

Twenty-secondth Sunday After Pentecost

November 9, 2025



PRELUDE

WELCOME STATEMENT

PROCESSIONAL

“O Day Full of Grace”

ELW 627

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.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Thy Word”

Amy Grant & Michael Smith

Performed by Cecily Fitschen

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Job 19:23-27a*

*Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.*

A reading from Job.

“O that my words were written down!  
O that they were inscribed in a book!  
O that with an iron pen and with lead  
they were engraved on a rock forever!  
For I know that my vindicator lives  
and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;  
and after my skin has been destroyed,  
then in my flesh I shall see God,  
whom I shall see on my side,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

Holy wisdom, holy word.

**Thanks be to God.**

Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry;  
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

**Let my vindication come forth from your presence;**

**let your eyes be fixed on justice.**

Examine my heart, visit me by night,  
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

**I have not regarded what others do;**

**at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.**

My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path;  
and my feet do not slip.

**I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;**

**incline your ear to me and hear my words.**

Show me your marvelous lovingkindness,

O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise against them.

**Keep me as the apple of your eye;**

**hide me under the shadow of your wings,**

from the wicked who assault me,  
from my deadly enemies who surround me.

**NEW TESTAMENT READING****2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17**

*This portion of the letter provides encouragement for the church at Thessalonica during a time of confusion and opposition, as some allowed their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.*

A reading from Second Thessalonians.

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(The Assembly stands.)*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”**

**ELW 172**

**GOSPEL READING**

*Luke 20:27-38*

*Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.*

The gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Rev. Phillip Potaczek**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“I Know that My Redeemer Lives”**

**ELW 619**

**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

“Because He Lives (Amen)”

Chris Tomlin

I believe in the Son  
I believe in the Risen One  
I believe I overcome  
By the power of His blood

### Chorus

Amen Amen  
I'm alive I'm alive because He lives  
Amen amen  
Let my song join the one that never ends  
(Because He lives)

I was dead in the grave  
I was covered in sin and shame  
I heard mercy call my name  
He rolled the stone away  
(Chorus)

### Bridge

Because He lives I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone  
I know He holds my life  
My future in His hand  
(Chorus)

### Ending

Because He lives

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## 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

“Stand in the Congregation

Bill Batstone

### Verse 1

I will stand in the congregation  
And I will exalt You  
I will stand in the congregation  
And I will exalt You  
Let the children of Your salvation  
Lift their praises too  
Hallelujah

### Verse 2

I will stand in the congregation  
And I will praise Your name  
I will stand in the congregation  
And I will praise Your name  
With Your people in every nation  
I will shout this praise  
Hallelujah

### Verse 3

We will join as a congregation  
And we will exalt You  
We will join as a congregation  
And we will exalt You  
We will sing as all creation  
Lifts the song anew  
Hallelujah

### Bridge

Hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
Hallelujah  
Hallelujah

### Ending (2x)

Let the children of Your salvation  
Lift their praises too  
Hallelujah

## **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**

“Blessed Be Your Name”

Matt Redman

### **Verse 1**

Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name

### **Pre-Chorus**

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord  
Still I will say

### **Chorus**

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

### **Verse 2**

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name  
*(Pre-Chorus / Chorus)*

### **Bridge (Chorus)**

You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord blessed be Your name  
*(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.**

There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son  
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One

Jesus my Redeemer name above all names  
Precious Lamb of God Messiah O for sinners slain

**Chorus**

Thank You O my Father  
For giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit  
Till the work on earth is done

When I stand in glory I will see His face  
There I'll serve my King forever in that holy place  
(Chorus)

### **\*\*\*Trinity at a Glance\*\*\***

- **Open Table** will have a **free community lunch today (11/9) at Noon**. Open Table is located at 910 Columbus St. They will be serving ham, potato casserole, green beans, cranberry sauce and dessert.
- 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.
- **Wednesday November 12th 5-8pm is Culver's Night!** Support the Rotary by eating out that night! 10% of sales will be donated. Volunteers are also needed for 2 shifts: 6-7pm & 7-8pm. Contact Jane 815-343-7655 if you can help.
- **Thursday, November 13th at 7 pm**, come support our congregants, **Mary Heider, Suzannah Walter & Jeanie Ruhland**, as they sing at the Ottawa Center for the Arts in An Evening of Americana. \$10 suggested donation at the door.
- 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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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!
- 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.**
- **The loss of help through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and other events have severely impacted people in our world.** Millions are struggling to stay alive from starvation, the loss of available medical treatment, and more. Please help with monetary gifts. You can designate your donation on your offering envelope or through one of these websites: Lutheran Disaster Response [disaster@ELCA.org](mailto:disaster@ELCA.org) , Lutheran World Relief [give.lwr.org](http://give.lwr.org) , and ELCA World Hunger [elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/elca-world-hunger](http://elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/elca-world-hunger)
- **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 (11/10):** 10a Staff meeting  
10a Drum Fit (Community Room)  
11:30a Marketing Committee (Church Office)
- **Tuesday (11/11):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)  
7p Finance Committee (Board Room)  
*Veterans' Day*
- **Wednesday (11/12)** 1p Bible Study (Community Room)  
6:30p Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
*Support the Rotary! Eat at Culver's tonight!*
- **Thursday (11/13):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)  
1p Trinity Stitchers (Sewing Room)
- **Friday (11/14):** 7a Sunrise Rotary
- **Saturday (11/15):** *National Recycling Day* 
- **Sunday (11/16)** 9a Affirmation Class  
9a Sunday Session  
10a Holy Communion

**WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE -**

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

**Sunday, November 9, 2025**

Crucifer/Acolyte: *Anna Reed*  
Ushers:  
Lector: *Ellen Gross*  
Communion Assistants: *Ellen Gross, Brad Gromm, & Sue Williamson*  
Altar Guild: *Cindy & Jay Komater*  
Video Tech:  
Music Directors: *Matt Makeever & Mary Heider*  
Altar Flowers:

**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*