

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Hayfield, Minnesota

Rev. Kristen Anderson, Pastor

Denise Phillippe, Director of Christian Education

25th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am

November 19, 2023

Welcome to worship at Trinity!

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the LORD will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ’s coming among us.

Today is New Member Sunday. Special welcome to our new Trinity members: Connor & Taylor Goodwin, Blakely and Asher; Christa Decker & Colton Thompson, Hannah Bjerke, Kovin Bjerke, Brantley Thompson, and Braxton Thompson. Everyone is invited to the fellowship hall after worship for a reception in their honor.

Lector: Corey Wagner

Musician: Judy Fullmoth

Ushers: Kathy & Heath Hegna, Diane Boley and Randy Benson

Communion Assistant: Jeff Tank

Acolytes: Aubrey Louks and Bella Hansen

Videographer: Mark Otterness

Trinity Mission Statement

To proclaim God’s grace in Christ through Word and Sacrament; To nurture faith through Christian education and fellowship; and To bring the Gospel to the world community through Christian wit-

GATHERING

*Stand if able

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

**we confess that we are not awake for you.
We are not faithful in using your gifts.
We forget the least of our siblings.
We do not see your beautiful image in one another.
We are infected by sin
that divides your beloved community.
Open our hearts to your coming,
open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,
open our hands to serve your creation.**

Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children,
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through ✚ Jesus you are forgiven,
by Jesus you are welcome,
in Jesus you are called to rejoice!
Let us live in the promises prepared for us
from the foundation of the world.

GATHERING HYMN: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

verses 1-4

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

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord

SPECIAL MUSIC: *“God Is So Good”*

Trinity Choir

WORD

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,

“The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm.”

¹³Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.

¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

PSALM: **Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12**

L: ¹Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.

C: ²**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.**

L: ³You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Turn back, O children of earth."

C: ⁴**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night;**

L: ⁵you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:

C: ⁶**in the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried¹ up and withered.**

L: ⁷For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.

C: ⁸**Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

L: ⁹When you are angry, all our ^{days} are gone;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

C: ¹⁰**The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty;
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly
and we are gone.**

L: ¹¹Who regards the power of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your indignation?

C: ¹²**So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

SECOND READING: **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

P: The Gospel according to Matthew C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

P: The Gospel of the Lord C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON:

“GOD GIVEN TALENTS”

PASTOR KRISTEN ANDERSON

*APOSTLE'S CREED
*Prayers of the Church

P105

HYMN OF THE DAY: Let us Talents & Tongues Employ

#674

STEWARDSHIP SHARING:

Pastor Kristen

MEAL

OFFERING/CHILDREN'S NOISY OFFERING

Offertory: *"Let The Vineyards be Fruitful, Lord"*

LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL, LORD,
AND FILL TO THE BRIM OUR CUP OF BLESSING.
GATHER A HARVEST FROM THE SEEDS THAT WERE SOWN,
THAT WE MAY BE FED WITH THE BREAD OF LIFE.
GATHER THE HOPES AND DREAMS OF ALL;
UNITE THEM WITH THE PRAYERS WE OFFER NOW.
GRACE OUR TABLE WITH YOUR PRESENCE,
AND GIVE US A FORETASTE OF THE FEAST TO COME.

* WORDS OF INSTITUTION

* LORD'S PRAYER LED BY CONFIRMATION CLASS

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(All are invited to receive the Sacrament today...the Bread of Life from heaven! If you prefer juice (instead of wine) or a gluten-free wafer (instead of bread), please let the server know. Let the usher know if you'd like Communion brought to your pew.)

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION: *"Christ, Be Our Light"*

#715

*COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING

* **SENDING HYMN:** I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

#815

* DISMISSAL

P: GO IN PEACE AND SERVE THE LORD!

C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember to turn in your stewardship pledge cards and time and talent sheets for 2024. You can drop them in the offering plate, mail them to the church office, or go online to access them on our church website: www.trinityhayfield.com

MESSIAH EVENT: It is time for the 15 th annual Messiah concert to raise funds for the Dodge County Food Shelf. Rehearsal is on Sunday, November 26 from 6 to 7 p.m. at Trinity. The performance will be on Sunday, December 3 during the 9:00 a.m. worship. There will be string quartet and harpsichord accompaniment. All interested individuals are invited to sing. Music will be provided. Hosanna will also sing. There will be a free will offering for Dodge County Food Shelf. Refreshments will follow the service. The program lasts about an hour. The music is very uplifting and a wonderful way to begin your Advent/Christmas preparations! We are hoping for a very large audience and participation from area congregations. You will be blessed by Handel's heavenly inspired music! Invite your friends and neighbors! Call 507-477-2543 for more information.

Holiday Worship Schedule:

Nov. 22: Community Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at 7:00 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church in Hayfield.

Dec. 24: Online only Advent worship at 9:00 a.m.; Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Services at 3:00 and 4:30 p.m.

Dec. 25: Christmas Day worship at 9:00 a.m.

No WASS, Wednesday Supper, Confirmation, or Youth Group This Coming Wednesday, November 22

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, these Wednesday activities will not happen, so that children and youth are able to participate fully in family preparations and celebrations.

Attention! Parents! Holiday Childcare Sunday, December 10 at Trinity!

