

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity

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Sunday, November 3, 2024 All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday offers us the opportunity to give thanks for all the baptized people of God, living and those who have died. We will read aloud the names of our members who have died over the past twelve months. As we read each name, a white rose will be placed on the communion table as we give thanks for their lives. The color white reminds us of the light of Christ that shines in all our darkness. White is also a reminder that we are washed clean of sin in our baptism and given the promise of resurrection life. All Saints Sunday also offers us an opportunity to give thanks for the many people in our lives who have nurtured, supported and guided us in our faith journey. The scripture passages for All Saints are filled with rich images of eternal life promised to God's people.

Each time we gather for Holy Community around God's table we are given a foretaste of that great and promised feast where death and pain are conquered with the resurrection of our savior, Jesus Christ. Even in the midst of loss and grief, God wipes away the tears from our eyes and makes all things new.

The Paschal Candle is lit beside the baptismal font to remind us of the light of Christ that gives us hope. Candles are available for you to light in memory of a loved one who has joined the church triumphant or to represent your prayers of thanksgiving and requests for healing and peace. Feel free to light candles during the service, such as the prelude or hymns or as you come forward for Holy Communion.

May you feel God's loving presence today as we give thanks together and celebrate the hope and promise of resurrection in the name of the one who is beyond death, Jesus our Savior.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP "NOW THE FEAST"

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Let us prepare for Worship.

GATHERING PRELUDE:

For All the Saints	. Wayne l	L. V	Wolc
At the River	. Aaron (Cop	oland

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- + All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.
- P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- All: Amen.
- P: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: Most merciful God,
- All: have mercy on us. We confess to you that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.

- P: With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.
- All: Thanks be to God!

REMEMBRANCE OF ALL SAINTS DAY

P: Let us remember all the saints before God.

We praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints. We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised, and now for adding us who celebrate the love of your Christ for the redemption of the world. Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you. Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, exciting us to love, in anticipation of an eternal reunion.

- All: Amen.
- P: Christ says, Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart,
- All: and you will find rest for your souls.
- P: For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.
- All: And you will find rest for your souls.

Follow the cross as the procession passes by.





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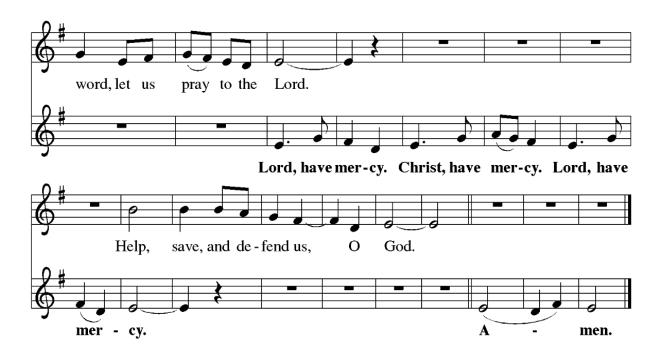
GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you P:

All: And also with you.

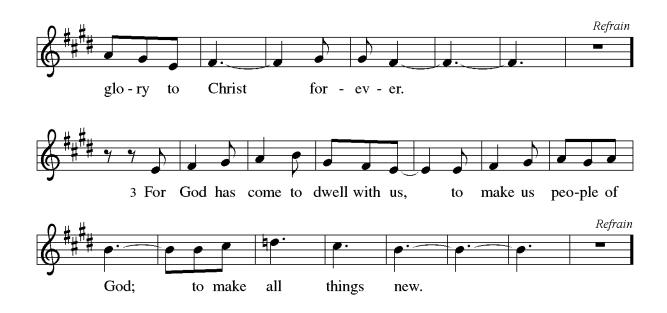
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HYMN OF PRAISE: Now the Feast





SALUTATION



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray...Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.

of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

the shroud that is cast over all peoples,

the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GoD will wipe away the tears from all faces,

and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,

for the LORD has spoken.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,

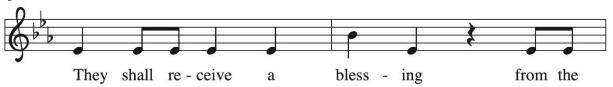
⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain

⁹ It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Psalm 24 (Congregation sings the refrain and bold verses.)

