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PRELUDE

Trust in the Lord

Donald Callender

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.**

GATHERING SONG

My Lord, What a Morning

ELW 438

Refrain



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn - ing; oh,



my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be - gin to fall.



1 You will hear the trum - pet sound,

2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,

3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,



look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

Refrain

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

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

All Glory Be to God on High

ELW 410



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, who has the world be -
2 O Fa - ther, for your lord - ship true we give you praise and
3 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, per - fect gift, who brings us con - so -



friend - ed; to us no harm shall now come nigh, the
hon - or; we wor - ship you; we trust in you; we
au - thor, re - deem - er of your wan - d'ring ones, and
la - tion: to men and wom - en saved by Christ as -



strife at last is end - ed. God shows good - will to
give you thanks for - ev - er. Your will is per - fect,
source of all true plea - sure; O Lamb of God, O
sure your in - spi - ra - tion. Through sick - ness, need, and



one and all, and peace when trou - bled sin - ners call. Thank
and your might re - lent - less - ly con - firms the right; your
Lord di - vine, con - form our lives to your de - sign, and
bit - ter death, grant us your warm, life - giv - ing breath; our



God for grace and mer - cy!
lord - ship is our bless - ing.
on us all have mer - cy.
lives are in your keep - ing. A - men.

Text: Nikolaus Decius, 1485–1550; tr. composite
Music: ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH, plainsong; adapt. Nikolaus Decius
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

Sue Teal

A reading from Amos.

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

¹⁹as 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.

²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even 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.

²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;

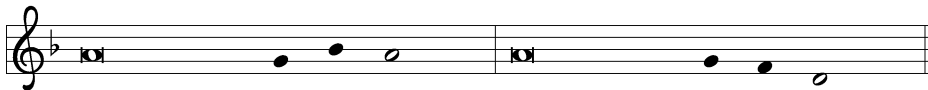
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 70



¹Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;

O LORD, make | haste to help me.

²**Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded;**

let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be disgraced. R

³Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me

turn back because | of their shame.

⁴**Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;**

let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the LORD!"

⁵But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God.

You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, | do not tarry. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

ELW 520



Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.
Music: LIEBSER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[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.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *vs 1,2,4* *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness (SCHMÜCKE DICH)* ELW 488



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and
3 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur -
4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and



haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's splen - dor,
glad - ly greet him. There he stands al - read - y knock - ing;
pass - ing won - der that the bread of life is bound - less
dear - est trea - sure, peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing,



there with joy your prais - es ren - der. Bless the one whose grace un -
quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing, o - pen wide the fast - closed
though the souls it feeds are count - less; with the choic - est wine of
joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing: hum - bly now, I bow be -



bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed; Christ, though heav' - n - ly,
por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal: “Come, and leave your
heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious
fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you; wor - thi - ly let



high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
loved one nev - er; dwell with - in my heart for - ev - er.”
con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662
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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

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

O God for whom we wait, come quickly to your people, bring your salvation, and center us in hope found only in you. Deepen our faith through meaningful worship and send us out with your justice and truth. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

O God for whom we watch, we glimpse your power in rushing water and your beauty in the darkening night. Show us how to restore this creation, and provide clean water to all people and animals. Save us from foolish, wasteful living. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

O God for whom we long, let justice roll down like waters on all nations. Bless the world with wise leaders; save your children from war. We lift up to you the people and leaders of the conflicts in the Middle East and Ukraine. We pray for the veterans of this community, that they are supported and loved. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

O God, in whom we hope, we pray for all who are in need. Provide for those who experience homelessness or hunger, support the under- or unemployed, and comfort any who are suffering this day especially Shirley, Charlotte, Louise, Kim, Joe and others we name now *(worshippers may add names silently or aloud)*. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Other prayers may be offered now.

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**



OFFERING

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning
African American Spiritual

Trinity Choir

Offering is an act of worship that shows our gratitude to God for all that we are and have in our lives. The offering today will provide support for the ministries of Trinity both locally and in the world around us. You may provide your offering in person, scan the QR code adjacent or send it by mail. We thank you for sharing not only your monetary gifts but also your gifts of time and talent to further our mission to share Jesus' love in worship, fellowship, hospitality, and community, doing God's work with our hands.

OFFERING PRESENTATION

O God beyond All Praising

ELW 880

1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day
and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;
for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send,
at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:
we lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your word.
we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.

Text: Michael Perry, 1942–1996

Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Those communing from home, have your package ready to open, but do not consume the elements until the pastor acknowledges those at home and says: "Take and eat. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ is given and shed for you." Then you may partake.