As a fundraiser, Trinity youth will provide afternoon activities for children, Sunday, December 10, 1-4:30 p.m., right at the church. Work on your Christmas shopping, attend a holiday party, or do whatever else you need to do without your children. An advance sign-up will be required, so we have the right number of youth and materials to provide a good time for your children!

New Middle School Youth Group Meets Sunday, December 3

We are expanding the 5th/6th grade youth group to include 7th and 8th graders, so that going forward, we have a middle school youth group. We will have an event the afternoon of December 3 and then a monthly event January through April.

Youth Group Every Wednesday

This is for 10th-12th graders, starting at 6:30. (You can eat "Wednesday Supper" if you arrive by 6:15.) After confirmation class ends at 7:30, 9th graders are always welcome to join the group in the youth room.

Handmade Quilts On Display--For Purchase

Quilts handmade by Trinity's quilters over the past year will be displayed over the backs of pews starting this coming Sunday. If you see one you like, you may purchase it at any time. Here's how: Remove the tag and give it and your payment to a quilter (Lois Burns, Dorothy Gesme, Jenny Johnson, Sue Anderson, Betty Moon), one or more of whom will be available after the worship service. If a quilter is not around, you may turn in the tag and your payment at the church office. Be sure to turn in the tag! Once you purchase the quilt, take it home with you.

Quilts will also be sold at the Trinity Bazaar Dec 2, 8:30-11:30 a.m., and again Dec 3, after worship. The quilters donate many quilts each year to organizations that assist those in need. Your purchase of a beautiful quilt made by hand supports the ongoing production of quilts for those with financial or medical challenges.

Purchase a Handmade Quilt

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**NOVEMBER 12, 2023
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

taking†
faith
home

Worship that is pleasing to God.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 25:1-13	A parable of the ten bridesmaids
Monday	Amos 5:18-24	What the Lord requires
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	The coming of the Lord
Wednesday	Psalm 106:1-12	A confession of Israel's sins
Thursday	Isaiah 1:10-17	Justice is needed, not sacrifices
Friday	Deuteronomy 16:18-20	Treat everyone with justice
Saturday	Psalm 70	God is wonderful
Sunday	Matthew 25:14-30	Parable of the talents

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amos 5:24 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, we thank you for your call for justice and mercy that gives hope to our lives and to the generations to come through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let these gifts to us be blessed; and let there be a goodly share on every table, everywhere. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God who shows mercy on the poor deliver you from harm. (Psalm 70:5)



NOVEMBER 12, 2023

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Canticle of the Turning



taking **+**
faith
home

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Why is care for those in need so important?
- What type of worship do you think pleases God? Explain.

DEVOTIONS



Read: Amos 5:18-24.

Amos' prophetic words are not addressed to those who are indifferent or have actively rejected faith in God. His message is for those who worship God. He uses words of caution filled with danger and accusation. The worshipping community becomes shaken out of complacency. What God sees and smells and hears in worship is not pleasing. Worship is offered without concern for the needs of the poor (justice) and the wellbeing of the community (righteousness). Worship that is pleasing to God includes the daily life activity of people that shows compassion and delights in healthy relationships. Worship promotes a faithful way of life that is itself a form of worship and praise to God. It is good to know that the power of God's justice is like a flood of water, a deluge, and God's righteousness is constant like a stream that never stops flowing.

Discuss: How does worship lead you to acts of compassion that serve the needs of others?

Pray: **God of justice and mercy, may our worship life reflect your compassion for the needy and our need for strong and life-giving relationships through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you serve others to enable them to have life-giving relationships?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Matthew 25:1-13 is the parable of the foolish bridesmaids who did not have additional oil for their lamps. The light in their lamps could not shine. They were not ready. It is important to keep the faith alive and "burning" while waiting for Christ's return. We can do this by being ready to do God's work every day. Light a candle to symbolize the light of Jesus' love shining. While the candle is burning write a list of ways you can do God's work every day.

Pray: **Dear God, be with me each day. Help me to show love, fairness, and care for others through your Son, Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen**



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sun 19 7:30am: Council Meeting
9:00am: **Worship—Communion**
9:00 am: New Membership
10:00am: Sunday School
10: 00:am: New Member Reception

Mon 20 7:00pm: AA

Tues 21 8:30am: SAIL Exercise Class
10:00am: Bible Study

Wed22 3:00pm: NO WASS
5:00pm: NO Wednesday Supper
6:30pm: No Confirmation
6:30pm: No Youth Group
7:30pm: Community Thanksgiving Worship at Presbyterian Church

Thur 23 **Happy Thanksgiving—Office Closed**
8:00am: No SAIL Exercise
9:00am: NO Quilting

Sun 26 9:00am: **Worship**
10:00am: NO Sunday School

Prayer Concerns

For strength and healing: Russell Boulion, Wayne Johnson, Pastor Bagne, Shirley Miner, Joan Christians , Cody Hegna and Júnior Jorgenson.

PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU OR A MEMBER IS HOSPITALIZED

OctoberSeptember Attendance

October 1: 122

October 8:78

October 15:144

October 29:278

November 5:119

November 12: 144

September 2023 Finances

Sept. Offering Income:	\$18,076.71
Sept. Budgeted Exps:	<u>\$24,721.38</u>
Difference:	(\$6,644.67)

2023 Year-to-date Income:	\$242,928.55
2023 Year-to-date Expense:	<u>\$233,841.03</u>
Difference:	\$9,087.52