

THE GIFT OF
FAITH

TRINITY LUTHERAN - 16 NOV 25

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN:

How Firm a Foundation (ELW 796)

 = 150



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorm,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand,"
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

Just as the prophet Isaiah assured God's people so many years ago he assures us now that God is our salvation.
It is because of that confidence,
because of that promise,
that we dare approach God with our confession.

We pray together.

God of peace we confess we are a people of fear.

We have let anxiety rule our days and worry our nights.

We have been distracted by nerves and focused on tension.

We confess we have ignored your command to not be afraid.

Forgive us, O God.

**Calm our hearts, settle our stomachs,
and renew in us our faith in you. Amen.**

The prophet Isaiah assures us:

God is building a new heaven and a new earth;
the former things will not be remembered or come to mind.
Forgiven and freed,
rejoice in what the Lord is creating in you,
in me, in all creation.

CONFESSITIONAL HYMN:

If You But Trust in God to Guide You (ELW 769)

 = 115



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your

hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
qui - et - ness con - tent, We rest in God's good will un -
ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -

side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our

God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move,
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

**God of the earthquake and the silence,
quiet in us any voice but your own,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit we might hear,
and in hearing we might believe,
and in believing we might act,
making way for your new creation. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating,
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy
and its people as a delight.

¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it
or the cry of distress.

²⁰ No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime,
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat,
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³ They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—
and their descendants as well.

²⁴ Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the LORD.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING: Isaiah 12

¹ You will say on that day:

**“I will give thanks to you, O Lord,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
and you comforted me.**

² Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust and will not be afraid,
for the Lord is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.”

³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴ And you
will say on that day:

**“Give thanks to the Lord;
call on his name;
make known his deeds among the nations;
proclaim that his name is exalted.**

⁵ Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.

⁶ Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶ "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

⁷ They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸ And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

⁹ "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (ELW 596)

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My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (ELW 596)

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
2 Whendark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,

no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.

in ev -'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is

sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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

God of new beginnings

You have promised us a season
in which weeping will no longer be heard,
nor cries of distress.
Yet we live in a season filled with weeping and distress.

**This day we come before you offering prayers
for those who weep with grief:**

for those who mourn the death of loved ones;
the loss of employment;
the pain of transition.

**This day we come before you offering prayers
for those who cry out in distress:**

for the rumblings of hungry bellies;
the lament of the addict;
the pleas of the homeless.

**This day we come before you offering prayers
for those who labor in vain:**

for those enslaved in fields, factories, and mines;
for those whose work cripples their bodies and their spirits;
for those who toil without recognition, wage, or honor.

You have promised us a season of blessing.

You have promised us a season of peace.

We pray for the coming of that holy time
throughout your beloved creation,
for the sake of your beloved Son, and our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Please place offering in one of the Bulletin Stand offering plates at the end of worship as you leave the church.

OFFERTORY:

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven (ELW 864)



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.
2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.
God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un-chang-ing on.
Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

God of the wolf and the lamb, the lion and the ox,
we give thanks for these gifts
and pray they might be agents of your peace.
May they serve your creation
as we seek your new heaven and new earth.
Help us take these gifts out into a world
filled with distress and calm it.
Help us take these gifts out into a world
filled with pain and heal it.
Help us take these gifts out into a world
filled with silence and speak up;
In Jesus' name. 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.

BENEDICTION

Now let us go out into the world in peace.

Living fully.

Building homes.

Planting vineyards.

Giving thanks.

Working for what is right.

And may the God of our salvation,
our strength and our comfort,
guard our hearts and minds
this day and evermore.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN:

Soon and Very Soon (ELW 439)

$\text{♩} = 160$

Capo 3: D

F G B_b D

1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon

A C D F

soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there,
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon

G B_b D

soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there,
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon

D⁷ G F⁷ B_b Gm B_bm D F A⁷ C⁷ D F

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

Coda after stanza 4

D E G A⁷ C⁷ D E G A⁷ C⁷

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

D E G A⁷ C⁷ D E G A⁷ C⁷ D

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



DISMISSAL

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

Trinity Happenings:

Sun, Nov 16:

9:00am	Worship w/ S. Barret: <i>The Gift of Faith</i>
10:15am	Fellowship in Gruver Rm
10:30am	Decorate the Sanctuary



HOLIDAY DECORATING TODAY After Worship

Mon, Nov 17:

9:00am **Becoming in Gruver Rm**

Tue, Nov 18:

5:30pm TheologyPUB
@ Coal Creek Downtown

Wed, Nov 19:

10:00am **Women's Study in Gruver Rm**

Sun, Nov 23:

9:00am Worship Service: *The Gift of Christ*
9:00am Sunday School in Downstairs Youth Rm
10:15am Fellowship in Gruver Rm
10:30am Does the Bible say...God lies?

