

# Trinity Lutheran Church and School

**Last Sunday of the Church Year  
November 23, 2025**

*The Mission of Trinity Lutheran Church is the preaching, teaching, baptizing and sharing the love of Christ in our church, our community and our world.*



## **Welcome to Trinity!**

We are so happy that you have joined us for worship this morning. We are a community of believers in Jesus Christ who seek to love God with all of our heart, with all of our mind, and with all of our soul. We have a deep desire that all would come to the saving knowledge of the truth of Jesus as Lord! We cordially invite you to worship with us every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and join us for Bible Class and Sunday School after church.

## Pre-Service Music

### The Prelude – Ringing of the Bells - Greeting

*Please Stand*

#### Confession and Absolution

L: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

L: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

L: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

L: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. So, then, in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

#### Opening Hymn

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

LSB 549 sts. 1–4

1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem

And crown Him Lord of all.

Bring forth the royal diadem

And crown Him Lord of all.

2 Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God,

Who from His altar call;

Extol the stem of Jesse's rod

And crown Him Lord of all.

Extol the stem of Jesse's rod

And crown Him Lord of all.

3 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,

Ye ransomed from the fall,

Hail Him who saves you by His grace

And crown Him Lord of all.

Hail Him who saves you by His grace

And crown Him Lord of all.

4 Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line,  
 Whom David Lord did call,  
 The God incarnate, man divine,  
 And crown Him Lord of all.  
 The God incarnate, man divine,  
 And crown Him Lord of all.

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## Introit

L: Let all the earth fear the LORD;

**C: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!**

L: Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,

**C: who stand by night in the house of the LORD!**

L: Lift up your hands to the holy place

**C: and bless the LORD!**

L: May the LORD bless you from Zion,

**C: he who made heaven and earth!**

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

L: Let all the earth fear the LORD;

**C: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!**

## Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Hymn of Praise

### *Gloria in Excelsis*

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

L: Let us pray... Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - men.

Please Sit

## Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3:13–18

<sup>13</sup>“Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ <sup>14</sup>You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? <sup>15</sup>And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evil-doers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.’” <sup>16</sup>Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. <sup>17</sup>“They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. <sup>18</sup>Then once more you shall see the

distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.”

**L:** This is the Word of our Lord.      **C:** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual

**L:** These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

**C:** They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

**L:** Blessed are those whose strength is in you,

**C:** in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

### Special Music

Men's Glee

### Children's Message and Mighty Mites

Bruce Sletten

### Epistle Reading

Colossians 1:13–20

<sup>13</sup>He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. <sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup>For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

**L:** This is the Word of our Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

*Please Stand*

### Alleluia



### Holy Gospel

Luke 23:27-43

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.



<sup>27</sup>And there followed Jesus a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. <sup>28</sup>But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup>For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ <sup>30</sup>Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ <sup>31</sup>For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?” <sup>32</sup>Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup>And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup>and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews,

save yourself!" <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." <sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" <sup>41</sup>And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



■ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

*Please Sit*

## Hymn of the Day

*Were You There*

LSB 456

1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh . . .

Sometimes it causes me to tremble,

tremble,

tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Oh . . .

Sometimes it causes me to tremble,

tremble,

tremble.

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Oh . . .

Sometimes it causes me to tremble,

tremble,

tremble.

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

4 Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?

Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?

Oh . . .

Sometimes it causes me to tremble,

tremble,

tremble.

Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?

