

Sunday, November 19th, 2023
Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

Welcome & Announcements

*Opening Hymn

"Seek Ye First"

WOV 783

1. Seek ye...first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.
2. Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find; knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.
3. We do not live by bread alone, but by ev'ry word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia.

*Greeting

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

*Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray together,

C: Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth 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. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, 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, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Psalms 90:1-8 (read by half verse. Psalms can be found after pg. 338 and before the hymns.)

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

*Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the

five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Children's Sermon

Pastor Brad

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*Hymn of the Day:

"Day by Day"

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1. Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me, bringing comfort to my anxious soul. Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me draw nearer to my heav'nly goal. Love divine, beyond all mortal measure, brings to naught the burdens of my quest; Savior, lead me to the home I treasure, where at last I'll find eternal rest.
2. Day by day, I know you will provide me strength to serve and wisdom to obey; I will seek your loving will to guide me o'er the paths I struggle day by day. I will fear no evil of the morrow, I will trust in your enduring grace. Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow till in glory I behold your face.
3. Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my burdens grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no matter what betide me, you will hold me ever in your hand. Savior, with your presence here to guide me, I will reach at last the promised land.

*The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

*The Prayers: Each petition ends with: P: Lord, in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.

*The Peace:

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

We invite you to share the peace in the manner you are most comfortable with. Please respect others during this time, knowing that someone may not be comfortable sharing the peace with you in the same manner.

Offering

*Offertory Hymn:

"Blessed Assurance"

WOV 699

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long: this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long: this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long: this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

*Offertory Prayer:

P: Let us pray, Merciful Father, C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us- ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Words of Institution

*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.

Distribution of Communion

Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer

*Benediction and Sending

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon your with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen. P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

*Closing Hymn

"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

WOV 780

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms. Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.
2. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms; I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Thanksgiving is TONIGHT, Sunday, November 19th at United Methodist Church in Boyceville at 6pm

No Confirmation or Worship on Wednesday, November 22nd

Please stay and help with decorating the church for Christmas on November 26th after worship

The Annual Mitten Tree is up and ready for donations. Items should be for winter weather, gently used, clean, or new. Put your donated items in the Mission Box at Church and we will decorate the Mitten Tree with them. Donations collected will be given to area schools, the *Coat Closet*, and where needed. Items needed are: Caps, Coats, Boots, Scarves, Gloves and Snowpants. Thank you!

Women of Trinity Winter Gathering will be Saturday, December 2nd @ 9am. Please join us for brunch, meeting and entertainment. See the sign up sheet in Narthex.

Calling all Sunday School families . . . Christmas Program practice will be December 3rd and December 10th during Sunday School. Please have your child(ren) there for both practices, if possible, since we have limited time together. We look forward to having lots of families join us for practice and the program on December 17th!

Serving Our Lord and Church

Pastor: Bradley K. Peterson

Parish Manager: Andrea McVeigh

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Ministers: All Baptized Believers

Ushers: Ron Peshaw, Loren Kothrade, Ted Litzkow

Altar Guild: Kim Guy & Joy Evenson

Fellowship: Ainsley Roemhild & Aubrie Humpal

Schedule For The Week of Nov 19-26

Sunday	9:00am	Worship w/Holy communion
	9:45am	Sunday School
Monday	10:00am	Bible Study
Tuesday	9:00am	Quilting
Sunday	9:00am	Worship Service

Our Prayer Concerns

Carol Erickson
Leona Steies
Jennifer Marlett
Ranee Mayer
Willard Tronrud
Jeanna Hollister

Saul Hedlund
Kaleb Humpal
Brad Stevens
Ted Erickson
Tom Lohfink
Ashley Behling

Gary Gilbertson
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Beverly Thompson
Gaylan Nerison
Brian Moll

Dick Clack
Shannon Bauer
Shirley Middlestadt
Lynda Swenson
Lynda Bird
Jessica Larson

Weekly Devotions

Sunday:	Colossians 2:1-5	Monday:	Colossians 2:6-15	Tuesday:	Colossians 2:16-19
Wednesday:	Colossians 2:20-23	Thursday:	Colossians 3:1-4	Friday:	Colossians 3:5-11
Saturday:	Colossians 3:12-17	Sunday:	Colossians 3:18-4:1		

Trinity Lutheran Church exists to support its members in proclaiming the Word of God so that all may know the peace, joy, and fulfillment that comes through Jesus Christ

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