



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Greenville

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 14, 2021

Welcome in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ! If you come as a visitor today, we hope you will leave as a friend. We count it a privilege and a blessing to have you with us in worship. If you are not presently a member of any congregation, please feel welcome to gather with us around Jesus in this community of his disciples at Holy Trinity. Come and worship with us again!

Invitation to Communion: Holy Communion is the body and blood of Jesus Christ by which our Lord is truly present to forgive sin and bring life and salvation. All baptized Christians who believe this promise are welcome to commune. Parents with children are encouraged to come to the altar together. Children who do not yet receive communion will receive the blessing of the Church from the Pastor.

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Gluten-free wafers are available; let Pastor know when you come forward to receive.

Service of Holy Communion

Significance of the Day: November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

Gathering

Prelude Hymn Variation on *Seelingbrautigam* (Peeters et al)

(The assembly stands and turns to face the cross in procession.)

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

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.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

Opening Hymn

He Comes to Us as One Unknown



1 He comes to us as one un-known, a breath un - seen, un -
2 He comes when souls in si - lence lie and thoughts of day de -
3 He comes to us in sound of seas, the o - cean's fume and
4 He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and
5 He comes in truth when faith is grown; be - lieved, o - beyed, a -



heard; as though with - in a heart of stone, or shriv - eled seed in
part; half - seen up - on the in - ward eye, a fall - ing star a -
foam; yet small and still up - on the breeze, a wind that stirs the
birth; to bear with - in our mor - tal frame a life, a death, a
dored; the Christ in all the scrip - tures shown, as yet un - seen, but



dark - ness sown, a pulse of be - ing stirred, a pulse of be - ing stirred.
cross the sky of night with - in the heart, of night with - in the heart.
tops of trees, a voice to call us home, a voice to call us home.
sav - ing name, for ev - 'ry child of earth, for ev - 'ry child of earth.
not un - known, our Sav - ior and our Lord, our Sav - ior and our Lord.

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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(The assembly sits.)

Anthem

A Time for All Things

(arr. Wagner, Scottish folk tune)

To ev'rything there is a season, there is a time for all good things;
A time to plant, and a time to reap, a time to lose, a time to keep;
A time to weep, a time to laugh, a time to mourn, a time to dance,
To ev'rything there is a season; there is a time for all good things;
A time to follow, a time to lead, a time to speak, and a time to heed;
A time to sleep, a time to wake, a time to give and a time to take.
For all the blessings of our God, are given us that we might have
A time to live and a time to share, a time to love and a time to care.
A time, a time, a time for all good things, all good things.

Word

First Reading

Daniel 12:1-3

A reading from Daniel:

1 At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. 2 Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. 3 Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

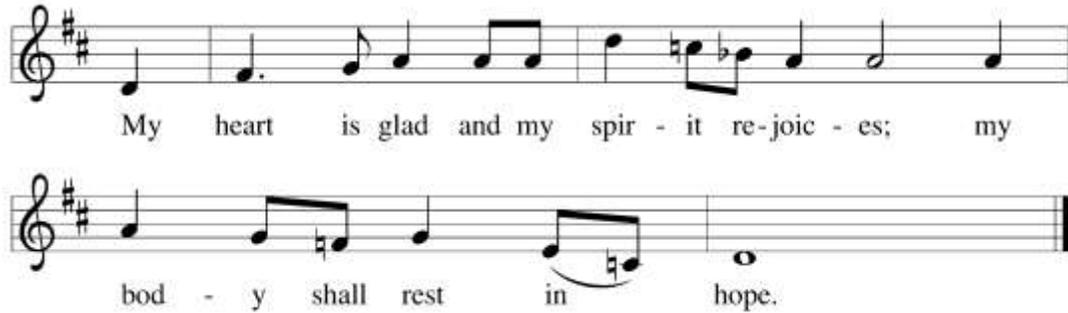
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16

(Saturday psalm will be spoken responsively, Sunday psalm will be sung in alternate verses by Choir and assembly.)

(Refrain)



My heart is glad and my spir - it re-joic - es; my
bod - y shall rest in hope.

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take ref- | uge in you;
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good a- | bove all other."
- 2 All my delight is in the godly that are | in the land,
upon those who are noble a- | mong the people.**
- 3 But those who run after | other gods
shall have their troubles | multiplied.
- 4 I will not pour out drink offerings | to such gods,
never take their names up- | on my lips.**
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion | and my cup;
it is you who up- | hold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land;
indeed, I have a | rich inheritance.**
- 7 I will bless the LORD who | gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night | after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD al- | ways before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall | not be shaken.**
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;
my body also shall | rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me | to the grave,
nor let your holy one | see the pit.**
- 11 You will show me the | path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore. **(R)**

A reading from Hebrews:

11 Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. 12 But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” 13 and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” 14 For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. 15 And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

16 “This is the covenant that I will make with them

after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,

and I will write them on their minds,”

17 he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

18 Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

19 Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (*The assembly stands.*)



**Be alert at all times,
praying that you may have the strength to stand before the Son of Man.**

Gospel

Mark 13:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

(The reading of the Gospel.)

