

Give
Thanks
TO THE
Lord

November 23-24, 2024



Trinity Lutheran Church

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Christ the King Sunday

November 23, 2024 - 5:00 p.m.

November 24, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

We have come to this final weekend of the Church Year, "Christ the King." Next weekend Advent begins. In between is the National Holiday of Thanksgiving. Our Creator God know what we need, giving us unconditional love. There is one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus our only King, Redeemer and Liberator. The Holy Spirit calls us through the Gospel, empowering us to give thanks for all God has given us.

Welcome to Trinity! We are glad you're here. If you are new to Trinity Lutheran, please complete an informational card which can be found in the pews.

We love having small children in worship! Those needing a space to change or feed little ones are welcome to use the **Child Care Room** located next to the nursery. A **unstaffed nursery** is available during the **9:00 and 10:30 services**, located on the 2nd floor just outside the north sanctuary door (door under the stained glass window door).

Toddler Sunday School:

Every 1st and 3rd Sunday from 9:15-10:15am parents are invited to join their 0-2 year old for a time of free play, activities, and Bible stories in the nursery.

Seating for People with Limited Mobility is reserved in the pew located in front of the Technical booth.

Large print bulletins and listening devices are available from the ushers.

Activity Bags are available for children during worship. They are located in the narthex and at the front of the church. Please return them at the end of services.

Serving in Worship This Weekend

Pastor Pastor Dan Gerrietts
Pastor Daniel Hanson

Guest Preacher
Dr. Norma Cook Everist

Organist Teresa Jacobson

Cantor Linda Hunt

Greeters Gary and Vicki Wattnem

Coffee Fellowship
Penny Bennett
Dennis and Anna Marie Wilson

Scripture Readers
5:00 p.m. Sally Becker
9:00 a.m. Kirk Hardcastle

Acolytes
Ginny Lindsay, Kelsey Morud

Technical Support
9:00 a.m. Lucas and Colleen Frein

Worship Transportation
9:00 a.m. Randy Elsbernd, Kirk Hardcastle

Ushers
5:00 p.m. The Suntken Family
9:00 a.m. Phil Lee, Craig Miller
Tony Siemos
Burton TeKippe

Custodian
Dave Smith

Our Mission *We are called to share God's healing love through Christ's forgiveness and our personal servanthood.*

GATHERING

Prelude

Praise the Lord
Clappers Bell Choir

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our refuge,
our delight,
our beginning and our end.

C Amen.

P Let us come in truth before the one who loves us
and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

**C we confess that sin has taken hold of us
and we are complicit in its power.**

We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.

Unbind us and set us free.

**Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,
that we may live just and generous lives
for the good of your world
and the care of our neighbors,
following in the servant way of Jesus.**

Amen.

P These words are trustworthy and true:
Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross,
swallowing up death forever.
For his sake, you are † forgiven
and God remembers your sin no more.
Let your heart be glad again,
and rejoice in your salvation.

C Amen.

***Gathering Hymn**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ELW 834

*Greeting

P Welcome in the name of Christ.
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you.

C And also with you.


*Kyrie

Marty Haugen


Assistant: In peace, in peace,

Refrain

Assistant: *Congregation:*



Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have




mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

to Verses

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)


Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant:



Help, save and de - fend us, O

Congregation:



God. A - men.

*Thanks Be To You

Marty Haugen

Congregation:

1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:
2. From of old you loved and sought us:

Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice

weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for ev - er!

Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your
love, re - mem - b'ring your cov-e-nant of
life with us. 3. Praise to you, O
God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for ev - er!
Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for
ev - er! Thanks be to you for ev - er!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Thanks Be To You" by Marty Haugen. It is written for a congregation in 4/4 time, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The score consists of ten staves of music. The lyrics are arranged in two columns, with the first column containing the first two verses and the second column containing the remaining verses. The music is written in a simple, accessible style, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and dotted notes. The lyrics are: "1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: 2. From of old you loved and sought us: Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er! you have taught us: Thanks be to you for ev - er! Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re - mem - b'ring your cov-e-nant of life with us. 3. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er! Thanks be to you for ev - er!"

