

Trinity Lutheran Church
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Service of Holy Communion—*Lutheran Book of Worship,* Setting II
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost, November 8, 2026
In-Person at 10:15 am & Live at Facebook.com/TrinityLutheranNH

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

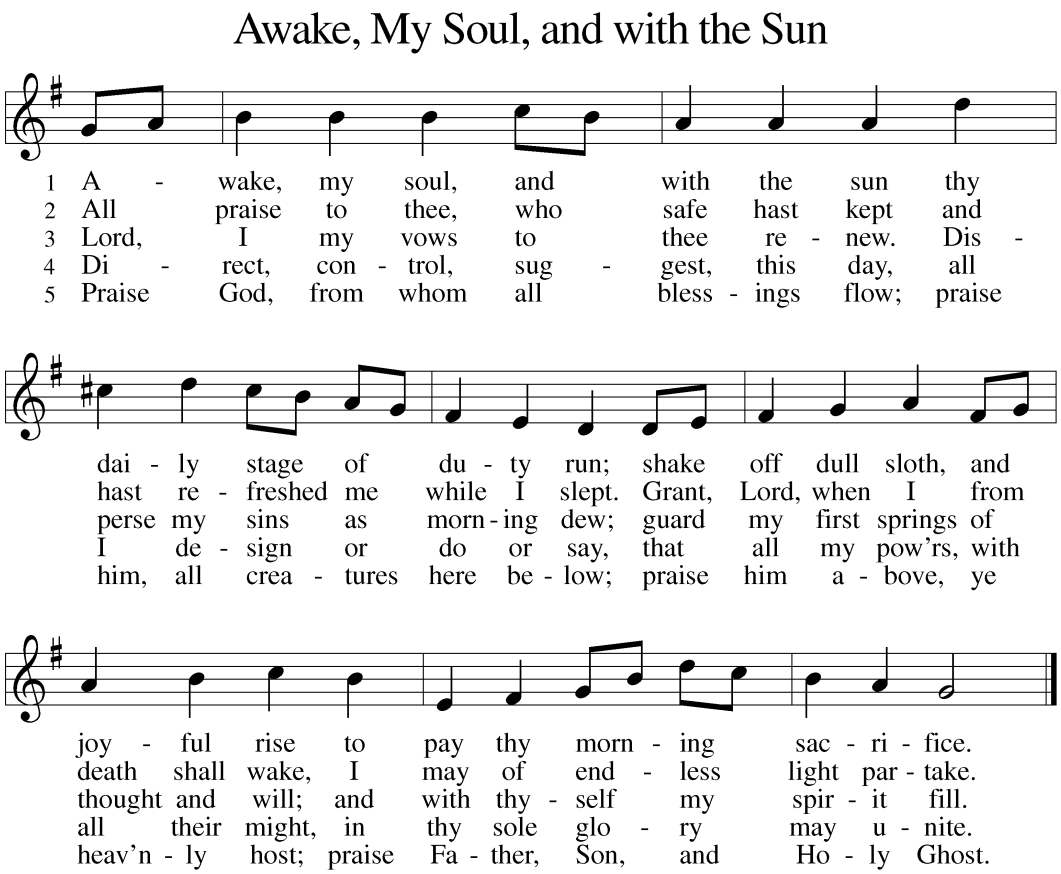
In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.
Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**
If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *"Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun"* **LBW No. 269**



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711
Music: MORNING HYMN, François H. Barthélémon, 1741–1808

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

KYRIE
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray. . . .

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people to seek more eagerly the help you offer, that, at the last, they may enjoy the fruit of salvation; through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen

FIRST LESSON: Amos 5:18-24
In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

18 Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light;
19 as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

24But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 70

1 Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;*
O LORD, make | haste to help me.
2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogeth- | er dismayed;*
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over | me turn back,*
because they | are ashamed.
4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;*
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the LORD!"
5 But as for me, I am | poor and needy;*
come to me speedi- | ly, O God.
6 You are my helper and | my deliverer;*
O LORD, | do not tarry.

Gloria Patri (*chanted after the psalm*)
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the / Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be fore-/ ver. Amen

SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living and dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

13We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18Therefore encourage one another with these words.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/ALLELUIA
Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13
The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten
bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2Five of them were
foolish, and five were wise. 3When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with
them; 4but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5As the bridegroom was delayed,
all of them became drowsy and slept. 6But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is
the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7Then all those bridesmaids got up and
trimmed their lamps. 8The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our
lamps are going out.' 9But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and
for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' 10And while they
went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the
wedding banquet; and the door was shut. 11Later the other bridesmaids came also,
saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.'
13Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"* **LBW No. 25**

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

APOSTLES' 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
D: In our prayers today and this week, please remember: [prayer list]. We also invite your own petitions either aloud or silently in your hearts.

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, make your Church faithful and prepared, rejoicing in the near approach of her Bridegroom, Jesus Christ our Lord. Make your Church's worship joyful and pleasing in your sight, and let its labors and sacrifices give glory to you and help to those in need. And make our Holy Communion a foretaste of your heavenly wedding banquet, feeding your people with forgiveness, life, and salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Make this congregation called Trinity, and each of us, into lamps shining with your light and love. Do not let us grow weary in praising you, encouraging one another, or in serving all people. Fill us to overflowing with your Holy Spirit, that we may constantly share your grace and favor with those whose lights are flickering out. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let your justice roll down like waters upon this parched and broken world, bringing relief to the oppressed, the poor, and the forgotten. Especially we pray for our elected and appointed leaders, and for all who serve others in our communities. Keep watch over all veterans who have given of themselves to serve this nation with honor, and bestow on this world and each of us your saving peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let all who seek your help in times of trial find deliverance from all that troubles them. We especially remember before you those we have named aloud, or those we remember before you now. Grant them health and salvation; and rekindle them with the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we grieve for our beloved dead – but not as those who have no hope. We thank you for receiving them into your eternal keeping. Since your Son died and rose again for us all, bring us, at the last, to greet him in that heavenly wedding banquet that will have no end. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord…

PEACE

OFFERING *The ushers collect the offering. You can also give electronically through our website, Facebook page, or by clicking here.*

OFFERTORY: *"Wake, Awake for Night is flying"* Franz Tunder

OFFERTORY: *"Let the Vineyards"*

OFFERTORY PRAYER
D: Let us pray…
Merciful Father,
We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, 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 GREAT THANKSGIVING

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD

THE COMMUNION *To all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord, are baptized, and confess Jesus' real presence in the Holy Communion, we invite you to join us in the Holy Eucharist. At the usher's invitation you may come forward to kneel or stand at the altar rail. Please take an empty individual cup from the tray and bring it with you to the rail. The host wafer will be placed into your open hands to eat. Your cup will be filled from the pouring chalice, take and drink. Individual cups filled with non-alcoholic grape juice are also available, please point to receive one. Sealed pre-consecrated Communion packages are also available. Please remain at the altar rail until all have finished and a blessing is given.*

COMMUNION HYMNS: LBW Nos. 366, 218

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING
The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: *"Thank the Lord"*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER
D: Let us pray…

We give you thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

BLESSING
Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: *"Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow"* **LBW No. 355**

Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow



Text: Bernhardt S. Ingemann, 1789–1862; tr. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924, alt.
Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869–1944

DISMISSAL
D: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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