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## Sermon

*Please Stand*

## Nicene Creed

**C:** 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.

## Offering and Offertory



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## Prayer of the Church

### Preface

**P:** The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

**P:** Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up un - to the Lord.

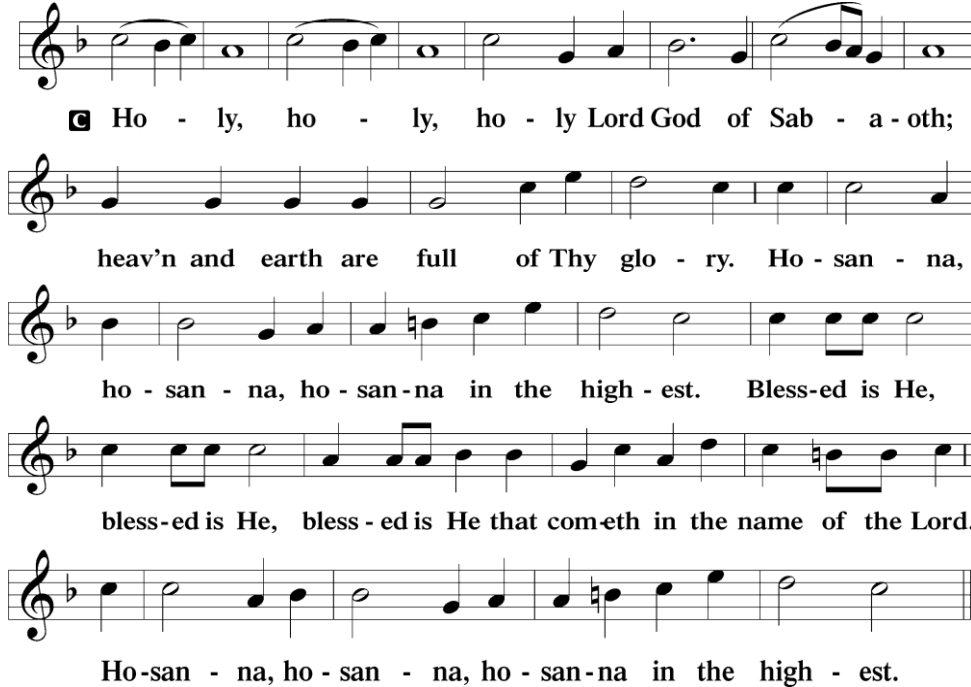
P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



### Proper Preface

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

### Sanctus



### Lord's Prayer

P: 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.





## Communion Confession    I Cor. 10:17\*    Acts 2:42\*\*    I Cor. 11:23-32\*\*\*

As a member of the LCMS, Trinity practices closed communion. If you are not a member of Trinity Church and desire communion please speak to Pastor or one of our Elders prior to the service. Individuals are welcome to come forward for a blessing with their arms crossed over their chest

P: The Lord's Supper is God's gift for Christians who are properly taught. In communing, we want people to receive Christ's body and blood for their good. This means that as you come to the Lord's Table you affirm that Jesus is your Savior and Lord; and with Lutheran Christians (LCMS), you confess:

**C: I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sin and ask God's forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan and death. I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament, and under the form of the bread and wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life.**

