

Christ the King
November 23, 2025



PRELUDE

WELCOME STATEMENT

TEMPLE TALK _____ Peisker Butterfly Garden _____ Alex Reed

PROCESSIONAL _____ "Crown Him with Many Crowns" _____ ELW 855

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, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING*Jeremiah 23:1-6*

Today's reading builds on the common, ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, God will rise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.

A reading from Jeremiah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

**“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Colossians 1:11-20

An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.

A reading from Colossians.

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

(The Assembly stands.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Halle. Halle. Hallelujah”

ELW 172

GOSPEL READING

Luke 23:33-43

Anid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.

The gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Phillip Potaczek

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Beautiful Savior”

ELW 838

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM: PRESENTATION

(Candidate for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the minister at the font)

God, who is rich in mercy and love... We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

SPONSORS: I present Charlotte Marie for baptism.

Parents, called by the Holy Spirit... People of God, do you promise to support Charlotte and pray for her in her new life with Christ? If so, please say ‘We do.’

We do

(The Assembly Stands)

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you all to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God? If so, please say 'I renounce them.'

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God, the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, holy God....through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

BAPTISM

Charlotte Marie, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Blessed be God, **the source of all life, the work of salvation, the spirit of mercy. You belong to Christ forever, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia!**

Let us pray...

We give you thanks, O God,...both now and forever.

Amen.

Charlotte Marie, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

WELCOME

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

(Applause!)

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

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

OFFERING / OFFERING HYMN

"Borning Cry"

ELW 732

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

ELW 473

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

“Be My Home”

Handt Hanson

Be my Savior
Be my heart's delight
Be my vision
Be my guiding light
Storms may press against me threaten to prevail
Be my refuge
Be my shelter from the storm
Be my love that keeps me warm
Be my Savior be my light
Be my home

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Direct segue into:

“Jesus Remember Me”

ELW 616

Jesus remember me
when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus remember me
when you come into your kingdom.

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

“King of Glory”

Willard F. Jabusch

Chorus

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

Sing then of David's son, our Savior and brother;
In all of Galilee was never another.
(Chorus)

Who is the King of glory; What shall we call him?
He is Immanuel, the promised of ages.
(Chorus)

He gave his life for us, the pledge of salvation;
He took upon himself the sins of the nation.
(Chorus)

In all of Galilee, in city or village,
He goes among his people, curing their illness.
(Chorus)

He conquered sin and death; he truly has risen.
And he will share with us his heavenly vision.
(Chorus)

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SENDING

Our Eucharist has ended.

Now it must be lived.

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Baptized”

Jay Beech

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

- **Help us decorate the Sanctuary for the holidays! Decorating will start today, November 23rd after Service.**
- **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 today, Sunday, November 23rd.**
- **Join Humankind Initiative** for a Friendsgiving Potluck is today, **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/1FAIpOLSeWj6xz2NwqTykAjhsv8qrZoZQjqqwI1OtX-4ELDScTiQMogw/viewform?pli=1>
- As the holiday season approaches, we want to ensure that all families in our congregation have the support they need. **If you or your family are facing challenges this season**, please out to Pastor Phil Potaczek or our parish nurse, Carol Wahlstrom. Our Mission and Outreach committees have resources available and are ready to help where possible. You are not alone. Let's walk through this season together!
- **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.
- Speaking of the Sunrise Rotary Club...
Trinity extends its gratitude to the Sunrise Rotary club for their GENEROUS donation of a new oven / stove to our Fellowship Hall kitchen. Their generosity ensures that cherished community events like the German Dinner, Lenten soup suppers, and Easter brunch may continue for many more years to come.
- The **Fifth Sunday Meal** will be hosted at Open Table on **November 30th** at Noon.
- **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>.



- **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!

- 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
- **Join us at the Wonder of Winter Gala, Saturday December 6, 7-9 pm.** It will be held at Prairie Fox Books, 719 LaSalle St, Ottawa. Tickets are \$50 per person, \$80 per couple. 21 & older only. There will be live music, an auction, hors d'oeuvres, desserts, & beverages. Wear festive attire! Thank you for supporting Trinity Rose Montessori School! Tickets are available at the Church Office.
- **Star Tree 2025!** Can you help make the Christmas season brighter for our community's kids? **Be a Star Tree Sponsor of a Youth Service Bureau young person.** Gift bags with wish lists attached can be found in the Java Junction area. On the sheet located on the kiosk, please sign your name next to the number found on the gift bag you are taking. **Return the gifts, UNWRAPPED, with the list attached, no later than Sunday, December 7th.** You may wish to go together on a bag with friends or other family members. Thank you so much for spreading the love of the season.

Here's another opportunity to share - the tree in Java Junction will be the collection point for **hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, and socks to help out those in need.** All child/youth/adult sizes are accepted. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

-Mission/Outreach Team

- 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.
- **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.
- **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.

● **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 (11/24):** 10a Staff meeting
10a Drum Fit (Community Room)
- **Tuesday (11/25):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
- **Wednesday (11/26)** *Office Closed*
No Bible Study
No Choir Rehearsal
- **Thursday (11/27):** *Thanksgiving Day*
Office Closed
No Sit Fit
No Trinity Stitchers
- **Friday (11/28):** *No Sunrise Rotary*
- **Saturday (11/29):** *National Square Dancing Day!*  
- **Sunday (11/30)** First Day of Advent
No Affirmation Class
No Sunday Session
10a Holy Communion
12p 5th Sunday Meal at Open Table

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE -

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

<p><u>Sunday, November 23, 2025</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: <i>Pearl Manning</i> Ushers: Lector: <i>Griffin Youngstrum</i> Communion Assistants: <i>Jane Goetz</i> Altar Guild: <i>Linda Scott & Katrina Bromann</i> Video Tech: Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i> Altar Flowers: <i>In memory of Connie Fultz from Laura, Griffin, & Clifton Youngstrum</i></p>	<p><u>Sunday, November 30, 2025</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: <i>Volunteer</i> Ushers: Lector: <i>Beth Schuett</i> Communion Assistants: <i>Beth Schuett</i> Altar Guild: <i>Ann Enke & Kari Castelli</i> Advent Wreath Lighters: <i>The Reed Family</i> Video Tech: Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i> Altar Flowers: <i>In memory of Richard Scott Sr. & Zelpha Scott Grobe from Rick & Linda Scott</i></p>
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