COMMUNION SONG

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

Blessed Assurance

ELW 638

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! Oh, what a fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine!
2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of rap - ture now burst on my sight;
3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav - ior am hap - py and blest,


Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long:


this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Leader or All




1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

All




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Leader or All



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

All



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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Soon and Very Soon

ELW 439



1 Soon and ver - y soon
 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 3 No more dy - in' there,
 4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 no more dy - in' there,
 soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
 no more dy - in' there,
 soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945

Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

John Barr (b.1938)

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TRENDING @ TRINITY

Thanks to everyone who has signed up for photos on 11/27 and 11/28. The thought of having a new directory is exciting! We would like to have a photo of everyone in the directory! So please see Mistie McPadalin or Sue Scheulen by 11/26 to sign-up to have your professional photograph taken. **Your help is still needed on the 27th and 28th to register people as they come for their photo session. Please see Mistie or Sue if you can help.**

For those who plan to submit their own photo for the directory, please email your high resolution (large) digital photo to Mistie or Sue. There is a \$15 cost for each personal photo submitted. Please give your money to Mistie or Sue (or Brenda in the church office). If you are writing a check, please make the check to Trinity Lutheran Church and write Pictorial Directory in the memo line. Please submit your personal photo and money by 11/26.

Everyone who has a photo taken or submits a personal photo will receive a directory. This is a great opportunity to have photos taken for family mementos or gifts!

Thanksgiving food baskets will be assembled this week and distributed on the 18th. There is still a little time for you to get your donations of stuffing, canned green beans, canned corn, and boxed desserts to the church. You may drop them off at the church tomorrow during office hours (8AM-1PM). Monetary donations are always accepted as well. Write "thanksgiving baskets" in the memo line of your check.

November's Noisy Offering on the 19th, will benefit Bright Futures Frederick/Winchester--a nonprofit agency that serves children enrolled in the 26 public schools in Winchester and Frederick County and whose families or caretakers have been identified as financially disadvantaged. It works with school divisions, partner organizations and the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank to make sure every student has access to nutritious food. The group's main initiative is its food pack program, which delivers breakfasts and lunches to students who experience food insecurities at home. Last year, the nonprofit's website states, more than 4,800 food packs containing two breakfasts and two lunches each were distributed to about 1,200 eligible students per month.

It's not too early to place your poinsettia order. This year you have four color options: red, white, pink or marble. Deadline for ordering is Dec. 11. The plants will adorn the sanctuary Christmas Eve. You may take your plants home after the 11PM service or the following week.

The Kringle Market is coming! The Kringle Market will take place here at Trinity on Saturday, December 2 10AM-7PM. It will be a wonderful craft, food and entertainment event for all ages. There are specific opportunities for you to participate listed on a signup sheet in the Parish Hall. Additionally, there is a need for donations (temporary or permanent) of Christmas tree lights and artificial Christmas trees (unlit or pre-lit). The Lutheran Church Women will be having a baked goods table and need lots and lots of home baked goodies for their booth. Please help spread the word to all your friends, neighbors and relatives, have them save the date.

The Virginia Synod has awarded Trinity Lutheran, Stephens City, and Pastor JMe Lowden a Ministry Renewal Grant. This grant provides for 6 weeks of sabbath respite and renewal time for Pastor Lowden. During this time away, Trinity will receive a \$3000 grant to cover the cost of pulpit supply and a vice pastor. The Virginia Synod will also provide Trinity with resources to assist in discussing ministry renewal. Trinity's Council approved the renewal time for Pastor JMe at its September meeting.

Pastor JMe will begin a six-week ministry renewal time on January 1, 2024 and return on February 11, 2024. While she is seeking renewal, Trinity will have a vice pastor for emergency situations, and likely a variety of local pastors providing pulpit supply. Council is working with John Wertz of the Synod to get a vice pastor, while Pastor JMe and Brenda will line up the pulpit supplies.

The overarching goal of the Ministry Renewal Grant is that the sustainable wellness of rostered ministers in the Virginia Synod will be strengthened through intentional rest, respite, and time for renewal. The Ministry Renewal Grant aims to address the financial and time needs that may be required for meaningful rest and renewal. The Grant works to meet this goal through the sharing of financial resources (a grant) to cover personal and congregational expenses related to the rostered minister's rest and renewal time.

Other congregations that have received a Ministry Renewal Grant include: Messiah Lutheran, Mechanicsville, VA, Our Savior Lutheran, Warrenton, Peace Lutheran and St. Mark Lutheran both in Charlottesville. Locally, while not receiving a grant, Grace Lutheran, Winchester has implemented time of renewal for their pastors, Pastor Sims' is this month, while Pastor Boynton will take his in February. The Virginia Synod congregations who have completed their renewal time report very positive experiences from the process for both the congregations and the pastors.

Council President, Roger Wickboldt will be giving a short Ministry Moment regarding the Grant during the announcement time. Please feel free to speak to any council member (Roger Wickboldt, Diann Dailey, Mistie McPadalin, Dan Painter, Carole Pfisterer, Dorrie Greene, Jim Hall, Mike Pyne) if you have questions.

This week: Greeter: Diann Dailey, Reader: Sue Teal; Comm. Asst. Barry Hockenberry
Next week: Greeter: Deb Wickboldt; Reader & Comm. Asst.: Susan Scheule