

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Lamb will
guide them
to springs of the
water of life

REVELATION 7:17

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Sunday, November 5, 2017

Service of Holy Eucharist—Setting 4

To all who join in worship, we are grateful that you are here today!

- We invite all believers in Christ to receive the Sacrament with us. White grape juice is available. Gluten-free wafers are also available. If you would like us to bring the bread and wine to you, please notify one of the ushers.
- Nursery attendants are available during worship just off the South Lobby area for children ages 5 years and younger. If you arrive and no one is in the nursery, please notify one of the ushers to get the attendant. A changing table is available in the nursery.
- Pew Pads are located at the end of each pew. Please sign in and pass them down to the end of the row so we can note that you attended worship with us today. If you or a family member would like a visit from one of our staff, please inform the Pastor.
- Prayer request cards are in the pew racks. Please hand to an usher during the hymn following the sermon.

WELCOME... We pray this worship time is enriching for your spiritual life.

All Saints Sunday—Soli Deo Gloria:

Glory belongs to God alone. God's glory is the central motivation for salvation, not improving the lives of people—though that is a wonderful by product. God is not a means to an end—he is the means and the end. The goal of all of life is to give glory to God alone: "Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31). As The Westminster Catechism says, the chief purpose of human life is "to glorify God and enjoy him forever."

PRELUDE: *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

In the name of the Father,

and of the ✝ Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

I give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected me through the night from all harm and danger. I ask that you would also protect me today from sin and all evil, so that my life and actions may please you. Into your hands I commend myself: my body, my soul, and all that is mine. Let your holy angel be with me, so that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

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

Lord,

you know I do not presume to come before you on my own or because of my worthiness. Were I to rely on myself I could not lift up my eyes to you. I would not know how to begin to pray. But I come because you have personally commanded and earnestly requested that we should call upon you. You have promised to hear us. You have also sent your only son who has taught us what we are to pray and has spoken the words we are to say. So I know that this prayer pleases you. However bold I may be in your presence as a child of God, I must yield to you, for you want it so. You tell the truth. I only add to my sins and offend you more when I despise your command and doubt your promise.

Amen.

(From Luther's prayer, "Obeying the Command and Trusting the Promise")

Almighty God through the death of his Son has destroyed sin and death. Through his resurrection he has restored innocence and eternal life. We who are delivered from the power of the devil may live in his kingdom. Give us grace that we may believe this with our whole heart. Enable us, always, to steadfastly praise and thank him in this faith, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

(From Luther's prayer, "For the right faith and its strengthening power")

GATHERING HYMN: *Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice* (v. 1-4)

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *Savior of the Nations, Come* (v. 1, 8)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading provides a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer responds to the faithful with the assurance of God's protection and a vision of eventual victory.

A reading from Revelation.

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: *From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee* (v. 1, 3, 5)

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

A reading from 1 John.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

In the beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

HYMN: *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come* (v. 1, 2, 14, 15)

The assembly stands.

APOSTLES' CREED: *O Lord, We Praise Thee* (all verses)

A LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Let us remember those who have gone before us.

For those who lit our lives with joy, for those who have touched us with tenderness,
for those whose loss fills us with longing,

Holy God, within and among us, we give thanks in glad remembrance.

We celebrate those who have loved us for ourselves, looking with acceptance on all that we
are, and cherishing us without condition or constraint.

Holy God, within and among us, we give thanks in glad remembrance.

We celebrate those who have stood alongside us, holding us in the depths of elation or
despair, where words of joy or rescue fall silent.

Holy God, within and among us, we give thanks in glad remembrance.

We celebrate those who would not let us stand still, edging us gently into the open spaces of
new understanding and delighted exploration.

Holy God, within and among us, we give thanks in glad remembrance.

We celebrate those who have challenged us to grow, perceiving all that we have in us to
become and daring us to dream beyond our imagining.

Holy God, within and among us, we give thanks in glad remembrance.

We celebrate those who have traveled before us, showing us in their persistent courage and
tenderness how to live in love, and die in faith and hope.

Holy God, within and among us, we give thanks in glad remembrance.

Here we remember those who have gone before us.

For those who lit our lives with joy, for those who have touched us with tenderness,
for those whose loss fills us with longing,

Holy God, within and among us, we give thanks in glad remembrance.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brief announcements will be made by the pastor and thanks given for what our offerings provide towards the church's mission.

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY HYMN:

To Shepherds as They Watched by Night

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Dear Lord, I know that you own even more and have more in storage than you have given away. In you I shall not want. If need be, the heavens indeed would pour down a supply for our need. You will never fail me. You make me rich. If I have you, I have all I want.

Amen.

(From Luther's prayer, "I Shall Not Want")

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.

PREFACE

SANCTUS: *Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old* (choir)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER: *Our Father, Who from Heaven Above* (v. 1, 8)

COMMUNION

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.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

Soli Deo Gloria (ELW 878)

All Glory Be to God Alone (v. 1-2)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The assembly stands to receive the blessing.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, almighty Lord God, that you have refreshed us with this precious gift, and we ask for your mercy that you would let it nurture in us strong faith toward you and intensive love among us all, through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord.

Amen.