Mon, Nov 24:

9:00am **Becoming in Gruver Rm**

Wed, Nov 26:

10:00am Women's Study in Gruver Rm



Sun, Nov 30:

9:00am First Advent Worship
10:15am Fellowship in Gruver Rm

Mon, Dec 1:

9:00am **Becoming in Gruver Rm**

Tue, Dec 2:

5:30pm TheologyPUB
@ Coal Creek Downtown

Wed, Dec 3:

10:00am **Women's Study in Gruver Rm**
5:45pm **Wednesday Meal in Gruver Rm**
6:30pm **Worship Service: *The Gift of...
...Wisdom* w/ E. Boss & E. Hawkey**



Trinity is sponsoring a 2025 Albany County School District Christmas For Kids family! Our family, #126, includes three adults and five children. Please take a family member's wish ornament from the Giving Tree in the Gruver Room and buy that gift. All gifts (with their ornament so they can be properly labeled), are due Sunday December 7th for a wrapping party after Worship.



ADVENT Evenings

JOIN US 5:45 WEDNESDAYS TO
CELEBRATE IN THE GRUVER ROOM
WINE, APPETIZERS, COOKIES, COFFEE
6:30 WORSHIP

DEC 3RD, 10TH, 17TH

**EVERY MON AT 9AM IN THE GRUVER RM
FOR SCRIPTURE, BOOKS,
AND REAL-LIFE DISCUSSIONS**

Becoming study

AS GOD'S PEOPLE WE ARE ALWAYS BECOMING...GROWING, CHANGING, AND ADJUSTING TO THE WORLD AROUND US.



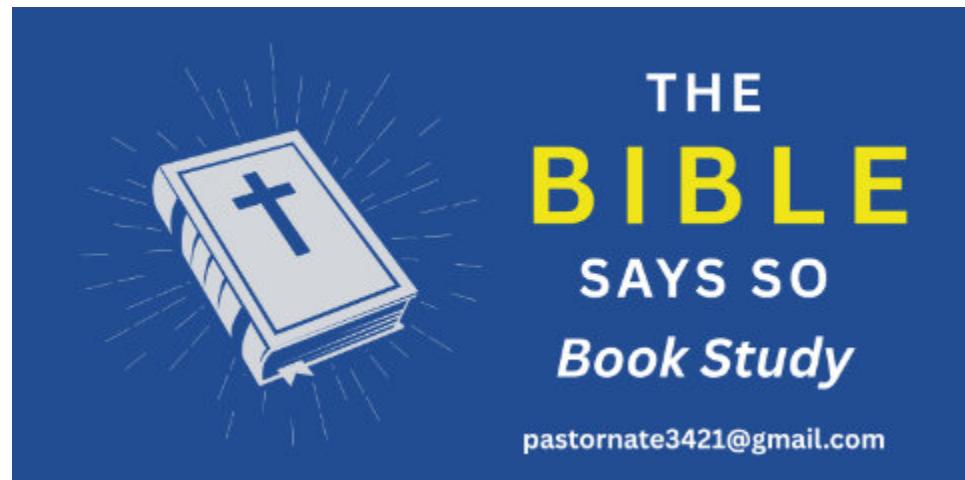
THEOLOGY PUB

1st & 3rd Tuesdays
5:30pm Fellowship
6:00-7pm Faith Conversation

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Women's Study
WEDNESDAYS AT 10AM
IN THE GRUVER ROOM



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Students, let Trinity buy you a

MUGG Lunch!

- Moments
- Under
- God's
- Grace



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is an educational ministry along with spiritual development for those in the 7th and 8th grades. Depending on timing for families, sometimes they start in the 6th grade as well. Please email or call Pastor Nate for more information.

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Serving in Worship

TODAY — Nov 16, 2025

Reader: **Martha Leonard**
Preacher: **Steven Barrett**
Fellowship: **Sally Myer**

TODAY — Nov 23, 2025

Reader: **Abby Haff**
Assistant: **Erik Boss**
Fellowship: **Molly Bredehoff**



THE **BIBLE** SAYS SO

*November 23rd
Reading Assignment*

Chapters 3 & 4

*Was God's Creation from Nothing?
Does the Bible Say God Lies?*

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November 18th and 19th

