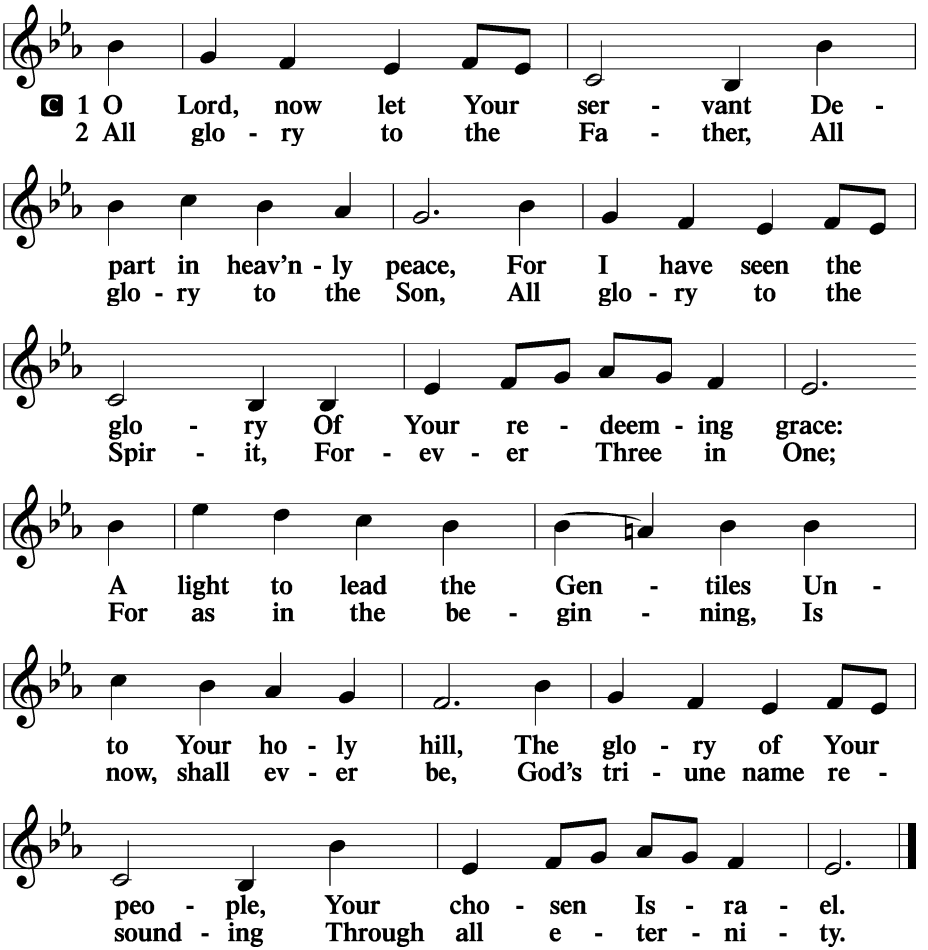
C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei *John 1:29*



Distribution/Distribution Hymns **#730, #627, #643**

Nunc Dimittis *Luke 2:29–32*



Post-Communion Collect

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus *Psalm 103:1*

A Let us bless the Lord.

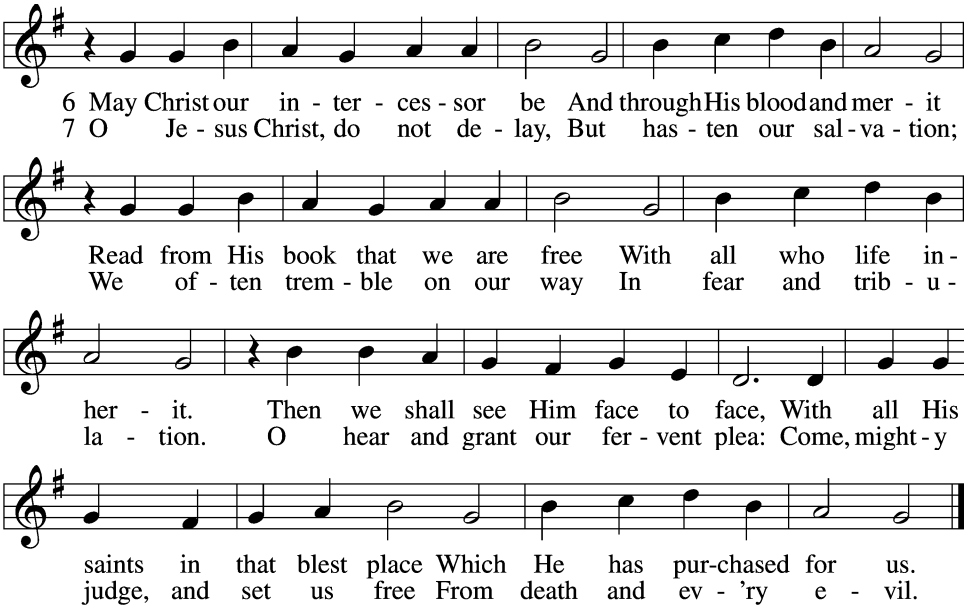
C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn **"The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"** **#508 vs. 6–7**



