# *November 22, 2020*

Last Sunday of the Church Year



We are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. Psalm 95:7b Tríníty Evangelícal Lutheran Church

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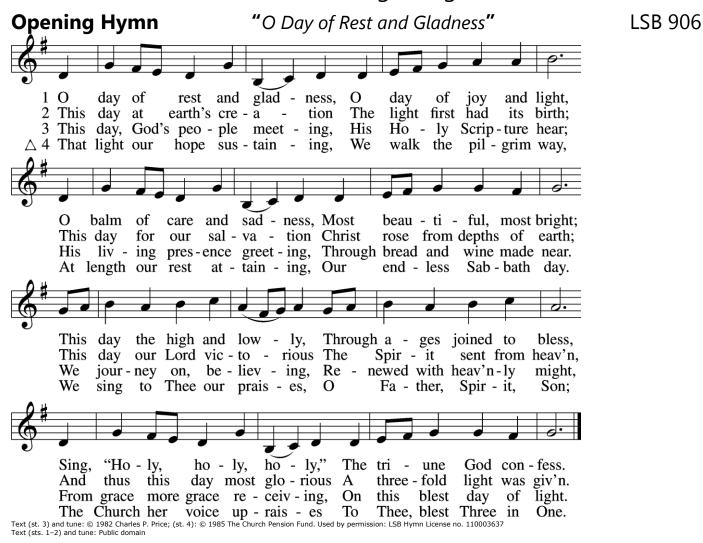
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Our mission is sharing the saving love of Jesus



# **DIVINE SETTING 4**

Praise the Lord - - in the Beginning, Middle and End



# **Confession and Absolution**

P In the name of the Father and of the 🕂 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

#### **G** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

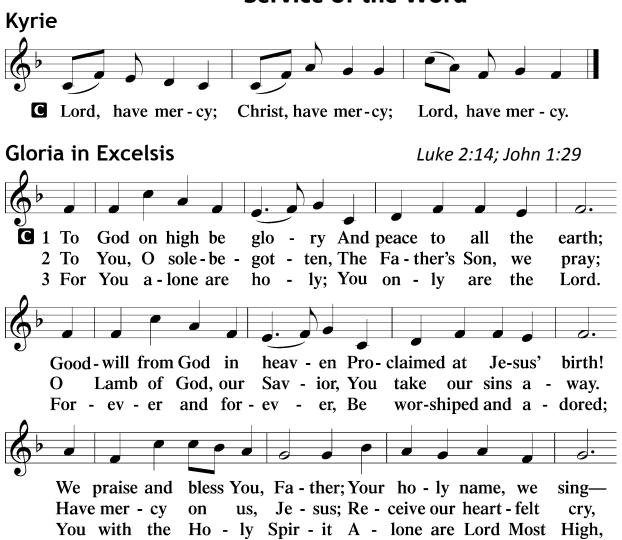
#### **G** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

# C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the 
→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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C Amen.
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## Service of the Word



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high— In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray together the Collect of the Day.
- C Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### Old Testament Reading:

#### Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

<sup>11</sup>"For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . . <sup>20</sup>"Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup>I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken."

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

## **Epistle Reading**

*1 Corinthians 15:20–28* 

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<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.<sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup>For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. <sup>28</sup>When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

## $\Box$ Al - le - lu - ia, al le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia. -**C** These things are writ-ten that may be - lieve you

the Christ,

#### Alleluia and Verse

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. le-lu - ia. al al - le-lu - ia.

the

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

## **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

Je - sus

is

## Holy Gospel

#### Matthew 25:31–46

of God.