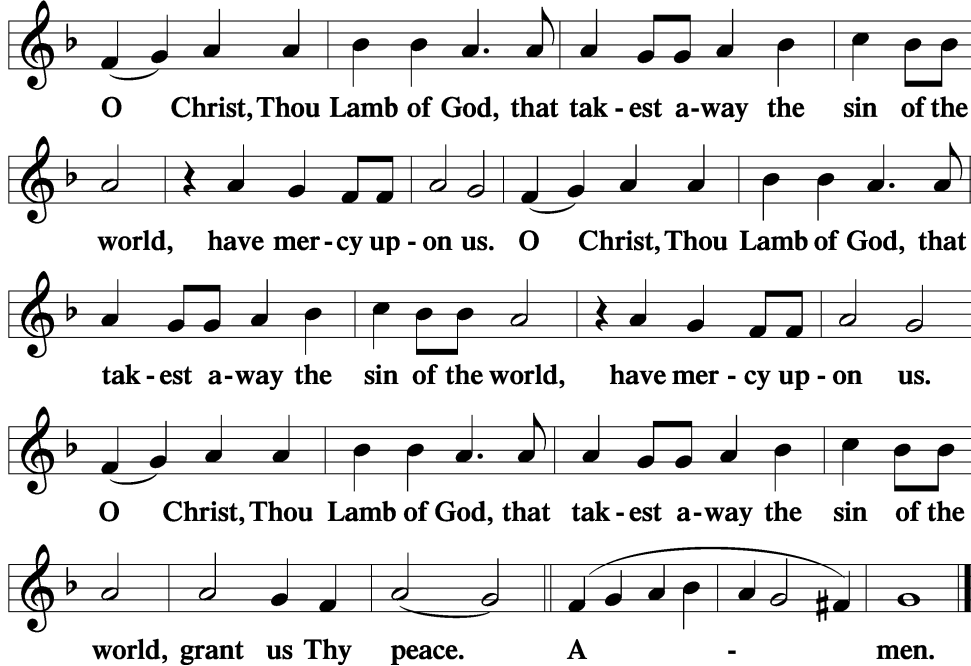
### The Words of our Lord

#### Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



#### Agnus Dei



Please Sit

## **Distribution and Distribution Hymns**

### ***Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses***

LSB 667

1 Saints, see the cloud of witnesses surround us;  
Their lives of faith encourage and astound us.  
Hear how the Master praised their faith so fervent:  
“Well done, My servant!”

2 These saints of old received God’s commendation;  
They lived as pilgrim-heirs of His salvation.  
Through faith they conquered flame and sword and gallows,  
God’s name to hallow.

3 They call to us, “Your timid footsteps lengthen;  
Throw off sin’s weight, your halting weakness strengthen.  
We kept the faith, we shed our blood, were martyred;  
Our lives we bartered.”

4 Come, let us fix our sight on Christ who suffered,  
He faced the cross, His sinless life He offered;  
He scorned the shame, He died, our death enduring,  
Our hope securing.

5 Lord, give us faith to walk where You are sending,  
On paths unmarked, eyes blind as to their ending;  
Not knowing where we go, but that You lead us—  
With grace precede us.

6 You, Jesus, You alone deserve all glory!  
Our lives unfold, embraced within Your story;  
Past, present, future—You, the same forever—  
You fail us never!

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### ***Be Still, My Soul***

LSB 752

1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to your God to order and provide;  
In ev’ry change He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav’nly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2 Be still, my soul; your God will undertake  
To guide the future as He has the past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

3 Be still, my soul; though dearest friends depart  
And all is darkened in this vale of tears;  
Then you will better know His love, His heart,  
Who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears.  
Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay  
From His own fullness all He takes away.

4 Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Text: Catharina Amalia Dorothea von Schlegel, 1697–1752; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–97, alt. Text: Public domain

### ***Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling***

LSB 650

1 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling  
In the holiest realms of light;  
Holy Spirit, ever brooding  
O'er a world of gloom and night;  
Holy Spirit, ever raising  
Those of earth to thrones on high;  
Living, life-imparting Spirit,  
You we praise and magnify.

2 Holy Spirit, ever living  
As the Church's very life;  
Holy Spirit, ever striving  
Through us in a ceaseless strife;  
Holy Spirit, ever forming  
In the Church the mind of Christ:  
You we praise with endless worship  
For Your gifts and fruits unpriced.

3 Holy Spirit, ever working  
Through the Church's ministry;  
Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving,  
Setting captive sinners free;  
Holy Spirit, ever binding  
Age to age and soul to soul  
In communion never ending,  
You we worship and extol.

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**O Savior, Precious Savior**

1 O Savior, precious Savior,  
 Whom yet unseen we love;  
 O name of might and favor,  
 All other names above,  
 We worship Thee, we bless Thee,  
 To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
 We praise Thee and confess Thee,  
 Our holy Lord and King.

2 O bringer of salvation,  
 Who wondrously hast wrought  
 Thyself the revelation  
 Of love beyond our thought,  
 We worship Thee, we bless Thee,  
 To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
 We praise Thee and confess Thee,  
 Our gracious Lord and King.

