

Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost

November 16, 2025



PRELUDE

WELCOME STATEMENT

PROCESSIONAL

“Canticle of the Turning”

ELW 723

GREETING

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God, you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.

Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you,
† in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING*Malachi 4:1-2a*

Malachi, whose name means "my messenger," warns that "the day is coming." On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the "sun of righteousness" will shine on those who honor God.

A reading from Malachi.

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM RESPONSE*Psalm 98*

Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

**O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
who comes to judge the earth.**

The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

NEW TESTAMENT READING*2 Thessalonians 3:6-13*

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

A reading from Second Thessalonians.

Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

(The Assembly stands.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"**

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GOSPEL READING*Luke 21:5-19*

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

The gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

ELW 596

PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES’ CREED

With the whole church, let us affirm our faith through the words of the 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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each prayer petition, please respond: ...Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

... We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

OFFERING/OFFERING HYMN

“Woke Up This Mornin’”

OFFERING PRAYER

God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these, your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. Amen.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE**

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.**

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.....to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Modern Version

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as our Savior taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All who wish to know the love of God in Jesus Christ are invited to Holy Communion. Inform a communion assistant if you need a gluten-free host. Grape juice is located in the center ring of the tray. If you are not receiving the sacrament today, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest for a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN

“In Christ Alone”

Keith Getty

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave he rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of god in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ’s name.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you ☩ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart, now and forever.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL

“Soon and Very Soon”

ELW 439

SENDING

Our Eucharist has ended.

Now it must be lived.

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“My Redeemer Lives”

Reuben Morgan

Verse 1

I know He rescued my soul
His blood has covered my sin
I believe I believe
My shame He’s taken away
My pain is healed in His name
I believe I believe

Chorus 1

My Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives

Bridge

You lift my burdens
I’ll rise with You
I’m dancing on this mountaintop
To see Your kingdom come

Pre-Chorus

I’ll raise a banner
‘Cause my Lord has conquered the grave

*****Trinity at a Glance*****

- During October, **our Sunday Session students put their faith into action** by assembling solar-powered light kits for children overseas who live in communities without electricity. These lights will help students study and do their schoolwork after dark. This is a small gift that will make a huge difference. We are grateful to Thrivent for providing the light kits through the generosity of their customers, and to church members who made this project possible through their support and service. We are grateful to get to help our young friends share God's light, both near and far!
- **By the grace of God, we did it!** 700+ cans of pumpkin pie mix were collected for the Community Food Basket by members and friends of Trinity Lutheran Church. So many of our neighbors are sure to have a happy Thanksgiving this year. Your ambitious efforts have made a positive impact in our local community. Thank you for so generously shining your light, Trinity.
- **It is with heartfelt gratitude that we announce the addition of Marv Graunke's name to Trinity's memorial plaque**, commemorating his enduring faith and generous spirit. We celebrate the countless ways his life illuminated our church family and lift our praise to God for this faithful and beloved saint.
- TLC is looking for volunteers to **help decorate the Sanctuary for the holidays. Decorating will start November 23rd.** A sign up sheet is in Java Junction.
- **Order Your Poinsettias today!** Each year the church is decorated for Christmas with beautiful poinsettias and it's time to start thinking about ordering. If you would like to order a poinsettia (or two or three), a sign-up sheet can be found in Java Junction. You may also place your order by calling or emailing the church office. Dedications made "From", "In honor of" or "In memory of" will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin. You may take your poinsettia home following the Christmas Day worship service. **Deadline for sign up is Sunday, November 23rd.**
- **Join Humankind Initiative** for a Friendsgiving Potluck on **November 23rd 1 pm.** Enjoy a free meal in a friendly setting, and then enjoy some board games and help them decorate trees! The center is located at 1660 N 2501st Rd, Ottawa. Use the following link to sign up and register:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeWj6xz2NwqTykAjhsv8qrZoZQjqqwI1OtX-4ELDScTiQMogw/viewform?pli=1>
- **Lectors Needed!** Please consider signing up to be a worship lector. This is the person who does the readings and the prayer petitions. Those who have done this in the past and new readers are all welcome to sign up for this very worthwhile and fulfilling ministry. Diane emails the readings and prayers four to five days in advance. **Sign-up is in the worship assistants' binder** in the Java Junction area, or call the church office 815-434-0596. Contact Pastor Phil if you have any questions.
- **Interested in getting more involved at Trinity Lutheran?** We have openings on Committees, Council & more! Contact Carol Wahlstrom 815-488-0321 / carolwahlstrom@gmail.com.
- **The Rotary is collecting books and toys for the Salvation Army.** The deadline is **Friday, November 27th.** Please bring items to church. There will be a collection box set out.
- The **Fifth Sunday Meal** will be hosted at Open Table on **November 30th.**
- **December 2nd, Givebutter** (Trinity's donation platform), **will match 1% of every dollar raised** and stored in Givebutter Wallet. Funds held in TLC's Givebutter Wallet earn 2.5% APY rewards every month, so our donations keep growing. To support Trinity Lutheran Church through Givebutter use your phone's camera to scan the QR code or visit <https://givebutter.com/trinity-lutheran-church-ottawa>.