Refrain:





Verse:



- ¹ The earth is the LORD's and all | that is in it, the world and those who | dwell therein.
- ² For the LORD has founded it up- | on the seas and established it up- | on the rivers. R
- ³ Who may ascend the mountain | of the LORD, and who may stand in God's | holy place?
- ⁴ Those of innocent hands and puri- | ty of heart, who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by | what is false.
- ⁵ They shall receive blessing | from the LORD and righteousness from the God of | their salvation.
- ⁶ Such is the generation of those who seek | you, O LORD, of those who seek your face, O | God of Jacob. R
- ⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting doors, that the King of glory | may come in.
- ⁸ Who is this | King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, might-|y in battle!

- ⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- lasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.
- ¹⁰ Who is this King of glory?

Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory. R

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6a

Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

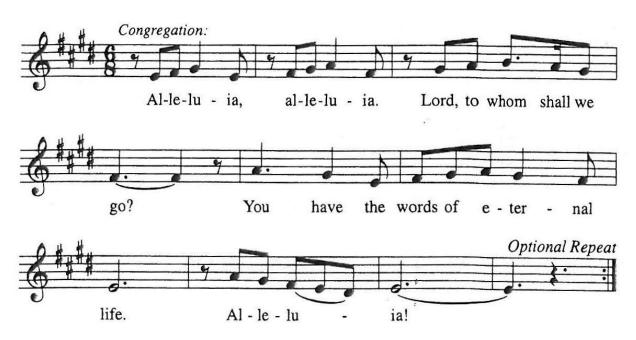
⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ^{6a} Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

The congregation stands for the reading of the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia



P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 11th chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 11:32-44

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

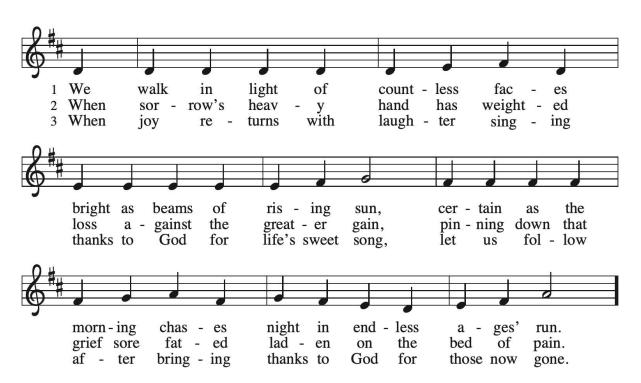
³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Silence for Reflection.





Turn-ing eyes now to their shin-ing mem-'ry, to their faith-ful past,



saints be now the truth di-vin - ing: death be now but nev - er last.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: DEATH BE NEVER LAST, Ray Makeever Text and music © 1993 Ray Makeever, admin. Augsburg Fortress

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.

ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please respond after each petition.

L: Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

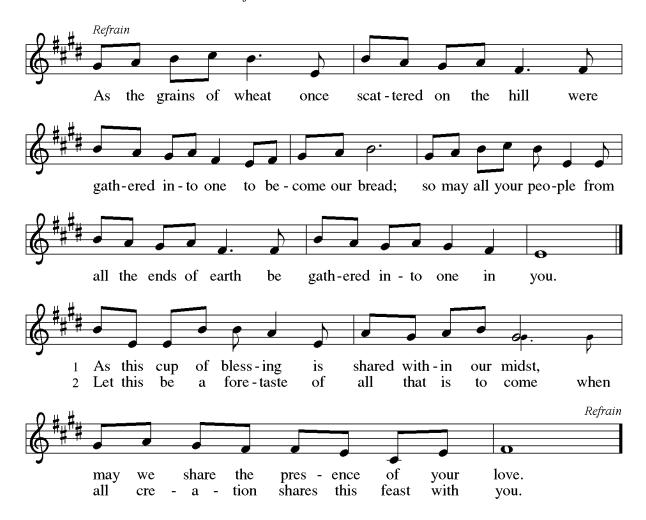
SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

