



THANKSGIVING

November 27, 2023

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

THANK YOU for joining us in God's house today! We cordially ask that our Guests sign one of the guestbooks located at either the front or back entryways, or fill out a "Let's Get Acquainted" card located in the hymnal pew rack and place it in the collection plate.

THANK OFFERING: Members of Trinity give their offering as an expression of love and thankfulness to the Lord and to help support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

RESTROOMS are located at the back of the upper level (the annex), and in the basement (down the back stairs of the sanctuary or annex). Handicap access is available, please ask an usher for assistance.

YOUNG FAMILIES / TODDLER BAGS – We are **GLAD YOU BROUGHT YOUR CHILDREN** to our worship service. Jesus said: *"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."* We know that having little children in church can be a challenge, but **DO NOT WORRY** about it. Many of your fellow worshippers have been in your shoes and are just happy you brought your children with you. For your convenience, we have reserved the back rows of seating for parents with small children. These areas provide more flexibility for your family, as well as, easy access to move downstairs if necessary. A closed-circuit TV system allows families to continue participating in the service while downstairs. Pre-school **toddler bags** and **children's bulletins** are available for their enjoyment. Ask an usher for one to use during the service and please return the toddler bag afterwards.

EVENING PRAYER

503 Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

CW 503



1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es to praise my
2 O for - est leaves, so green and ten - der, that dance for
3 All crea - tures that have breath and mo - tion, that fill the
4 Lord, I will tell, while I am liv - ing, your love and



God with thou - sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -
joy in sum - mer air, O mead - ow grass - es, bright and
earth, the sea, and sky, now join me in my heart's de -
grace with ev - 'ry breath and greet each morn - ing with thanks -



joic - es, would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs to all, wher -
slen - der, O flow'rs, so won - drous sweet and fair, you live to
vo - tion; help me to raise his prais - es high. My ut - most
giv - ing un - til my heart is still in death, and, when at



ev - er I might be, what great things God has done for me.
show his praise a - lone; with me now make his glo - ry known.
pow'rs can nev - er quite ex - press the won - ders of his might.
last my lips grow cold, your praise shall in my sighs be told.

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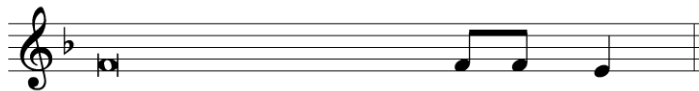
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Opening Sentences



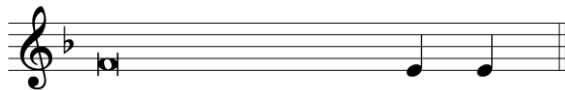
Jesus Christ is the light of the world,



the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



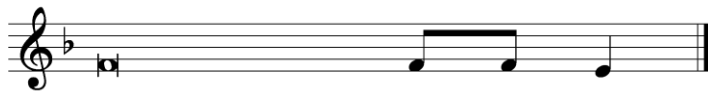
Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,



and the day is almost o - ver.



Be our light and scat - ter the darkness,



and hear our evening prayer and praise.

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

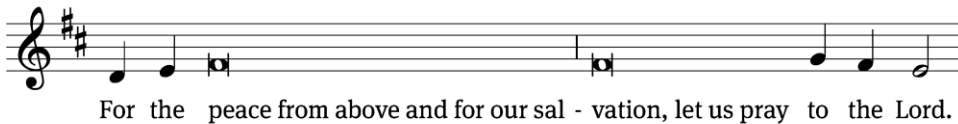
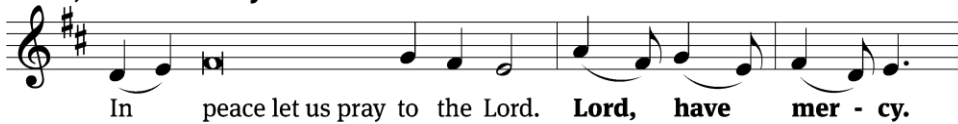
All: **Amen**

Prayer:

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who led your people Israel with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ. May his Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, for you are merciful and you love your whole creation. We, your creatures, glorify you—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy





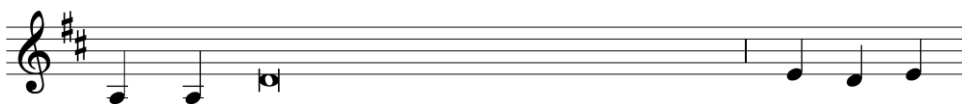
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the un - it - y of all, let us pray to the Lord.



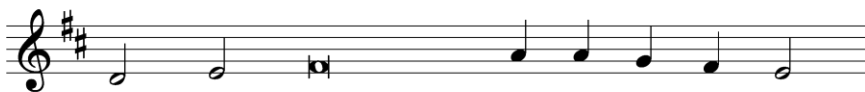
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men. A - men.