(From Luther's prayer, "After Communion")

BENEDICTION: *In Peace and Joy I Now Depart* (choir)

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *For All the Saints* (ELW 422, v. 1, 3, 7)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

Trinity Happenings

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| Sunday, November 5 | 9:00 am | Worship |
| | 10:15 am | Fellowship |
| | 10:15 am | Sunday School |
| | 11:00 am | Oktoberfest Potluck Meal |
| Wednesday, November 8 | 10:00 am | Women's Bible Study |
| | 7:00 pm | Confirmation - Moses and Pharaoh |
| Sunday, November 12 | 9:00 am | Worship |
| | 10:15 am | Coffee and Fellowship |
| | 10:15 am | Sunday School |
| Tuesday, November 14 | 7:00 pm | Church Council |
| Wednesday, November 15 | 10:00 am | Women's Bible Study |
| | 7:00 pm | Chancel Choir |
| | 7:00 pm | From Conflict to Communion—joint worship at St. Paul's Newman Center |
| Sunday, November 19 | 9:00 am | Worship |
| | 10:15 am | Fellowship |
| | 10:15 am | Sunday School |
| | 6:15 pm | Youth Group |

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Laura Ricklefs (11/5); Hailey Anderson (11/7); Caroline Bredehoft (11/7); Chris Henry (11/7); Mary Beth Garson (11/8); Libby Lankford (11/8); Kris Oolman (11/8); Andrea Blackmon (11/8); Jerry Devin (11/9); Elizabeth Edgar (11/10); Gary McKim (11/10).

THOSE NEEDING OUR PRAYERS: Please keep the following members in your prayers this week: Ed Dolan, Joan Dana, Bob Thymian, Jane Kidwell, Addie Hopper, Marilyn Moen, Daniel Travsky, Dick Babcock, and JoAnn Merrill. If you know of someone that could use a visit from Pastor Nate, just let him know, or if there is someone you would like added to the Trinity Prayer Chain, please inform Jennie Lawrence by email at missjennae@yahoo.com.

TRUMPET DEADLINE: Please submit any items for the weekly Trinity Trumpet *in writing* by 9 am on Wednesday. The Trumpet is emailed at noon each Wednesday.

Readings for Next Sunday, November 12, 2017

Ephesians 2:1-10; 1 Timothy 4:11-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

***Find the weekly lectionary readings, and more at www.textweek.com

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES: Laramie's annual Ten Thousand Villages fair trade sale will be held Friday, Nov. 1, 4-8 pm, and Saturday, Nov. 11, 9 am to 4 pm at the First United Methodist Church, 12th and Gibbon. Since 2006, the Laramie sale has raised over \$100,000 for Third World artisans, working with them to create safe and productive workplaces and to promote stewardship of natural resources (many items are crafted with recycled materials). This year's sale will include many holiday decorations as well as clothing, baskets, housewares, jewelry, chocolate, coffee, and much more! Consider purchasing a gift that does good in the world!

FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE: Family Promise of Albany County (FPAC) is gaining speed now that we have 11 (maybe 12) Host churches/organizations and 7 Support churches. We have a 15-pac van and the Day Center will be at the United Presbyterian Church. Funding is at about 60% of their goal to get started. They are getting a VISTA volunteer to help with the initial preparations and the Leadership Board is looking at hiring a Director by 1 January for a start date of March 2018. If anyone is interested in being on the Board of Directors for FPAC, contact Mike Nutter and he can get you in touch with the Board committee.

In the next month, FPAC will be working with Trinity to get prepared for our first families. Mike Nutter will be the initial Coordinator and will certainly need help in getting this started. If you would like to help him please let him know.

Family Promise is going to launch an online campaign for #GivingTuesday. Their goal is \$15,000 and they hope you will join them by contributing online. Even \$1 is appreciated! They ask that anyone wanting to help can spread the word about donating and hopefully motivate others to give. We will have specific information about how to participate in a few weeks.

Pie Social

Monday evening, November 20
Following the Thanksgiving Service



Please feel free to bring your favorite pie. Beverages will be provided.



Today and every day, we remember ...

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| Dan T. Birkholz | Carlene Hazlett | Ralph Arthur Rohr |
| Paul W. Birkholz | Walter Hazlett | Nancylee Schuenemann |
| Forrest Bruce | Butch Heggie | Paul Schuenemann |
| Emery W. Brunett, Sr. | Pr. Megan J. Jones | Ervin Schultz |
| Mary K. Brunett | Jack Kollmar | James Smithson |
| Ruth Castor | Martha Kollmar | Betty Solien |
| Earl Duvall | Yvonne Middleton | Sigvald Solien |
| Esther Duvall | George Moen | Bruce Stayton |
| Sanford Edgar | Olga Moen | Jean Stayton |
| Martha Ensley | Karin Rittenburg-Riggins | Manley Stayton |
| Rex Eyestone | Catherine Rohr | |
| Elizabeth Greller | Colin Timothy Rohr | |
| Isadore Greller | Elmer Rohr | |

Serving the Church

THIS WEEK — November 5, 2017

Lector: Andrea Toven
Ushers: Maia Anderson
Judi Weatherwax
Greeters: Iris Brunett
Sharon Leder
Nursery: Madie Jablin
Stewards: Mark Lyford
Martin Greller
Altar Guild: Mike Nutter
Coffee Fellowship:
The Andersons
Flowers: The Anderson Family in honor
of Hailey's 20th birthday

NEXT WEEK — November 12, 2017

Lector: Maia Anderson
Ushers: Al & Bobbie Schimek
Greeters: Barb Rouse
Mike Smith
Nursery: Marygrace Buckner
Stewards: Mark Lyford
Martin Greller
Altar Guild: Mike Nutter
Coffee Fellowship:
Al & Bobbie Schimek
Flowers: Al & Bobbie Schimek in honor
of their 49th wedding
anniversary

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