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup>Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the King will say to

Son

those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.<sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup>And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' <sup>40</sup>And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' <sup>41</sup>"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?" <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

#### **Nicene Creed**

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**G** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

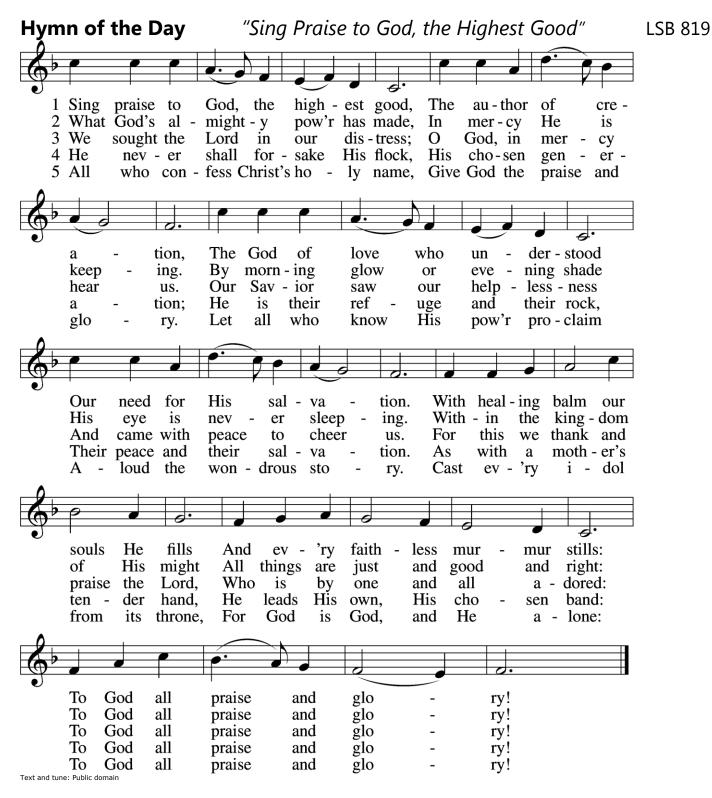
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

#### And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life 🕂 of the world to come. Amen.



#### **Prayer of the Church**

**Offering** (The offering plate and generic offering envelopes are available on the table in the narthex. For electronic giving, please see "Resources" tab at the top of the home page on Trinity's website - - www.trinityaubne.org)

## Service of the Sacrament

#### Guests and Members please read—What we believe about the Sacrament of the Altar

LORD'S SUPPER: God's Word teaches the Real Presence of Christ's body and blood invisibly in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. We take seriously the spiritual care of those who commune at our altar. The Word of God states that no one offend against Christ and His Word by denying His true presence and its promise and seal of forgiveness. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (see 1 Cor. 11:27-29) and because Holy Communion is a confession of what is taught and believed at this altar (1 Cor. 11:26), any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession (beliefs) differing from that of this congregation (that is, belong to another church body or denomination) and yet desire to receive the sacrament, will want to first speak with the pastor before communing. As a courtesy, guests from sister congregations of The LCMS or from congregations of the American Association of Lutheran Churches (AALC) are also asked to introduce themselves to the pastor before communing.

#### Other communion information:

- **Baptismal blessing:** If you are **not** a communicant member of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) or The American Association of Lutheran Churches (AALC) (*that is, one who has been instructed in the faith, confirmed and is currently in good standing*) but have been baptized, we invite you to come forward during Communion to receive a Baptismal blessing from the pastor. We simply ask you to indicate such by crossing your arms over your chest as you kneel/stand at the Communion rail.
- **Communion in the pews:** If you are unable to walk to the communion rail, please contact an elder so that communion may be brought to you in the pew.
- **Gluten-Free Communion wafers** are available during the Lord's Supper if you have a dietary intolerance to gluten, wheat, dairy, yeast, egg, soy, nut or corn. If you desire a gluten-free host during Communion, please notify Pastor or the head elder <u>before</u> the service and you will be served that in place of the regular communion wafer.
- For anyone who is not able to drink alcohol, near the middle of each tray, three individual cups will be located that have one drop of wine diluted with water. They will be recognized by their lighter color. If you have questions, please see pastor.

#### **Communion Statement**

Please read/review what we believe about the Sacrament of the Altar as printed in the bulletin. **In registering for communion today, I agree with the following statements.** 

- + I am a sinner by nature and by what I say, do, and think.
- + I am truly sorry for my sins—the ways that I have disobeyed God and hurt others.
- + **I want** the Holy Spirit to enable me to turn away from my sinful ways, to follow Jesus in faith more consistently and to grow in loving and forgiving others as the Lord has first loved and forgiven me.
- + I truly believe that Jesus is my Savior—the only One who can rescue me from the eternal punishment I deserve because of my sin.
- + I truly believe Jesus' words, "This is my body...This is my blood..."—that He is bodily present in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Sacrament giving Himself to me to eat and to drink to assure me that God fully forgives my sins.
- + I agree with what Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod believes, teaches and confesses.

## Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

#### **C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

#### **G** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

## **G** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



## Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life....

Hear us as we pray in His name as He has taught us:

### 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.

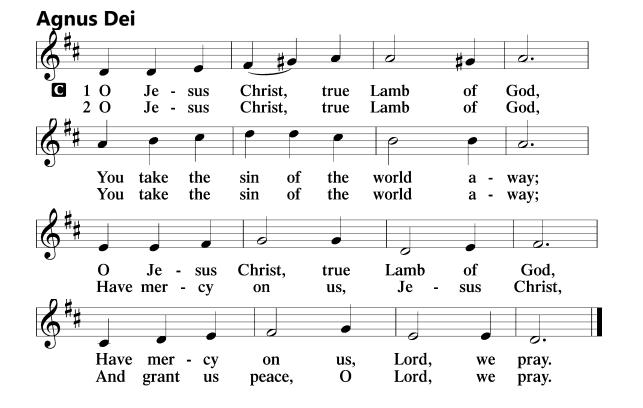
#### The Words of Our Lord

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My 
  → body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My 
  → blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.



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#### Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

#### Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

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#### Amen.

#### **Distribution Hymns**

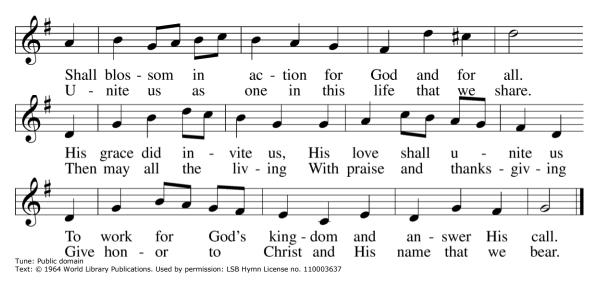
"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

near 1 Draw and take the bod - y of the Lord. 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields, 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere, θ drink blood And the ly for ho you out poured; be То all \_ liev - ers life e - ter - nal vields; the And take pledg - es of sal - va - tion here. 0 Of fered was He for great - est and for least. -With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole. 0 Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en dow -Him - self the vic - tim Him - self priest. and the Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst ing soul. As in Text and tune: Public domain this love You bless feast of us now.

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" LSB 892

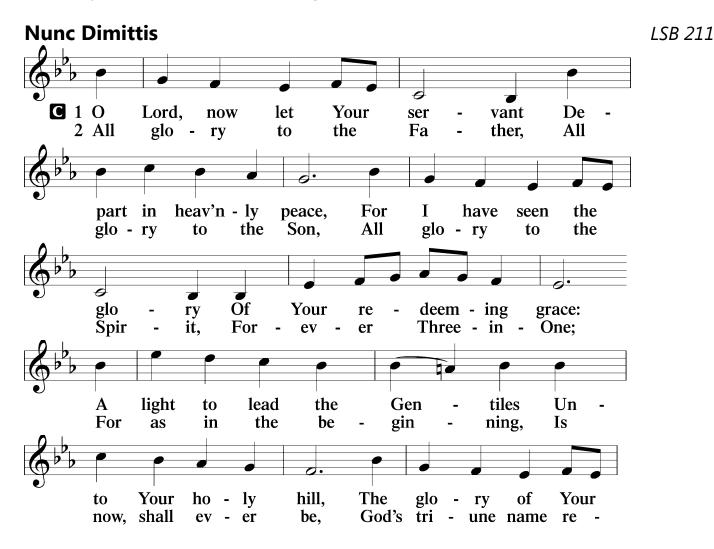
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home. 2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to His praise to yield; 3 For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His har-vest home, 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To Thy fi - nal har-vest home;





In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart 
→ in peace. C Amen.