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OFFERTORY CANTICLE: As the Grains of Wheat ELW 465



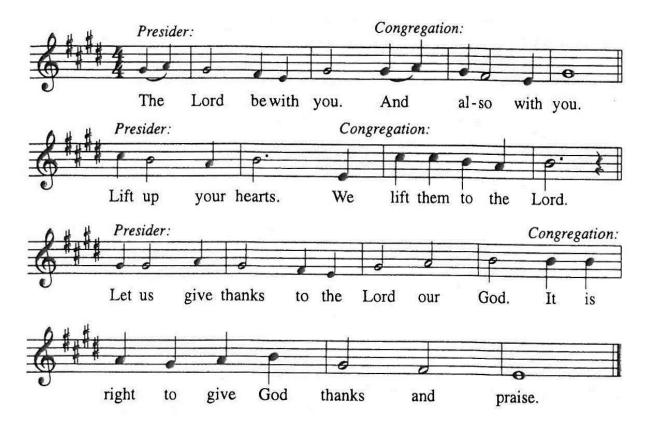
OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray . . . Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this A: meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name.

All: Amen.

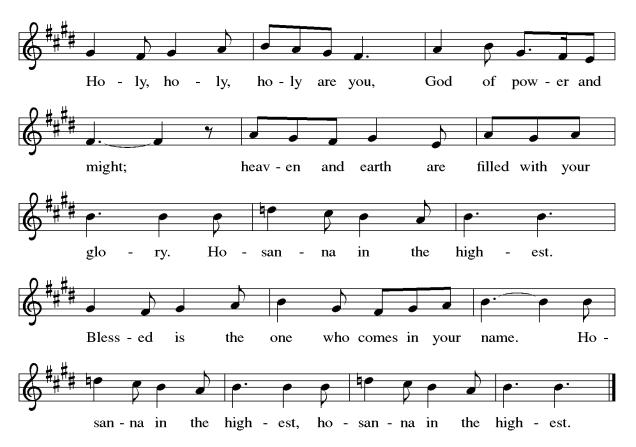


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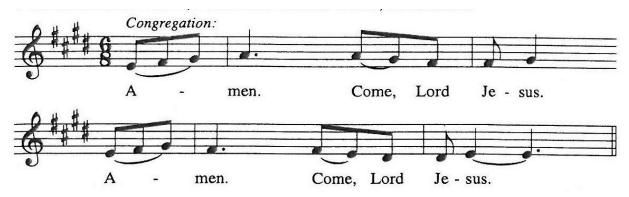
PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . We praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

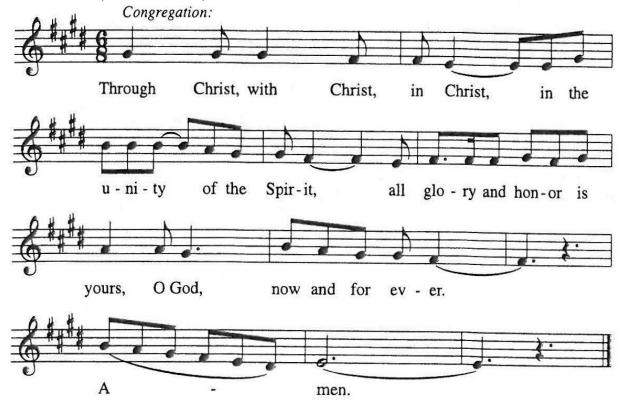
P: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.



P: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.



THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST



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

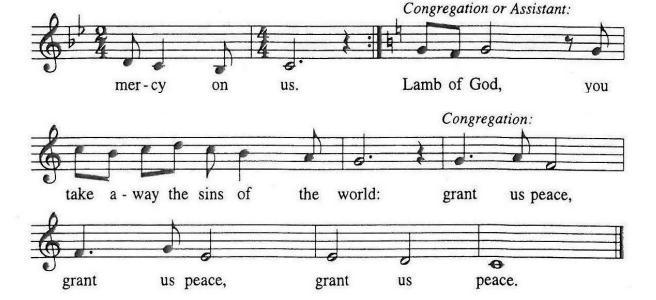
P: Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

All: Thanks be to God.









COMMUNION MUSIC: For the Bread Which You Have Broken ELW 494 Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup ELW 492 (Join in singing from the red ELW hymnal in the pew.)

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: Thanks Be To You



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray... Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

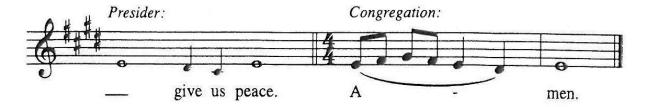
All: Amen

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P: May God bless and keep us. May God's face shine on us and be gracious to us. May God look on us with favor and + give us peace.





- 1 Sing with all the saints in glo ry, sing the res ur rec tion song!
- 2 Oh, what glo-ry, far ex-ceed-ing all that eye has yet per-ceived!
- 3 Life e ter nal! heav'n re joic es: Je sus lives who once was dead.



Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry, to the for-mer days be - long. Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead-ing nev - er that full joy con-ceived. Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es! Child of God, lift up your head!



All a-round the clouds are break-ing, soon the storms of time shall cease; God has prom-ised, Christ pre-pares it, there on high our wel-come waits. Life e - ter - nal! Oh, what won-ders crowd on faith; what joy un-known,



in God's like - ness we a - wak - en, know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace. Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it shares it, Christ has passed the e-ter - nal gates. when, a - mid earth's clos-ing thun-ders, saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

DISMISSAL:

A: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SPONSORSHIPS

The altar flowers are given for the beautification of the church and in honor of all those whose memories we are honoring today by Trish Foulkrod. The bulletin is given in memory of loved ones who are no longer with us.

SERVING TODAY

Assisting Minister:	
Communion Assistants:	
Reader:	
Livestream:	Kirk Sponaugle
Crucifer:	Else Nielsen
Torchbearers:	Kiva Fox and Maddy Gniady



Dear Lord Jesus, When You walked upon this earth, You healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, caused the lame to walk, and raised the dead. Now we come to You on behalf of those who are in need today and pray that You would send them Your healing power. Hear our prayer for Your name's sake. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Bereaved: The Family of Irene Turzai

The Family of Ken Wieland (brother-in-law of Donna Artley)

Prayer Concerns: Susan Bianchi, Jack Bishop, Lou Bushman (friend of Linda Ott), Lucy Campbell (daughter of Jacob and Sarah Campbell), Kinleigh Connelly (friend of the Eby family), Donna Dixon, Bill Fosnacht, Janice Geiling, Glenn Hoffa, Marilyn Hoffa, The Reverend Sally Houck, Chip Murray, Sharon Murray, Wanda Oliver (friend of the Lechleitner's), Julia Padgett, Tony Primerano (friend of Steve Shuey), Tom Rieger, Chris Ruff, and Mike Welty.

DAILY PRAYERS

Roberta Anderson, Jim Bomberger (friend of Jim and Peg Huebner), Carole Bowman, Bruce Bunting (brother of Susan Bianchi), Alex Chubb, Elaine Chubb, Eric Chubb (brother-in-law of Susan Bianchi), Theo Epitropoulos, Virginia Frank, Mike Hamilton (friend of Kendra Ruhl and Steve Shuey), Drew Herdson (friend of the Dunham's), Dennis Lubold, Nancy Miller, Darrin Mineke (cousin of the Dunham's), Dona Pastuck, Ed Schaeffer, Georgie Sibert, Pete Stone, Bob Warden (friend of Mary Ann Kelly), Melissa West (friend of Susan Bianchi), Vwawa Congregation of the Konde Diocese in Tanzania and all of our Homebound members.