1 As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” 2 Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

3 When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 4 “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” 5 Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. 6 Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. 7 When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. 8 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(The assembly sits.)

The Sermon

Pastor Brenda Martin

Hymn of the Day

Jesus, Still Lead On

(The assembly stands.)

1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al-though the
 2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
 3 When we seek re - lief from a long-felt grief, when temp-ta - tions
 4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n-ly lead - er,

way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
 fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
 come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
 still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,

guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.
 safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
 show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
 till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

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

A: Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need, responding, "God, in your mercy, hear our prayer."

(Brief silence)

A: God our creator, you show us the path of life. Bless faithful people everywhere with humility as they extend compassion to those who have experienced harm in religious spaces. Cultivate healthy congregations that tell of and enact your reconciling love. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Michael; our pastors, deacons, communion assistants, musicians, teachers and council members. God, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: God our constant, you love our universe from beginning to end. As the seasons change, protect animals that migrate and hibernate. Bring them safely to a sheltered place and a more abundant season. God, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: God our ruler, you write your law on human minds and hearts. Give wisdom to all elected leaders and officials to govern with insight and compassion. Make them mindful of the well-being of all people so that your world will flourish. We pray for our president, Joe; our governor, Tom; and all local elected leaders. God, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: God our stronghold, you are present amid disaster. We pray for those affected by natural disasters. Come to the aid of all survivors of earthquakes, famines, floods, hurricanes, and wildfires, and the first responders who support them. Calm their fear, supply their need, and be the solid ground beneath their feet. God, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: God our guide, you are greater than we can imagine. Surround congregations with your expansive inclusion. Be present in the midst of disagreements, differences, and questions. Unite people of diverse viewpoints in the love of Christ. God, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: God our beginning and our end, your beloved people shine like the brightness of the sky. We thank you for the lives of all who rest in your eternal mercy, from famous saints to the people we have loved, especially Bob and Sunny. Assure us of your resurrection promise. God, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: Are there others for whom we should pray?

P: God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

Meal

Music as the meal is prepared

Interlude

(McCoy)

(The assembly stands. The deacon, on behalf of the people, prays.)

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

You are indeed holy,
almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy,
and great is the majesty
of your glory.

You so loved the world
that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone
who believes in him
may not perish
but have eternal life.
We give you thanks
for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things
for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and
ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

Breaking of Bread

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ.

When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

**Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as
once you revealed yourself to your disciples.**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all is now ready.

(The assembly sits.)

Communion of the Faithful

Procedure for Communing: *We will be using a form of processional communion. An usher will release each pew to come forward at a time to avoid a long line in the aisle. Pick up a communion cup on either side at the first pew. The pastor will place a host in your open palm. Turn to either the left or right side to the deacon or communion assistant to receive wine. After consuming the host and wine, pour any remaining wine into the container, then discard your cup. Children who have not yet received their First Holy Communion should come forward for a blessing. Please maintain social distance between non-family members.*

(Following the Communion the assembly stands for the blessing.)

Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and preserve you unto eternal life.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

Amen.

Sending

Our Prayer for These Times

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you today and always.

Amen.

Sending hymn

When Peace like a River

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 It is well with my soul,

Dismissal

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

(Rawesthorne)

Serving Tonight

Presiding Minister Pastor Brenda Martin
Pianist Maidene Hackett
Liturgical Deacon Linda Armstrong

Serving Today

Presiding Minister Pastor Brenda Martin
Organist Maidene Hackett
Liturgical Deacon Sheryl Lanning
Communion Assistant Nancy McLaughlin
Lector Bonnie Massing
Head Usher Mary Beth Bradley
Altar Guild The Richardson Family

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Pastors in residence:

The Rev. Martin Roth, Pastor Emeritus, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
The Rev. Julia Fraser, chaplain at St. Paul Homes
The Rev. Brian Riddle, Thiel College Campus Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Curtis Thompson, retired, Thiel College

Attendance at the Saturday, November 6, 2021, 5:30 p.m. Service: 18.
Attendance at the Sunday, November 7, 2021, 9:30 a.m. Service: 44. Total: 62.

