



THE GIFT OF CHRIST



TRINITY LUTHERAN - 23 NOV 25

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN:

Jesus Shall Reign (ELW 434)

♩ = 160



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made. and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

We do not confess our sins in the *hope* of forgiveness;
we confess our sins with the *certainty* of forgiveness.
For the apostle Paul assures us
that we have been rescued from the power of darkness,
and transferred into the kingdom of God's beloved son,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
And so with that promise, that assurance, that redemption
we confess our sins before God and one another.

We pray together.

Holy God,

**we confess that we have neglected to declare Jesus
the model for our lives.**

**We have been quick to call on others
to follow the ways of Christ
yet slow to do the same.**

Forgive us, O God.

**Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to
be more Christlike
in word, in deed, and in spirit. Amen.**

All things, in heaven and on earth,
are reconciled to God in **Jesus Christ.**
Forgiveness is ours through faith in the Lord,
in whom God was pleased to dwell.
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

CONFESSITIONAL HYMN:

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (ELW 634)

♩ = 135



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid did call—
4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm-wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



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5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

**God of all times and all places,
be with us in this time and this place.
Just as you have spoken to your people
through prophets and poets,
we pray that we might hear the Word
you speak to us today.**

**Just as you have spoken to your people through
deeds and miracles,**

**we pray that we might have eyes
to see the Word you speak to us today.**

**Just as you have called your people
to act in the midst of your creation,
we pray that we might have feet to walk
and hands to reach out;**

for the sake of your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

FIRST READING: Luke 1:68-79

⁶⁸“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.
⁶⁹He has raised up a mighty savior for us
in the house of his child David,
⁷⁰as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
⁷¹that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all
who hate us.
⁷²Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors
and has remembered his holy covenant,
⁷³the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,
to grant us ⁷⁴that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,
might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness
in his presence all our days.
⁷⁶And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
⁷⁷to give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.
⁷⁸Because of the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,
⁷⁹to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 46

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with
fire.

¹⁰**“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the
earth.”**

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:11-20

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his
glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience,
joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in
the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the
power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved
Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation,

¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things
visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or
powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He
himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is
the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from
the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For
in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him
God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or
in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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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 23:33-43

The holy gospel according to St. Luke the twenty-third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

³⁴ Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

***Lift High the Cross* (ELW 660)**

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till
all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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

Loving God,
you have assured us that the days are surely coming
when your people will know peace.
Confident in your promises, we proclaim with faith:
The Lord of hosts is with us.

You have assured us that the dawn from on high will break upon us.
We pray this day for those in particular need of peace.
We pray for the trampled, the ignored, the brushed aside.
We pray for the home-less, the love-less, and the health-less.
We pray for leaders in governments, communities, schools, and homes,
that they may know the influence of wisdom rather than power.
May all declare with faith:
The Lord of hosts is with us.

You have assured us of the salvation of your people.
We pray this day for those who only know violence:
those whose countries have been torn apart
by invasion, civil war, and private armies,
those whose communities have been forgotten
by all but the warlords and gangs,
those whose homes are places of danger and fear
rather than sanctuary and love.
May they declare with certitude:
The Lord of hosts is with us.

God of all creation we thank you this day
for the gift of Jesus the Christ.
We pray that in the midst of chaos we might hear Jesus' word to us;
that in the midst of heartache we might know Jesus' presence,
and in the midst of a cacophony of voices we might proclaim:
The Lord of hosts is with us.

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:

King of Glory (W&P 136)

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.**

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

*All are welcome to join in the gift of Holy Communion.
White grape juice is available and all altar bread is gluten-free.
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond
Amen.

COMMUNION HYMNS

*Beautiful Savior (ELW 838)
O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us (ELW 431)*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our lord and savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.
God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CONFIRMAND BIBLE PRESENTATION

We give thanks to God for the gift of the Holy Scriptures,
A lamp to our feet and a light to our path.
We give thanks for these who will receive a Bible today,
That they may grow in faith, hope, and love.
We pray that these Bibles may be treasured, read, and discussed,
That God's Word will guide their steps and shape their hearts.
We ask God to bless the families, teachers, and mentors who support these children,
That together we may nurture faith and share God's love.

BLESSING

Now go out into the world with courage,
supporting the ways Christ gives light to those who sit in darkness
and guides our feet in the way of peace.
And may the holy triune **☩** God,
the visible and invisible,
guide your feet,
strengthen your hands,
and fortify your heart this day and evermore.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN:

Crown Him with Many Crowns (ELW 855)

$\text{♩} = 135$

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
ere - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Serving in Worship

TODAY — Nov 23, 2025

Reader: **Abby Haff**

Assistant: **Erik Boss**

Fellowship: **Molly Bredehoff**

TODAY — Nov 30, 2025

Reader: **Thom Edgar**

Assistant: **Thom Edgar**

Fellowship: **OPEN**



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.

Trinity Happenings:

Sun, Nov 23:	9:00am	Worship Service: <i>The Gift of Christ</i>
	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



Sun, Nov 30:	9:00am	Advent Worship: <i>The Gift of Patience</i>
	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	Advent Celebration in Gruver Rm
	6:30pm	Worship Service: <i>The Gift of...</i> ...Wisdom w/ E. Boss & E. Hawkey



Sun, Dec 7:	9:00am	Advent Worship w/ the Band: <i>The Gift of Speech...and Silence</i>
	9:00am	Sunday School in Downstairs Youth Rm
	10:15am	Fellowship Wrapping Party in Gruver Rm
	10:30am	Confirmation behind Gruver Rm
Mon, Dec 8:	9:00am	Becoming in Gruver Rm
Tue, Dec 9:	6:00pm	Church Council in Gruver Rm
Wed, Dec 10:	10:00am	Women's Study in Gruver Rm
	5:45pm	Advent Celebration in Gruver Rm
	6:30pm	Worship Service: <i>The Gift of...</i> ...Teaching w/ D. Greller
Sun, Dec 14:	9:00am	Advent Worship: <i>The Gift of Hope</i>
	9:00am	Sunday School in Downstairs Youth Rm
	10:15am	Fellowship in Gruver Rm
	10:30am	Does the Bible say...God has a wife?



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