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Prayer:

Let the incense of our prayers rise before you, O Lord, and let your mercy descend on us, that we may sing your praises with the Church on earth and forever in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Psalm 141

Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing up
of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I
call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I
cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

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Please be seated

Reading

Genesis 8:18–22; 9:8–24

¹⁸Noah went out with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives along with him. ¹⁹Every animal, every creeping thing, every bird, and whatever swarms on the earth went out of the ship, species by species.

²⁰Noah built an altar to the LORD and took from every clean animal and every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. ²¹The LORD smelled the pleasant aroma. The LORD said in his heart, "I will never again curse the soil anymore because of man, for the thoughts he forms in his heart are evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike every living thing, as I have done. ²²While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons, who were with him, ⁹"Listen, I will now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you ¹⁰and with everything with you that has the breath of life: with the birds, with the livestock, and with every wild animal that is on the earth with you, with everything that went out of the ark, even with every wild animal on the earth. ¹¹I will establish my covenant with you: Never again will all living creatures be cut off by the waters of a flood. Neither will there ever again be a flood to destroy the earth."

¹²God also said, "This is the sign of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you that I am giving for all generations to come. ¹³I have set my rainbow in the cloud, and it will be the sign of a covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴Whenever I bring a cloud over the earth and the rainbow is seen in the cloud, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of every sort, and the waters will never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶The rainbow will be in the cloud. I will look at it so that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of every kind that is on the earth." ¹⁷God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

¹⁸The sons of Noah who went out from the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. (Ham was the father of Canaan.) ¹⁹These three were the sons of Noah, and from these, people spread out over the whole earth.

²⁰Noah began to be a man of the soil and planted a vineyard. ²¹He drank some of the wine and got drunk. He lay uncovered inside his tent. ²²Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father and told his two brothers outside. ²³Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it over their shoulders. They went in backwards and covered the nakedness of their father. They faced backwards, and they did not see their father's nakedness. ²⁴Noah awoke from his wine and knew what his youngest son had done to him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

James 1:16–18

¹⁶Do not be deceived, my dear brothers. ¹⁷Every good act of giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the lights, who does not change or shift like a shadow. ¹⁸Just as he planned, he gave us birth by the word of truth so that we would be a kind of first fruits of his creations.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR

“Praise God For Every Gift”

Praise God for every gift, who meets our every need,
Who sends refreshing rain, who gives life to the seed.
God gives a fruitful harvest and causes grain to grow.
Come join in thanks to God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God for every gift for tall, majestic mountains,
For hills and rolling plains, for sparkling streams and fountains.
Come join the multitude that bow in gratitude,
Come join in thanks to God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God for every gift; sing praises, every nation.
Bow down and worship God, the author of creation.
God called the darkness night; God spoke and there was light.
Come join in thanks to God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Please stand, if you are able

Gospel

Luke 19:1–10

¹Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ²A man named Zacchaeus was there. He was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but since he was short, he could not see because of the crowd. ⁴He ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus, because he was about to pass by that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” ⁶He came down quickly and welcomed Jesus joyfully. ⁷When the people saw it, they were all grumbling because he went to be a guest of a sinful man.

⁸Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, I am going to give half of my possessions to the poor. And if I have cheated anyone out of anything, I will pay back four times as much.”

⁹Jesus said to him, “Today, salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

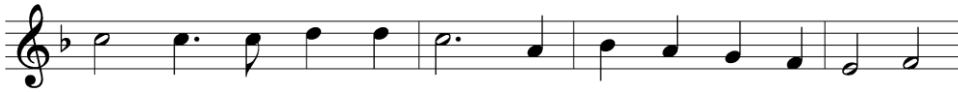
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated

597 Now Thank We All Our God

CW 597



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things has done, in whom his world re - joic - es;
with ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us
the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en,



who from our moth-ers' arms has blessed us on our way
and keep us in his grace and guide us when per-plexed
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count-less gifts of love and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

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Sermon

Genesis 8:18–22; 9:8–24

“The Trajectory”

Please stand, if you are able

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord, maker of all things, you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. We praise you for crowning the fields with your blessings and enabling us once more to gather in the fruits of the earth. Teach us to use your gifts carefully, that our land may continue to yield its increase; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

626 My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

CW 626



1 My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to him who bore my
 2 My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to him who walks be -
 3 My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to him who reigns a -



pain, who plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and
 side, who floods my weak - ness - es with strength and
 bove, whose wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose



gave me life a - gain, who crushed my curse of sin - ful -
 caus-es fears to fly, whose ev - 'ry prom - ise is e -
 ev - 'ry thought is love. For ev - 'ry day I have on



ness and clothed me in his light and wrote his law of
 nough for ev - 'ry step I take, sus - tain - ing me with
 earth is giv - en by the King. So I will give my



right - eous - ness with pow'r up - on my heart.
 arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.
 life, my all, to love and fol - low him.