This Week at Holy Trinity

Sunday, November 14, 2021, *Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

- 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
- 10:45 a.m. SCS and Confirmation Classes
- 7:00 p.m. AA Big Book meeting

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

- 7:00 p.m. Congregation Council
- 7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

- 6:00 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Greenville Symphony Board Meeting in Trinity Hall

Thursday, November 18, 2021

- 10:00 a.m. Weekday Communion
- 7:00 p.m. Happy Hour

Saturday, November 20, 2021

- 5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion (spoken)

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 21, 2021, *Christ the King*

- 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
- 10:45 a.m. SCS and Confirmation Classes
- 1:00 p.m. Reformed: Always Reforming
- 4:00 p.m. Sonya Wilt visitation in Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. AA Big Book meeting

Monday, November 22, 2021

- 10:00 a.m. Sonya Wilt funeral service

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

- 9:00 a.m. Flying Quilts
- 7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

Wednesday, November 24, 2021

- 6:00 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 25, 2021

Office closed

Friday, November 26, 2021

Office closed

Saturday, November 27, 2021

- 5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion (spoken)

**Order Poinsettias, Donate to Decorate the Church and/or
Donate to the Domestic Disaster Response**

Forms to order or make donations are available in the November Messenger and in the Narthex. Deadline to do so is **Sunday, November 28, 2021.**

Please note that all three trees have been spoken for.

Office Closed for Thanksgiving

The Church Office will be closed **Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26** so that the staff may enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday with their families. Have a safe and happy holiday!

Christmas for Bethesda

In the narthex there is a bulletin board with the names of some girls that reside at Bethesda in Meadville. If you are interested in providing a gift for one of the girls, please choose a gift tag, purchase the gift, and return it *unwrapped* to the church *with the tag attached to the gift* and *in a plastic bag*. **The deadline for all items to be returned is Wednesday, December 8.** There is also a list of “general” items that can always be used. Gift bags and wrapping paper are also welcome. Donations may be dropped off in the box in the narthex or at the church office.

Advent Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer will begin on **Monday, November 29** and **conclude on Thursday, December 23** in the choir pews. It begins at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at 8:50 a.m. Please use the rear parking lot door for entry. Take this opportunity for quiet reflection at the beginning of your day as a way of making spiritual preparation during Advent.

Card Shower for Tammy

After 22 years our Parish Secretary has accepted a position at the Meadville Medical Center and her last day at Holy Trinity will be Friday, November 19. For those who know her, you know she is very uncomfortable being the “center of attention” and for this reason we are having a card shower. If you want to wish her well, please send a note to the church office or her home at 22421 Kebort Road, Meadville, PA 16335.

Please Pray For

Permission is necessary to add a person to the prayer list. Please ask before your call the office. Thanks.

Health and Healing:

John and Carrie Brooks (cousins of Janet Kunczt)

Carol Junk (daughter-in-law of Betty K.)

Bill Eggar (friend of Barbara Swartz)

Lisa Barrett (sister of Rusty Saverino)

Marie Eaves

Paul Yoos

Dave Hollenbaugh

Chuck and Traci Brown (son-in-law and daughter of Carl and Bonnie Long)

Cathy Anderson (daughter of Betty K. Junk)

Tim Hofius (friend of John Logan)

Tillie Schell

Barbara Swartz

Danica (friend of Linda Armstrong)

Bonnie Gratzmiller (friend of Linda Armstrong)

Henry Heil

Donnie Littelle (friend of Rich & Denise Hall)

Fred Junk (husband of Betty K. Junk)

Donnie K. (friend of Wayne and Darla Swift)

Marie (sister-in-law of Henry and Ruth Heil)

Lori McCann

Jim Shaffer

Nancy (friend of Linda Armstrong)

Brenda (sister-in-law of Betty K. Junk)

Carl Long

Dillon (friend of Ed Pitcher and Beth Harpst)

Belle (granddaughter of Linda Bateman)

Christ's comfort for those who grieve the death of:

Sunny Wilt

Charles E. Moinet (father-in-law of Judi Moinet)

Bob Gargas

In Military Service

Specialist (SPC) Andrew McCall, Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, Colorado (son of Mark and Jane McCall, grandson of Karen McKay and the late Jim McKay)

Sgt. First Class Nicholas Carman, US Army, Fredericksburg, Virginia (grandson of Nancy Ullstrom)

Admiral Richard Childs, Assistant Surgeon General of the USA (nephew of Harvey Childs)

CDR Ryan Leary, USN, Operation Officer, 7th Fleet, Yokosuka, Japan (son of David and Judy Leary)

Tim Ross, Navy Special Forces, (grandson of Rae Johnson, nephew of Lori McEwen)