#### **Post-Communion Collect**

A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

### **Benedicamus and Benediction**

A Let us bless the Lord.

#### **G** Thanks be to God.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

## C Amen.





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IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK, we pray to our merciful Heavenly Father for:

- Healing and strengthened faith in Christ for those who are ill: Bill Bomberger (friend of the Humphreys), Haley Burton (Julie Fritz's sister), Jack Humphrey, Jami Klingelhoefer (Pastor's cousin), Doug Kohlmeyer (Rev. Marcel Kohlmeyer's brother), Lora Kuhlmann (Marlene Dietrich's sister-in-law), Marjie Lewis (Elta Whitney's friend), Debbie Thilliander (sister of Becky Lueders, Sandy Wilson, and Eric Bohling), Tietjen Family (Vicki Ackerman's Uncle's family), and all those in special need.
- Seminary students we support or who have connections with our congregation: Rev. Tim Prince as he works on his doctoral dissertation and serves as a Pastor of a congregation in Wisconsin.
- Trinity Lutheran Preschool that the Lord will bless the staff at the preschool with all that they need as they care for the children and teach them about Jesus.
- Our college students Joshua Barker, Tyler Barker, Sydni Billesbach, Zachary Becker, Amelia Becker, Rachel Bohling, Heidi Rathjen, Hannah Rathjen, Elaina Riley, and Kassidy Zaruba —that God would bless their studies and other activities especially with the modifications being made to their classes due to the corona virus. Pray also that they take time during the school year to feed their faith by listening to God's Word in personal devotions and in attending worship services so that by the Holy Spirit's work they will continue to trustfully follow Jesus and be comforted by the Good News of His ongoing love, care and forgiveness for them.

#### THOSE CELEBRATING SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK:

Birthdays: 11/24: Allison Sullwold; 11/26: Ed Johnston, Jean Volker; 11/28: Dean Volker
Baptisms: 11/23: Creightyn Wilke; 11/24: Becky Lueders; 11/25: Hannah Rathjen, Pam Tetrick; 11/26: Emily Crotty, Elvera Jenkins, Angel Tanderup; 11/27: Courtney Oltrogge

Anniversaries: 11/28: Eric and Chantelle Wilke

SUN – 11/22	MON – 11/23	TUE – 11/24	WED – 11/25	THU – 11/26	FRI – 11/27	SAT – 11/28	SUN – 11/29
9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion 10:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	8:15 - 11:45 AM Preschool 7:00 PM Board of Directors	8:15 - 11:45 AM Preschool		THANKJGIVING			ADVENT BEGINS 9:00 AM Worship

#### THE GOSPEL AT WORK

<u>Christ's Servants Today:</u>	Our Thankful Response to Christ's Love:			
Elder Doug Lueders	Worship attendance43			
Asst ElderJim Parrish	Sunday School attendance3			
Organist Sandy Wilson	Offering\$7399.92			
Acolyte	(Weekly Budget\$4434.00)			

Lessons for next Sunday: Isaiah 64: 1-9; 1 Cor. 1:3-9; Mark 11:1-10

Adult Bible Study: Please join us in the Fellowship Hall as we continue studying Philippians 1 today.

Sunday School 2020-2021: Sunday School classes are in session! Join us after worship!

ATTN All Members: Please check out the Trinity website for photos of Sunday School activities. Despite Covid-19 obstacles, we are conducting classes. <u>www.trinityaubne.org</u>.

**Radio Broadcast in the Church Parking Lot:** You can listen to and participate in the worship service in "real time" on Sunday mornings by tuning in at 88.9 on the FM band in your vehicle in the church parking lot.

**LWML Cards for sale:** There are new Christmas, Birthday and other occasion cards for sale in the Fellowship Hall on the small table outside the library. For your convenience, the cards are available anytime the church is open. Find nice scripture-based cards while you support LWML missions!

**NEEDED for Sunday School:** Nativity set with unbreakable, small figures for class on Dec. 20. Let me know as soon as possible if you have a set that you can loan us. Thank you! Merri Johnson, SS Superintendent 402-274-7011.