***Prayer of the Day**

P Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Children's Sermon^(9:00)

Psalm 93 *(Read Responsively)*

L ¹The LORD is king, robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

**C ²Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;
you are from everlasting.**

L ³The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

**C ⁴Mightier than the sound of many waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.**

L ⁵Your testimonies are very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and forevermore.

Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

L ¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time.⁷ For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

Marty Haugen

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the sixth chapter.

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

*Gospel: Matthew 6:25-33

P [Jesus said,] ²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Dr. Norma Cook Everist

Hymn of the Day

Now Thank We All Our God

ELW 840

***Apostles' Creed**

C 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**

P Merciful God.

C Receive our prayer.

***Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THANKSGIVING

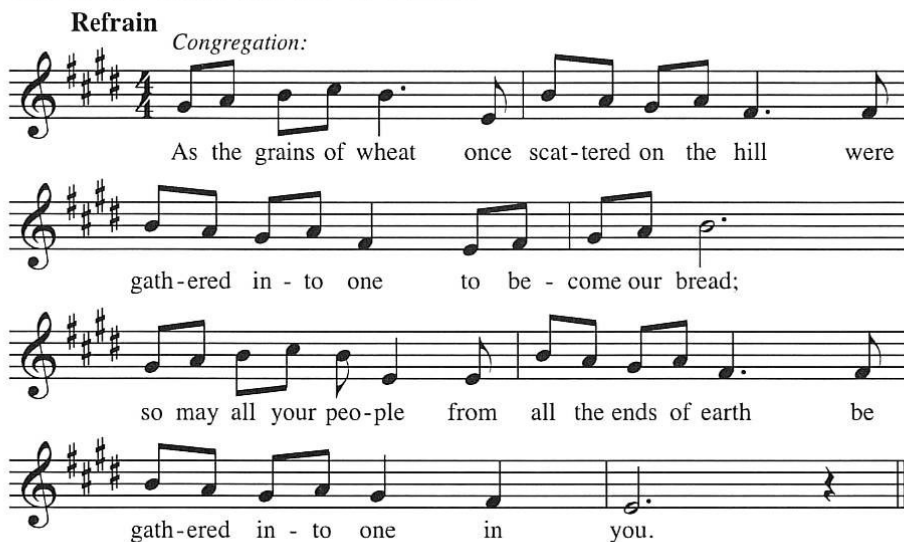
Announcements

Offering

Text to Give is available at Trinity!
Simply text the amount you wish to give to 833-412-0093.
Or scan the QR code with your smartphone.
Please note where your gifts should be directed towards.

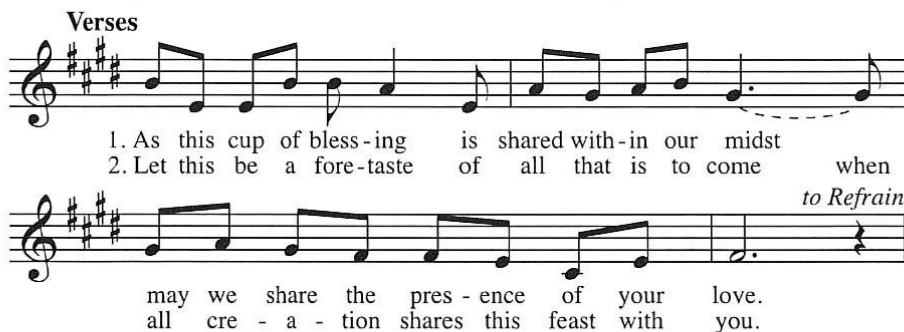


Refrain *Congregation:*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be
gath-ered in - to one in you.

Verses



1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when
may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

***Offering Prayer**

- P Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground.
Receive these simple gifts and make us messengers of your mercy and love
for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior.
- C Amen.

***Lord's Prayer**

C 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.

SENDING

***Blessing**

P May the God who was,
who is and
who is to come,
✠ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

***Sending Hymn**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

Vs 1, 3, 5

***Sending**

P Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are in honor of *Jeff and Megan Judisch's 12th Wedding Anniversary.*

The **cover art for the bulletin** is given for our many blessings, given by **Harlan and Marge Baack.**

Thank you to Dr. Norma Cook Everist for preaching at all services this weekend.

