



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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Word of Truth

"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life."

Revelation 2:10 NKJV

The Last Sunday in Trinity

November 24, 2024

Musicians: Carol Ahrens, Jeanie Hoffman, Stephen Krause, Anna Maas, Louise Mayhew, Ann Sprengeler
Videographers; Dale Bernthal; David Maas
Ushers Team C: Jerry Sharp, Dan Morrison, Burnell Nieuwenhuis



WELCOME to everyone who has come to share the Good news of the gospel with us today. We ask our guests to please sign our Guestbook, and we invite you to join us regularly for worship services. If you would like more information about our church, please contact Pastor Nolting (507-201-5524).

VIDEO FEED: For overflow or other reasons the church service may be viewed in the basement.

Quiet Bags: Parents—borrow a bag that hangs in the entryway to help your child's quiet endeavors during the sermon. Please return the bags to their hooks after the service. Thank you!

Pre-Service Meditation: Psalm 45:1-7 NKJV

My heart is overflowing with a good theme; I recite my composition concerning the King; my tongue is the pen of a ready writer. You are fairer than the sons of men; grace is poured upon Your lips; therefore God has blessed You forever. Gird Your sword upon Your thigh, O Mighty One, with Your glory and Your majesty. And in Your majesty ride prosperously because of truth, humility, and righteousness; and Your right hand shall teach You awesome things. Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the King's enemies; the peoples fall under You. Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions.

Pre-Service Prayer: O LORD God, please rule within my heart, so that I might follow you with joy and faithfulness all my days—seeking Your guidance and receiving Your blessings. Amen.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome in the name of Jesus who will return as promised!

Opening Prayer

Hymn: "Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word"

The Lutheran Hymnal 16



Invocation: We worship this morning in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!

All (sing): Amen

Confession of Sins & Absolution

(WS p. 22)

Lay-Leader: God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. (1 Jn. 1:5)

All: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. (1 Jn. 1:7)

LL: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. (1 Jn. 1:8)

All: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 Jn. 1:9)

LL: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

LL: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord. (1 Jn. 2:2; Heb. 4:16; Ps. 146:1)



Psalm 95 (as printed): All sing

1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
 2 For the Lord is a great God
 3 The sea is His, for He made it,
 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

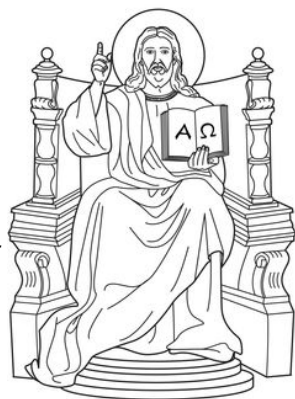
1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
 3 and His hand formed the dry — land.
 5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
 3 O come, let us worship and bow — down,
 4 For He is our God,
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,

1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
 2 the strength of the hills is His — al - so.
 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep — of His hand.
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

1st Scripture Readings: Isaiah 35:3-10

Isaiah comforted the people of His day by pointing ahead to a time of restoration. For Old Testament Israel that time came when the Jews returned to Palestine from Babylon. Today we can take comfort in the restoration to come when Jesus returns!



2nd Scripture Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

John was given a vision of "a great multitude" surrounding the throne of God and praising His saving name. This multitude was made up of the saints who have departed this life for heaven and are awaiting the end of time when all we believers will join them!

Pastor: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it. (Lk.11:28)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Our Confession of Faith in the Apostolic Creed



I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: "Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray" *The Lutheran Hymnal* 446

Sermon: Text - Luke 12:35-43 NKJV

"Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them. And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." Then Peter said to Him, "Lord, do You speak this parable only to us, or to all people?" And the Lord said, "Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his master will make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes.

JESUS WILL RETURN!

I. Let us be: "Semper paratus!"

II. Let us be: "Semper fidelis!"

Offertory: All (sing)

Create in *me* a new heart, Lord,
That gladly *I* obey Your Word.
Let what You *will* be my desire
And with new life my soul inspire. Amen.

Offerings of Thankful Hearts

We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator!
 In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;
 We lay it before You, we *kneel* and adore You,
 We bless Your holy *name*, glad praises we sing.

Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

The LORD bless you and keep you.
 The LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you;
 The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
All (sing): Amen, Amen, Amen.

Closing Hymn: "Let Thoughtless Thousands Choose the Road"
The Lutheran Hymnal 608

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THANK YOU! We thank our volunteers today: Stephen Krause for taking the Grace Adult Bible Class. We thank Philip Mayhew and Seth School for leading the Grace and St. Paul’s worship respectively. May the LORD bless all their work among us!

2025 CLC Mission Helper Trip - Applications are now being accepted for the 2025 Mission Helper Trip to Nepal. Space is limited for this trip, so please apply early. Find more information at: <https://mht.lutheranmissions.org/>.



CONGRATULATIONS: We congratulate the Immanuel Lutheran High School—Eau Claire, Wisconsin Lady Lancers on their State High School Volleyball championship. It is the first time in the history of our synodical school that any of our teams have taken a state title. May the LORD continue to bless our students with success in all areas!

Christ Explorer's Camp:

Young Adult Retreat: Well, our camp is growing up just like the majority of our youth in our church at Holy Trinity. So.... this year, we have decided to host a more "grown up" camp for our older youth. This will actually become a Young Adult Retreat! We are inviting young adults enter-



Young Adult Ministry

ing grades 9 and up and our young college youth to join us in Bryson City, NC, for a young adult retreat! Please save the date for Christ's Explorers Retreat - Thursday, June 19 - Sunday, June 22. Questions, please contact:

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Julie Levandoski (levandoskidressage@gmail.com).



MDF Opportunities: The CLC Board of Missions has numerous opportunities to assist our brothers and sisters in Christ with Gospel outreach in several countries around the world. Offerings to the Mission Development Fund (MDF) are needed to support and complete projects such as a seminary classroom building in Nigeria, a multi-purpose worship and Bible institute building in Bangladesh, and pastoral training seminars and conferences. The MDF also provides Bibles, **MDF Opportuni-**

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THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE:

A Tri-Parish Thanksgiving Day Service will be celebrated on Thursday, November 28 at 10:00 a.m. at Grace in Valentine. All members of our Tri-Parish are invited and encouraged to attend, for we all have much for which to be thankful! The Psalmist writes: *"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name"* (Psalm 100:4).

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CLC CALL NEWS: Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Loganville, GA has returned the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

<> Pastor Caleb Schaller of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI has received the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA. <> Teacher Collette Krause of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Watertown, SD has announced her retirement effective the end of the current school year.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT: *"Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."* Philippians 4:4-7

Weekly Calendar: November 24-December 1, 2024

Today	8:05 a.m.	940 AM "Words of Grace" Radio Devotion
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Study @ Grace
	10:30 a.m.	Grace WORSHIP in Valentine
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's/ Peace WORSHIP in White River
	10:00 a.m.	Tri-Parish THANKSGIVING WORSHIP @ Grace
Next Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Peace/St. Paul's WORSHIP at Mission
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