THE ALTAR FLOWERS this morning are in celebration of Pastor Smith's birthday and to the glory of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

GREETERS	Ramona Haugen & Donna Ellerbusch
USHERS	Russ Campbell & Jerry Ellerbusch
ACOLYTES	Rebecca Bishop
DUTY ELDER	Bill Marsaglia

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY LUTHERAN

November 15, 2026

Tuesday	**6:00 pm**	**Church Council *(FC)***
Wednesday	**10:00 am**	**Grief Share *(FC)***
	6:00 pm	**Choir Practice *(FC)***
Thursday	**9:00 am**	**TLC Crafters *(FC)***
	6:00 pm	**Ladies' Bible Study *(FC)***
	7:00 pm	**Genesis Zoom Bible Study**
Friday	**10:00 am**	**Ladies' Bible Study *(FC)***
	5:30 am	**Ladies' Night Out *(FC)***
Next Sunday	**8:30 am**	**Adult Bible Class *(FC)***
	10:00 am	**Divine Worship Holy Communion**
	11:30 am	**Sunday School/ Jr. Confirmation**

GRIEF SHARE this Wednesday @ 10am in the Fellowship Center. At a Griefshare group you will find understanding, guidance, relief, and a safe place to navigate the challenges of grief. Come and join us!

ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING Sunday, Dec. 6 @ 11:30am. Please plan now to attend.

CHRISTMAS QUILT RAFFLE Each year we raffle a handmade Christmas quilt to benefit the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. The ranch provides Christ Centered residential treatment and educational center for children and their families, a safe place to live, learn and heal. All are invited to participate, $5 per ticket.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT All ladies are invited for a night out for food, fellowship and BINGO! Dinner is provided with a suggested $10 Free Will Offering. Sign up today and bring a friend!

LADIES' EVENING BIBLE STUDY meets in the Fellowship Center on Thursday evenings @ 6pm. Please come and join us for "The Heart of Jesus…Women in the Gospel of Luke.

THE BOOK OF GENESIS study led by Pastor Smith, is offered **Thursdays @ 7pm** on Zoom. We are seeing God's abundant faithfulness in bringing about His promise of salvation throughout the generations culminating with the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. You can join any day. If you would like to join the study we can send you the link to your email. Send your email to Pastor and we'll see you Thursday! (*Revs455@verizon.net*)

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY All ladies are invited to join in the Fellowship Center, **Friday mornings @ 10am** for a weekly Bible study led by our beloved member, Phyllis Hafliger. Each study is a new topic so you can jump in anytime!

ANNUAL TLC FOOD DRIVE this month. Once again our donations will go to FISH (Friends in Service to Humanity) a food distribution service founded in 1972 to help those in need of food. FISH Mission Statement: In the Spirit of Christian love, to supply food to hungry people and families who cannot provide for themselves.
Here at Trinity we will be conducting a food drive during the Sundays of November. This will benefit the food distribution ministry of FISH of the Coachella Valley. The food donations will be available to needy families in Eastern Coachella Valley. We invite you to join this outreach mission and fill a bag and bring it back to Trinity on any Sunday in November.

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Suggested donations:

1 lb. bag beans	1 lb. bag rice	dry pasta
Peanut butter	cereal	cookies
Graham crackers	saltine crackers	canned soup
Canned tomato sauce	spaghetti sauce	canned stew
Canned beans	canned vegetables	canned fruit
Canned tuna	canned/bottle/boxes juices	

Please *do not* bring: coffee, tea, baby food, perishable fresh foods, or perishable frozen foods.

THOSE WE KEEP IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Andy & Shirley Schlange, Terri Cuesta, Wanda Lahn, Larry and Gaylene Burkett, Frank(Sharlene Kay's husband), Melissa Parsons(mother of Phyllis Hafliger's great grandson), Elvia Ocampo, Luretta Eide, Kate Memmen(*hospice*), Francisco Ruiz, Russ Lambeth, *health*
Diane(Ramona Haugen's daughter), *healing*
Michele Ungaro(sister of Renee Young), Andy(friend of Rocky and Renee Young), Frank(Debra Johnson's son),*cancer*

"Look to the LORD and His strength; seek His face always." 1 Chronicles 16:11