Holy Baptism

Today we celebrate the baptism (10:30) of *Dakota Manuel William Matton.* Dakota is the son of Randy Matton and Anna Floer. Dakota's sponsors are Trey and Alicia Cavanaugh, JJ Matton, Katherine Matton and Hanna Smith. Join us in giving thanks to God as we welcome Dakota to the Body of Christ and the mission we share!

Milwaukee Youth Trip Meeting

Parents and youth 8th-12th grade. Join us for a meeting about our trip to Milwaukee, WI this summer! We will gather at 11:45 am in the Fellowship time for conversation and trip form pick up. We will also have information available about some upcoming fundraisers.

Annual Christmas Tea

Thursday, December 5 | 1:30 PM / Fellowship Hall

The Annual Trinity Christmas Tea will feature speaker Betty Jean Kauffman and her Norwegian Forest Cats for a time of fellowship and learning about the breed. Offerings will go to the Northern Lights Alliance, Women and Children Shelter "New Beginnings House of Hope". Friends welcome! To learn more visit www.vikingtails.com.

Annual Christmas Cantata—*Blessed Mother*

Saturday, December 7 | 5:00 PM

This time of year can overflow with the busy-ness of preparing for Christmas. It can be difficult to pause and reflect on preparing our hearts to both celebrate and appreciate the wonderful circumstances of God's coming to earth as one of us.

Join the Trinity Choir and Friends for an evening of verse and song honoring the story of Mary, his humble mother. From prophecy to fulfillment, she delivered the greatest gift the world has ever received, her son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Sunday School Christmas Program

Sunday, December 8 | 10:30 AM / Sanctuary

December 8, 2024 is the Sunday School Christmas Program, a very special event for all ages, featuring Sunday School students and the Santa Lucia processional.

Christmas Sing-Along

Sunday, December 8 | 5:00 - 7:00 PM / Fat Hill Brewing

Join us for a sing-along at Fat Hill Brewing! Please bring an appetizer to share. ***Please Note:*** *This is an adult event.*

There is **NO** Wednesday Night Alive on November 27.

On Wednesday—Dec. 4

Advent Meal

Will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Holden Evening Advent Service

Will begin at 6:30 p.m.

A beautiful service of music, light, and prayer celebrating the wonder of Advent.

Youth Advent Brunch Fundraiser

Sunday, December 15, |

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM / Fellowship Hall

Join us on December 15th for a youth fundraiser brunch! We will have both sweet and savory breakfast casserole, fruit, cinnamon rolls, and more! We will be collecting free will donations. Brunch will be served from 9:30-11:00 am on Sunday morning.

Middle School Christmas Party

Sunday, December 15, | 2-4:00 PM

Fellowship Hall

All 5-8th graders are invited to a Christmas party on Sunday, Dec 15 from 2-4pm. We will have some holiday fun including a gift exchange, so please bring a wrapped gift valued \$10 or less.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, November 25

9:00 a.m. Lectio divina (Rm. 322)
9:00 a.m. Quilt Workshop (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 p.m. Trinity Bronze Bell Choir
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, November 26

8-9:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)
9:30 a.m. Caregivers Support Group (Rm. 300)
6:30 p.m. Council Meeting (Rm. 300)

Wednesday, November 27

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
4:00 p.m. Trinity Serving at Community Kitchen

Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29

The Church Office and Building will be closed.

Wishing you a blessed Thanksgiving.

*First Sunday of Advent
Holy Communion Celebrated*

Saturday, November 30

5:00 p.m. Worship Service

Sunday, December 1

First Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion Celebrated

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

NO Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Giving Tree

The Ministries Committee is once again sponsoring the Salvation Army Angel Tag and YSS North Iowa Giving Tree. The Giving Tree will be located near the East entrance beginning November 20. Please have all items returned to the church by **Thursday, December 12**. The tags will indicate on the back whether to wrap the gift or leave it unwrapped. Thank you for all of your support for this opportunity to brighten a child's life.