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* This phrase repeats at the end of st. 3.

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Please stand, if you are able

Prayer:

Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies, that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.**

Benedicamus

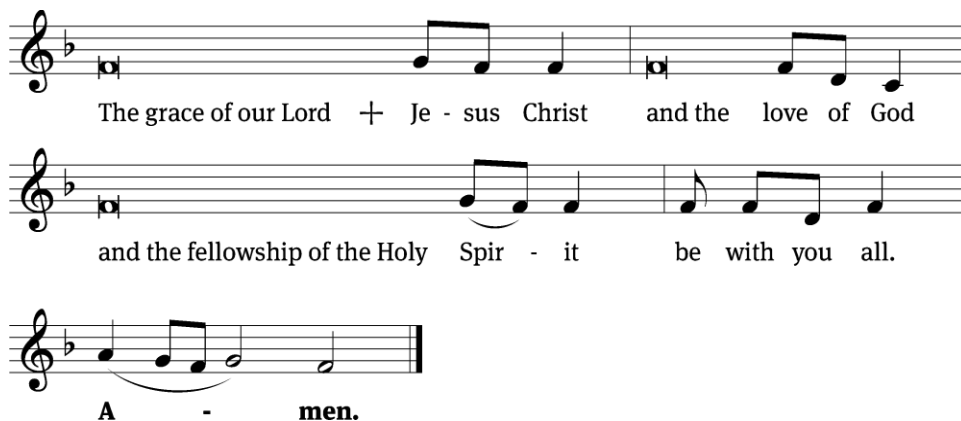


Let us praise the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Blessing

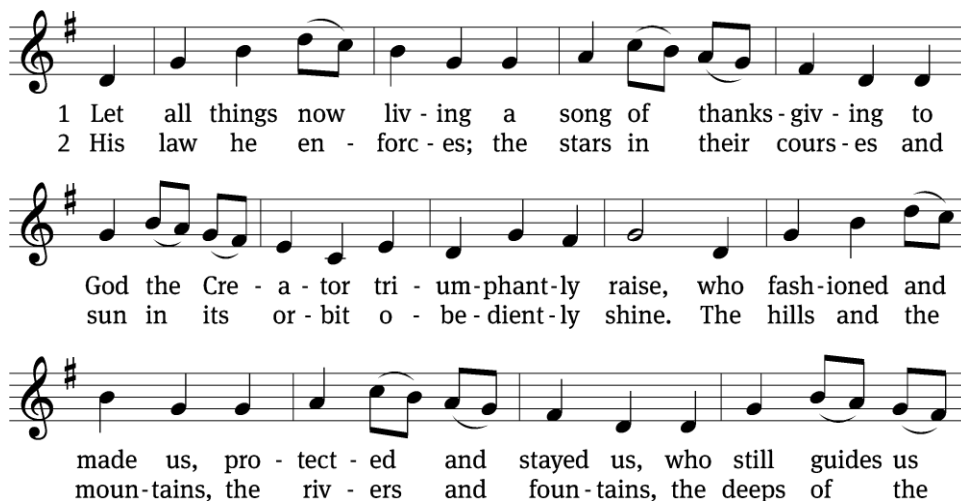


The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.
A - men.

Please be seated

507 Let All Things Now Living

CW 507



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 His law he en - forc - es; the stars in their cours - es and
God the Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise, who fash - ioned and
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine. The hills and the
made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who still guides us
moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the deeps of the



on to the end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us; his
o - cean pro - claim him di - vine. We, too, should be voic - ing our
light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the
love and re - joic - ing. With glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us
night, till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is
raise till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks -
ban - ished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
giv - ing: "To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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Serving In Worship

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A SPECIAL THANK YOU to the Altar Guild for so beautifully decorating the altar area for our Thanksgiving celebration. We especially thank Barb and Jacob Vershum for sharing their harvest bounty to be used in decorating the altar area.

THE DECEMBER CALENDAR PAGE is available for you to pick up at all the church entrances.

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES are ready for you to pick up from the table in the annex.

F.Y.I. – The contributions received through the Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day offering envelopes do not go to the General Fund at Trinity, but are divided 60% to Christian Life Resources, 30% to the Lutheran Home in Belle Plain, Minnesota, and 10% to Trinity's Member Assistance Fund. Please keep that in mind when choosing your envelopes for the holidays.

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES begin on Wednesday, December 3rd at 7 p.m. Sign-up sheets are available at all entrances for those interested in purchasing and providing Poinsettias during Advent.