Members of Armed Forces and their families: Evan Briggs, Marshal Fox, Michael Kristian, Riley Litman, Patrick Stewart, Tory Young

We invite you to pray for all on our prayer list. Please contact the office by email at <a href="https://https

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for joining us for worship today in-person and through livestreaming.

All are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We invite all people, as well as young children who are not yet receiving the Sacrament to come forward and receive a blessing. Please ask the Pastor if you need a gluten free option. At Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. Thus, we believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine. At his table Christ grants us forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. May your hearts be opened, and your lives made new by his gracious love. Please give your completed communion card to the usher during communion.

Holy Communion distribution today: The usher will guide you down the center aisle. Prepackaged Communion elements with grape juice are available on the small table. If your preference is regular wine or non-alcoholic wine, take a cup from the silver trays. Proceed to the Pastor to receive a wafer or have the prepackaged elements blessed. Proceed to the rail where there will be an assistant on either side with regular wine. There will also be one assistant with non-alcoholic wine. Stand or kneel as you are able and remain at the rail for as long as you desire.

<u>Office Hours</u> The office will be open this week, Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. To contact the church: Phone Number: 717-533-2467, Email Address: <u>htluth@comcast.net</u>; Holy Trinity website: htluth.org. **In case of emergency** please call the church office and follow the prompts for emergency contact information.

Pastor Brommer will be on vacation from November 6th through November 11th. In case of emergency please call the church office. After normal business hours, please follow the voice mail prompts for emergency contact information.

<u>Sunday School Information:</u> All classes meet from 9:00am-9:45am. **Children's Sunday School** meets in the Sunday School room (connected to the Fellowship Hall). **Confirmation Sunday School** for Grades 6-8 meets in the youth room. **Sunday School** for Grades 9-12 meets downstairs next to the Youth Room. **Adult Discussion** meets in room #16. All are welcome!

Our prayers and the comfort of the Christian faith are extended to the family of Irene Turzai who passed away on October 21st. Please remember the Turzai family in your prayers.

Join us for a Congregation Meeting on Sunday, November 24th- On the 24th, we will hold our annual budget meeting to vote on the 2025 Ministry Support Plan immediately following worship. We will also vote on new Congregation Council members.

Be a Part of Holy Trinity's Future – Council Members Needed There are two vacancies for Congregation Council members to serve the next three years. This is your opportunity to serve God and Holy Trinity! No prior experience or special skills are needed. Please contact Pastor Brommer or the church office (717-533-2467) to volunteer or for more information.

Blood Pressure screenings will be offered TODAY Sunday, November 3rd! Holy Trinity will offer blood pressure screenings the first Sunday of every month in the front of the sanctuary after the worship service.

The third HTY Night is TONIGHT from 5 - 7:30pm!! HTY is for anyone in grades 6 - 12. At HTY, it's all about faith, fun, and fellowship. Be there TONIGHT for wacky games, group building activities, pizza together, an interactive lesson, and much more. Please bring a snack to share! Please bring a friend or two! Snacks are always needed, and friends are always welcome. As usual, dinner WILL be provided. Spread the word and invite those friends. See you at HTY TONIGHT!!

Holy Trinity's **Altar Guild** will meet on Sunday, November 10, 2024, at 9am in the Music Director's Office (across the hall from room #15). All are welcome to attend as the guild plans for the upcoming winter season and Christmas.

Bible Art Journaling will be offered on Sunday, Sunday, November 10th at 6-7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Calling All Families!! Come out to the Family Fellowship Bowling Event on Sunday, November 17th at Palmyra Bowling from 3 - 5pm. We will bowl two games, and the cost is only \$10 per person (PLEASE bring exact cash change). We will meet at the bowling alley at 3pm. This event will be awesome! It's all about fun and fellowship with one another. Feel free to bring friends!

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