3 In Thee all fullness dwelleth,  
 All grace and pow'r divine;  
 The glory that excelleth,  
 O Son of God, is Thine.  
 We worship Thee, we bless Thee,  
 To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
 We praise Thee and confess Thee,  
 Our glorious Lord and King.

4 O grant the consummation  
 Of this our song above  
 In endless adoration  
 And everlasting love;  
 Then shall we praise and bless Thee  
 Where perfect praises ring,  
 And evermore confess Thee,  
 Our Savior and our King!

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*Please Stand*

**Post Communion Blessing**

## Nunc Dimittis

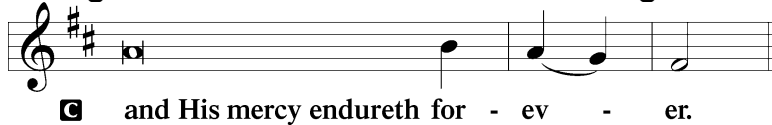
### Song of Simeon



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P: Let us pray.

**C: 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 in 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.**



A - men.

## Salutation and Benedicamus

P: The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

P: Bless we the Lord.



☐ Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Closing Hymn

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

LSB 549 sts. 5–7

5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget

The wormwood and the gall,

Go, spread your trophies at His feet

And crown Him Lord of all.

Go, spread your trophies at His feet

And crown Him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,

On this terrestrial ball

To Him all majesty ascribe

And crown Him Lord of all.

To Him all majesty ascribe

And crown Him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng

We at His feet may fall!

We'll join the everlasting song

And crown Him Lord of all.

We'll join the everlasting song

And crown Him Lord of all.

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## Announcements

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## **COMMUNION CONFESSIONS SCRIPTURES**

\*“ Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.”

\*\*“And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

\*\*\*“ For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>25</sup> In the same way, also he took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” <sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. <sup>27</sup> Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup> Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup> For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. <sup>30</sup> That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. <sup>31</sup> But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. <sup>32</sup> But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.”

### **Assisting in Today's Service**

<b>Preacher:</b>	Rev. Jake Sletten
<b>Liturgist:</b>	Bruce Sletten, Lay Minister
<b>Elder:</b>	Robert Petrowsky
<b>Assisting Elder:</b>	Luke Hansen
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Seth Carr and Alice Moore
<b>Sound System:</b>	Liam Hansen
<b>Broadcaster:</b>	Nick Prater
<b>Organist:</b>	Susan Senninger
<b>Pre-Service Music:</b>	Carole Kleiboeker
<b>Communion Setup:</b>	Katrina & Karlea McBlair
<b>Communion Wash:</b>	David & Connie Chapman

### **THOSE TO REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Health-** Joan Haines, Emma Conklin, RoseMarie Dieckhoff, Dana Robb, Delphine Lehde Mullan, John Fritz, Kathleen Mueller, Erin Hunt, Jim Bracht, Alyssa Parrigon, Tess Holle, Dick Highfill, David Tunnell, Karen Schmedeke, Don Schmedeke, Baby Reed Fuemmeler, Lois Gaddy, Robbie Krueger, Grace Doss, Bob Bremer, Joe Garoutte, Stephen Schoen, Debbie Schoen, Orville Meyer

**Birthday's-** Sharon Curtit will be celebrating 81 years of life on November 23.

**Remembering our Seasoned Saints-** Bob Dieckhoff, Wayne Fritz, Marjorie Harris, Karen Kleiboeker, Orville Meyer, Don Schmedeke, Blake Stanford

**Families of the Week-** Jared Brockman family, Nicholas Broderick family, Kiley Brown, Sara Brown family, Walter Brown family, Richard Bushman family, Jesse Caddell, Nicholas Caddell family, Nita Calico, Stephanie Carey family

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**Self Service Nursery** is available in the chapel for families with children. Toys and Supplies are in the cabinet. Ask an usher for assistance.

**Lap Robes** are in the black cabinet in the narthex and bell tower. Please ask an Usher or Elder for assistance if needed.

**For Altar Flowers-** contact the Church Office.