- Come see **The Prairie Singers, 38th Annual Free Christmas Concert Series "Comfort and Joy"**
Dec 2, 6:30 pm Prairie Creek Public Library, Dwight IL (Reservations Required but Free of Charge. Call 815-584-3061)
Dec 6, 7 pm United Methodist Church, Morris IL
Dec 7, 2 pm St. Patrick Catholic Church, Seneca IL
Dec 14, 2 pm St. Columba Catholic Church, Ottawa IL
- **Trinity Evangelical Church in Marseilles will once again be sponsoring a cookie drive.** Cookies will be packaged and distributed to patients of local nursing homes, Veterans home, the Youth Detention Home, Under His Wings, Servant's Heart, Lamb's Fold and other charitable organizations. They will need approximately **6,000 to 10,000 cookies**. Please put the number of cookies on the outside of your package. As in the past, they are looking for assistance in providing cookies and packing them. **Cookies can be delivered to the church on Sunday, November 30th, or brought the day of cookie packing.** Church office: 815-343-5537. **December 3rd 10 am, will be counting and packing day.** They are looking for volunteers to help count and pack. Please note: cookies can NOT contain nuts or fruits. Thank you for helping!
- The next **blood drive** at TLC will be on **December 17th**.
- **The 2026 calendars have arrived!** (\$20). Marj Nelson 815-973-1286 and Kate Reed 815-830-2061 have copies available in Java Junction and in the church office. **Profits go to the Growing Project.**
- Many people in Jamaica and Haiti have been severely impacted by Hurricane Helene. You can give immediate help by giving to Lutheran Disaster Response. At give.ELCA.org/hurricanes, just type in "Lutheran Disaster Response" and select Hurricane Helene and make a contribution. Or send a check to: Lutheran Disaster Response, ELCA Gift Processing Center, PO Box 1809, Merrifield VA 22116-8009.
- **CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:**
 - Oct Income = \$15,391.44 (Income YTD = \$193,397.64)
 - Oct Expense = \$18,617.14 (Expense YTD = \$200,114.72)
 - Income Less Expense = -\$3,225.70 (Income Less Expense YTD = -\$6,717.08)
 - Loan Payment = \$2,943.30
 - Principal Payment = \$1,000.00
 - Left On Loan = \$6,268.13

● **THIS WEEK @ TRINITY:**

- **Monday (11/17):** 10a Staff meeting
10a Drum Fit (Community Room)
- **Tuesday (11/18):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
4:30p Property Committee (Conference Room)
6:30p TRMS Board (Community Room)
- **Wednesday (11/19)** 1p Bible Study (Community Room)
6:30p Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- **Thursday (11/20):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
1p Trinity Stitchers (Sewing Room)
7p Church Council (Java Junction)
- **Friday (11/21):** 7a Sunrise Rotary
- **Saturday (11/22):** *National Adoption Day* 
- **Sunday (11/23)** 9a Affirmation Class
9a Sunday Session
10a Holy Communion & Charlotte Clemens' Baptism
11a Decorate Sanctuary for Holidays
1p Humankind Initiative Potluck

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE -

Please sign up using the binder at the back of the aisle.

Sunday, November 16, 2025

Crucifer/Acolyte: *Reagan Duffield*

Ushers:

Lector: *Shannon Matteson*

Communion Assistants: *Ann Enke, Shannon & Mike Matteson*

Altar Guild: *Jan Beckman & Sally Mathis*

Video Tech:

Music Directors: *Matt Makeever & Mary Heider*

Altar Flowers: *In honor of Matthew Constantine from Jan Beckman*

&

In memory of Grant Youngstrum from Terry & Paul Youngstrum

Sunday, November 23, 2025

Crucifer/Acolyte: *Pearl Manning*

Ushers:

Lector: *Griffin Youngstrum*

Communion Assistants: *Jane Goetz*

Altar Guild: *Linda Scott & Katrina Bromann*

Video Tech:

Music Directors: *Matt Makeever & Mary Heider*

Altar Flowers: *In memory of Connie Fultz from Laura, Griffin, & Clifton Youngstrum*