A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org "This Thanksgiving, let's remember exactly what God has bought for us with the blood of His Son—not just anything, but everything that matters: Pardon from sin and release from guilt. Peace with God and a home in heaven. We come empty-handed to this banquet of blessings. No marshmallow-topped side dish of good works can earn us a place at this buffet. We have nothing to offer God in exchange, yet '[t]he LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy" (Psalm 126:3)." Sarah Habban, Time of Grace

## Announcements November 22, 2020 Last Sunday of the Church Year

#### Thank you to:

- Merri Johnson for help in the Preschool on 11/10-11/12 when one of our staff members was absent.
- Members of the Boards and Everyone who's been working on the 2021 budget.
- **Rich Scotter** for his work to help with conversion to new internet and phone services for the church.

**Dan and Melissa Buman** are moving to Omaha in the near future. We thank God for all the ways in which they have been a blessing to Trinity over the years. If you would like to send them well wishes as they make this transition, please send cards to their current address (1717 Q Street, Auburn) by

December 7.

**Re-vitality & Poinsettias:** Inserts have been available in the bulletins for the past 2 weeks concerning the Re-Vitality Core Planning Team (CPT) and the 2020 Christmas Poinsettia orders. If you need a copy of either one, extras are on the table in the narthex.

Youth Group offers couches: There are two couches available to a good home. Pictures of the items are on the door near the coatrack in the narthex.

**Preschool Life-Learning Project** – <u>You Can Help!</u>: Our Preschoolers will be working hard to earn and save "tickets" for a one-day event at the end of the school year. We need new or gently used small toys (fit easily in a shopping bag), books, and fun items to set up a 'store' in the preschool. *Please place items to donation in the box in the Fellowship Hall*. (Everything will be sanitized as the store is organized and set-up!) Thank you for all your support of our little ones in the Trinity Preschool family!

**This week on KFUO.org,** begin studying 2 Corinthians on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), finish Titus on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and consider how our Lutheran Confessions tie into our practice and vocation as Lutherans on Concord Matters (11/24 at 2:00 p.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts.

**Please note** the following changes in upcoming worship services at Trinity Lutheran Church:

1. Sunday, 11/22: The Lord's Supper/Holy Communion <u>will be</u> celebrated today, with Thanksgiving hymns and themes incorporated into the worship service.

- 2. Wednesday, 11/25: <u>No</u> Thanksgiving Eve service will be held on this day.
- 3. Sunday, 11/29: The Lord's Supper will not be celebrated at this service.

"The Lord is My Refuge" Bible Verse of the Week:
 1 Corinthians 15:22, *ESV*: For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.



# Preschool Staff Recognition

Trinity's Board of Education continues to be impressed with the performance of our Preschool staff members. They continue to demonstrate a high level of skill with the children. They also have shown great initiative and ownership when it comes to teaching the students. The Board of Education would like to show our congregation's gratitude with a gift the next time they are here with all of us – at the Preschool Christmas

Program on December 13<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to donate toward a gift, you may make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church, and put 'Preschool Staff gifts' in the memo line. Any questions, please contact Lisa Scotter (402 575-1960) by Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration!



## Help for Honduras

Hurricane Eta recently hit Central America. It has caused much distress for the people there including our brothers and sisters in Christ in Honduras, Nicaragua and Belize.

On November 6th, Deacon Tulio Meza in Comayaguela, Honduras reported, "There are many communities cut off by landslides, river overflows, bridge collapse, flooding, etc. In our community of faith and close to the church, we have cases of families isolated from their homes because they are located in a risk zone. Yesterday, three families who have supported our activities and who have also been favored with some of our social works were evacuated from their homes."

The Trinity Lutheran Elders have approved an effort to receive monetary gifts from individuals in our congregation and other people in our area who would like to help those in Honduras during this time of need. If you would like to help with this effort, please make your check payable to **Trinity Lutheran Foundation**. In the memo line, put "Help for Honduras."

All donations should be received by **Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**, so that the money can be transferred and help those in need at the soonest possible time. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Rathjen. Thank you!

Ephesians 2:8–10, ESV, For by grace you have been saved through faith.

And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.